

Funding Opportunities for Educational Technology

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FUNDING SOURCE NAME		<u>Smart Schools Bond Act (SSBA)*</u>	<u>Instructional Materials Aid</u>	<u>E-Rate</u>	<u>COSERs</u>	<u>Building Aid</u>	<u>Learning Technology Grant (LTG)</u>	<u>Smart Start Grant</u>
FUNDING SOURCE DESCRIPTION		\$2B in bond funds allocated to all districts on a reimbursable basis. Can be used for educational technology, school and community connectivity.	Entitlement to districts, annual reimbursement for Textbook, Software, Library Materials, and Computer Hardware & Equipment.	\$2.4B nationwide discounts on telecomm and internet purchased services: Category 1 funding supports connectivity to schools and public libraries; Category 2 funding supports in school or public library building networks.	State Aid reimbursement to districts through shared services, with reimbursement ratios in wealth-based formulas.	Building Aid is available for expenditures incurred in construction of new buildings, additions, alterations or modernization of district-owned building.	\$3.285M annually in 3 year cycles, competitive RFP grant to LEAs, in support of learning technology and professional development.	\$6M annually for 5 years (7/1/2020-6/30/2025) competitive RFP grant to develop and share innovative programs that provide professional development to increase expertise in computer science, engineering, and educational technology for K-8 teachers.
ELIGIBLE EXPENDITURES	Devices	✓	✓		Certain programs may be eligible		✓	✓
	Professional Development		✓		✓		✓	✓
	Software		✓		✓		✓	✓
	Digital Textbooks (E-Textbooks)		✓				✓	✓
	Subscription-based (cloud) content		✓		✓		✓	✓
	Assistive Devices	✓	✓		✓		✓	✓
	New Broadband (fiber)	✓		✓	✓	✓**		
	Broadband Enhancements	✓		✓	✓	✓**		
	Infrastructure	✓		✓	✓	✓		
	Technical Support				✓			

* SSBA funds cannot be used to leverage other sources of State Aid. Similar restrictions may apply to other funding sources.

** Within buildings only – not to connect buildings

The information included in this matrix is not all-inclusive. A thorough review of the guidelines, eligible expenditures, application, reporting and accounting protocols of each funding source is the responsibility of the district. Refer to the guidance found in the funding source name's link to source web pages for details and specific requirements of each program.