E-rate C2 Budget Paper

Eligible Services List Category Two (C2)
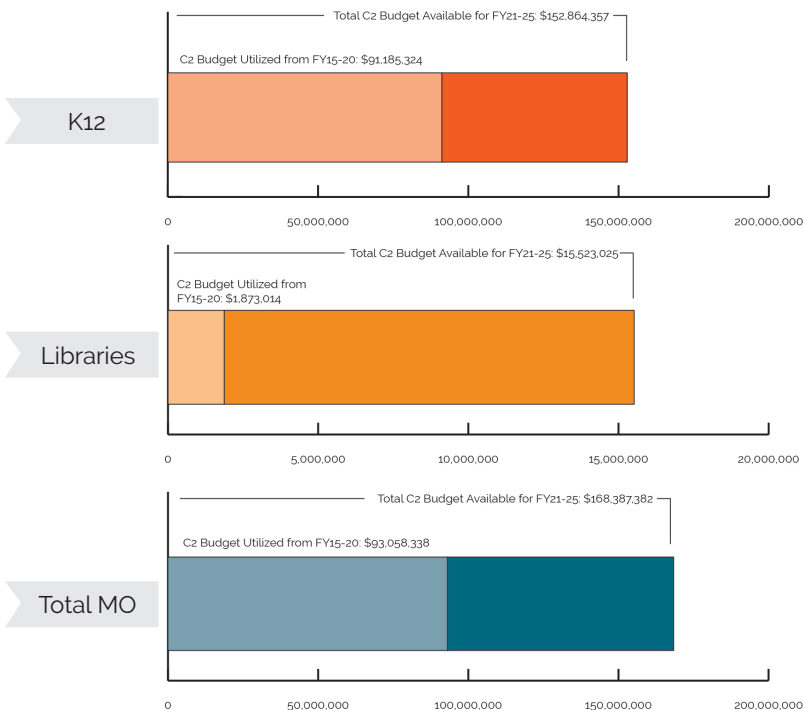
What is the C2 Budget?

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 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

Total C2 Budget Available for FY21-25: $152,864,357
C2 Budget Utilized from FY15-20: $91,185,324
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Total C2 Budget Available for FY21-25: $15,523,025
C2 Budget Utilized from FY15-20: $1,873,014
Libraries

Total C2 Budget Available for FY21-25: $168,387,382
C2 Budget Utilized from FY15-20: $93,058,338
Total MO

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

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C2 Budget Rates for Funding Years 2021–2025

Entity Type	Pre-Discount C2 Budget Calculation	
Schools	Total number of students x $167	Less any prior year commitments within current 5year budget period
Libraries	Total square feet x $4.50	
Budget Floor	$25,000	

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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/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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