

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> | <u>Advanced Course Access (ACA) Grant</u> | <u>ESSA Title IV, Part A - SSAE</u> |
|-----------------------|---------------------------------|---------------------------------------|------------------------------------|---------------|----------------------------------|---------------------|--|--------------------------|---|-------------------------------------|
| ELIGIBLE EXPENDITURES | Devices | ✓ | ✓ | | Certain programs may be eligible | | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ |
| | Assistive Devices | ✓ | ✓ | | ✓ | | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ |
| | Software | | ✓ | | ✓ | | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ |
| | Digital Textbooks (E-Textbooks) | | ✓ | | | | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ |
| | Digital Content | | ✓ | | ✓ | | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ |
| | Professional Development | | ✓ | | ✓ | | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ |
| | Teleconferencing | | | ✓ | ✓ | | | | ✓ | |
| | New Broadband (fiber) | ✓ | | ✓ | ✓ | ✓** | | | | |
| | Broadband Enhancements | ✓ | | ✓ | ✓ | ✓** | | | | |
| | Infrastructure | ✓ | | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | | | | ✓ |
| | Cybersecurity | ✓ | | | | ✓ | | | | ✓ |
| 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.

Funding Source Descriptions

| FUNDING SOURCE NAME | FUNDING SOURCE DESCRIPTION |
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| <u>Smart Schools Bond Act (SSBA)*</u> | \$2B in bond funds allocated to all districts on a reimbursable basis. Can be used for educational technology, school and community connectivity. |
| <u>Instructional Materials Aid</u> | Entitlement to districts, annual reimbursement for Textbook, Software, Library Materials, and Computer Hardware & Equipment. |
| <u>E-Rate</u> | \$2.4B nationwide discounts on telecom 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. |
| <u>COSERs</u> | State Aid reimbursement to districts through shared services, with reimbursement ratios in wealth-based formulas. |
| <u>Building Aid</u> | Building Aid is available for expenditures incurred in construction of new buildings, additions, alterations or modernization of district-owned building. |
| <u>Learning Technology Grant (LTG)</u> | \$3.285M annually in 3-year cycles, competitive RFP grant to LEAs, in support of learning technology and professional development. |
| <u>Smart Start Grant</u> | \$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. |
| <u>Advanced Course Access (ACA) Grant Program</u> | \$1.75M annually for 2 years (7/1/2020-6/30/2022) competitive RFP grant to increase equity in access to advanced courses for high school students who currently have very limited or no access to advanced courses, through online learning, distance learning, or other evidence-based methods. |
| <u>ESSA Title IV, Part A - Student Support and Academic Enrichment (SSAE)</u> | Allocational grants for LEAs to be used for Well-Rounded Educational Opportunities, Safe and Healthy Students, and the Effective Use of Technology. A portion of the SSAE program funds, if \$30,000 or greater, must be used for increasing effective use of technology to improve the academic achievement, academic growth, and digital literacy of all students. |