

E-Rate C2 Budget Paper

Eligible Services List Category Two (C2)

What is the C2 Budget?

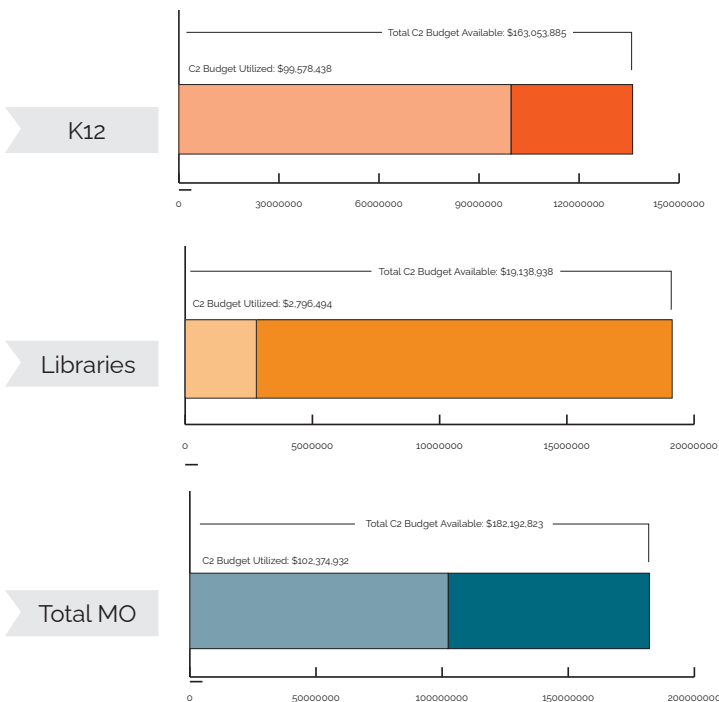
The Schools and Libraries Program (E-Rate) supports broadband services within applicant buildings, known as Category Two. Funding is available for internal connections, Wi-Fi and basic maintenance, but limited by a five-year budget. Discounts for support depend on the level of poverty and the urban/rural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

The C2 budget multipliers and the funding floor are adjusted for inflation and released by the FCC in advance of the start of each five-year cycle. Applicants must validate their student counts or library square footage in the first year they apply for C2 funding in the relevant five-year funding cycle.

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

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MO FY21-25 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 Funding Years 2026-2030

Entity Type	Pre-Discount C2 Budget Calculation	
Schools	Total number of students x \$201.57	
Libraries	Total square feet x \$5.43	
Budget Floor	\$30,175	

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.
- Phone 888-203-8100
USAC customer service center for Schools and Libraries Program.
- <https://www.more.net/solutions/connectivity/e-rate/support-material/>
MOREnet E-Rate Assistance webpage with current and previously recorded webinars on E-rate topics.

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