

E-rate C2 Budget Paper



2020-2021

Eligible Services List Category Two (C2)

What is the C2 Budget?

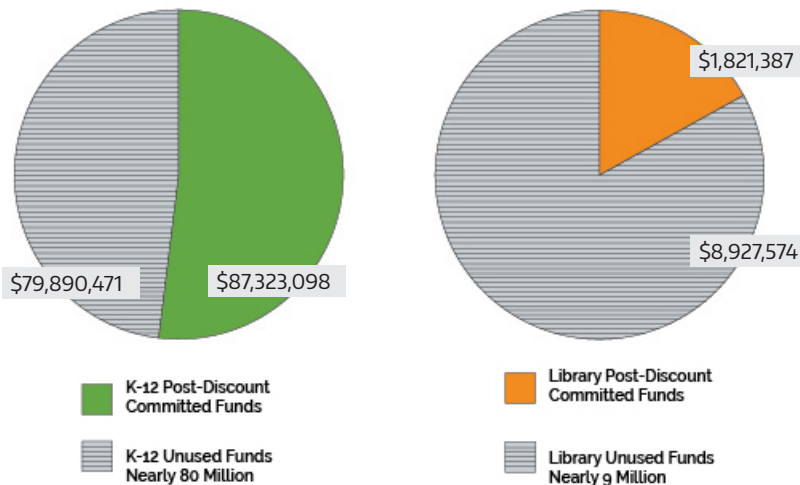
The Schools and Libraries Program (E-rate) supports broadband services within applicant buildings, known as Category Two. Funding is available for internal connections, Wi-Fi and basic maintenance, but limited by a five-year budget per applicant eligible building. Discounts for support depend on the level of poverty and the urban/rural status of the population served ranging from 20% to 85%.

The FCC extended the initial C2 five-year period for Funding Year 2020, adding 20% plus inflation to the budget pool. The C2 budget concept was made permanent with some changes for future Funding Years. The budget calculation is entity type unit (students/Sft) multiplied by entity type allowance (\$\$) less previous commitments, see chart.

For more information or questions, contact the State E-rate Coordinator:

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MO C2 Budget Utilization



Key Process Dates

July-February – Post Form 470 Bid for Services

January-March – File Form 471 Funding Request

April 1 – Earliest date to receive and pay for C2 products

July 1 – Earliest date C2 products can be in production

September 30 – Latest date to receive C2 equipment

October – Post Form 500 to release any unused C2 commitments

October-January – Update student counts in EPC profile

July-June – File Form 472 for reimbursement

Common Products


Network equipment, maintenance and cabling

WiFi components

Firewall services and components

Third party services for the operation, management and monitoring of eligible products

C2 Budget Rates for 2020-2021

| Entity Type | Pre-Discount C2 Budget Calculation | |
|---|-------------------------------------|--|
| Schools | Total number of students x \$195.63 |  <p>Less any prior year commitments within current 5+1 year budget period</p> |
| Libraries with IMLS Locale Codes 11, 12 or 21 | Total square feet x \$6.52 | |
| All Other Libraries | Total square feet x \$3.00 | |
| Budget Floor | \$11,998.43 | |

If you want to get the most out of your budget by maximizing your E-rate discount, we can help:

Our E-rate experts provide online and in-person training and are always available to answer questions.

Check out our training schedule for classes to help navigate the E-rate process at [more.net/e-rate-training-schedule](https://www.more.net/e-rate-training-schedule)



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Program Resources

- www.usac.org/e-rate/
Main E-rate website with access to the EPC portal where all forms must be filed. Also has search tools and valuable program information.
- <https://www.usac.org/e-rate/applicant-process/before-you-begin/eligible-services-list/>
Eligible Services List. Listing of all services and items eligible for E-rate discount.
- <https://sltools.universalservice.org/portal-external/budgetLookup/>
School and Libraries Program C2 budget tool.
- Phone 888-203-8100
USAC customer service center for Schools and Libraries Program.
- <https://www.more.net/services/connectivity/e-rate/support-material>
MOREnet E-rate Assistance webpage with current and previously recorded webinars on E-rate topics.

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