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## BULLETIN NO. 058-18 INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY SERVICES

TO: Educational Service District Superintendents  
Chief School District Administrators  
School and District Technology Coordinators

FROM: Chris Reykdal, Superintendent of Public Instruction

RE: Digital Learning Access Grant Program

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### **PURPOSE/BACKGROUND**

The purpose of this bulletin is to provide information about an upcoming grant opportunity for public schools in Washington that lack broadband connectivity or have inadequate network infrastructure.

The 2018 Legislature appropriated \$900,000 “to leverage federal funding from the E-rate program...to enable more student access to digital learning.” OSPI will be managing these funds through a matching state grant program designed to assist public school districts in improving student instruction and assessment through the use of information technology. Grant funding will be available in 2018-19 to support broadband connectivity and enhanced information technology infrastructure (Wi-Fi).

Priority will be given to applications that:

- Provide broadband connectivity for schools that currently lack access to adequate bandwidth (highest priority for funding);
- Provide funding for schools with inadequate internal network infrastructure, particularly those with the highest poverty and in rural areas.

Districts selected through the application process can expect to spend 10% or less of the total non-recurring costs (after state match and E-rate reimbursement) for network infrastructure improvements such as:

- One-time Category 1 special construction costs\*

- One-time Category 2 installation of networking hardware costs

[\*Notes: Additional 10% E-rate discount only applies to these Category 1 matching funds. Funding to connect schools to the K-20 Network through a fiber build-out will be provided via the K-20 Program Office, as they will conduct the procurement and file the E-rate paperwork.]

#### **TIMELINES FOR IMPLEMENTATION**

Sept, 2018	OSPI releases grant application, conducts informational webinar
Oct, 2018	Grant applications due at OSPI
Nov, 2018	OSPI announces preliminary grant awards
Nov-Dec, 2018	Districts release RFPs, file Form 470
Jan, 2019	Districts award RFPs, file Form 471, finalize grant request
Feb, 2019	OSPI finalizes state match for applicants
Feb, 2019	Category 1 special construction (fiber install) can begin
Apr. 1, 2019	Category 2 hardware purchase/installation begins (Wi-Fi)
June 30, 2019	Construction ends; final district expenditures completed
Summer, 2019	Districts file for E-rate discount and OSPI grant reimbursement

#### **INFORMATION AND ASSISTANCE**

If you have general questions about E-rate, contact Susan Tenkhoff, [erate@k12.wa.us](mailto:erate@k12.wa.us) or call 971-279-5808. For questions regarding the upcoming grant program, contact [dennis.small@k12.wa.us](mailto:dennis.small@k12.wa.us) or call 360-725-6384. The agency TTY number is 360-664-3631.

This bulletin is also available on the OSPI's [Bulletins](#) website.

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Attachment: Steps to Prepare for Digital Access Grant Program

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