



Grants and E-rate to enhance
Technology and Next Generation Learning

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E-rate 2.0

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**Before the
Federal Communications Commission
Washington, D.C. 20554**

In the Matter of)	
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Modernizing the E-rate Program for Schools and Libraries)	WC Docket No. 13-184

COMMENTS OF THE E-RATE REFORM COALITION

- The “Priority” system incentivizes applicants to make purchasing decisions based on outdated priority classifications
- A small number of applicants receive a disproportionate share of E rate
 - In FY2013 5% of school applicants represented 47% of the demand for E-rate

FFL predicts that by FY2014:

- P2 funding will be entirely unavailable – even at 90%
- P1 funds will only be available to applicants with discounts of >75%

SETDA: “...broadband connection to the school doors that cannot be efficiently and effectively distributed throughout the building to students and teachers serves no one’s interests.”



Some Proposed E –rate Changes

Funding Allocation:

- Fixed budget and/or Per Student at the District Level
- 2X funding for rural districts
- E-rate cap: Increased to **\$5+ Billion**

Wireless:

- **1:1 device and BYOD** initiatives for all schools
- ConnectED: **High-speed wireless** internal networks

Replace Priority (P1/P2) System: With “Whole Networks”

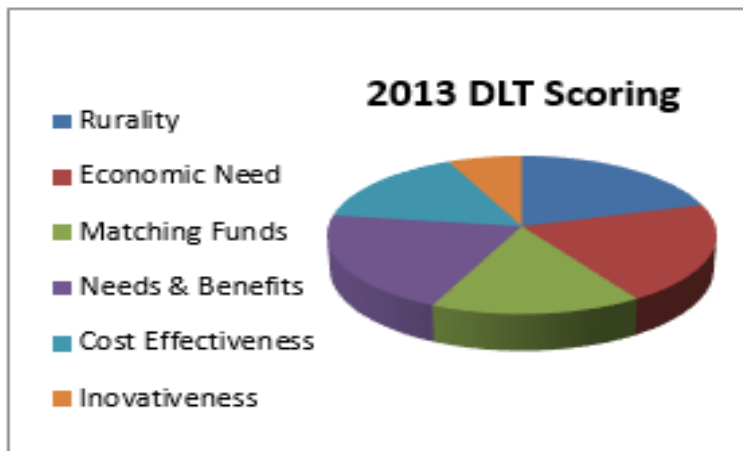
- **Focus on student needs** not technology type
- **Phase out voice and basic VoIP... Not Collaboration**

DISTANCE LEARNING & TELEMEDICINE (DLT)



DLT focuses on using the *unique capabilities of telecommunications to connect rural areas to each other and to the world to overcome the effects of remoteness and low population density.*

- ❖ **Includes Equipment Purchase or Lease** During the 3 Year Life of the Grant
 - Interactive Video Equipment
 - Computer Network Components
 - Technical assistance and instruction for using eligible equipment
 - Computer Hardware and Software

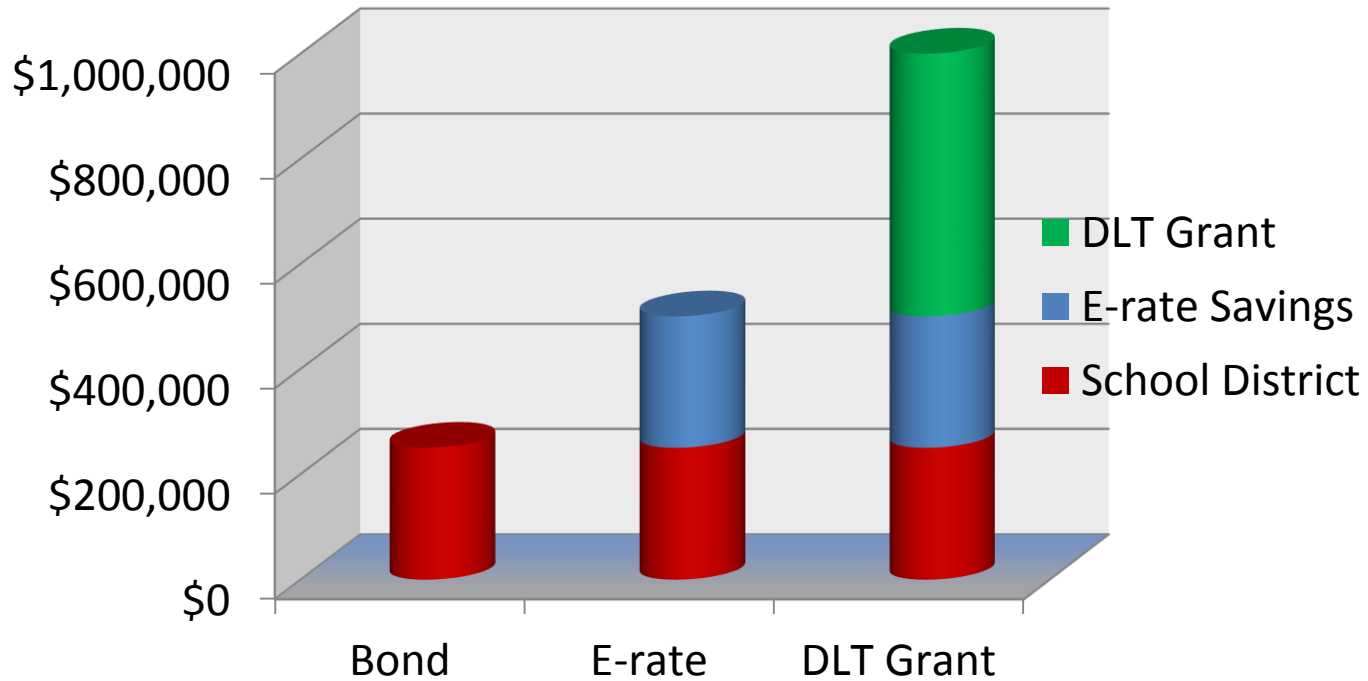


Eligible Entities: Currently deliver or are proposing to deliver education and medical care via telecommunications including: Corporations or Partnerships, Tribes, State or Local Units of Government, Private For-Profit or Not-For Profit Corporations.

2013 Program: 50% Recommended Match.
\$17.5 Million with up to \$500k/Award.
Due Date: August 12



Leveraging Bonds for Grant Funding





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