Emergency Connectivity Fund

The FCC's Emergency Connectivity Fund (ECF) is a $7.17 billion government program to help schools and libraries provide the tools and services needed for remote learning during the COVID-19 emergency period. For eligible schools and libraries, the ECF program will cover reasonable costs of: (1) Internet connectivity for students, school sta , and library patrons at locations other than schools or libraries; (2) equipment such as Wi-Fi hotspots, modems, and routers; and (3) laptop and tablet computers.

Comcast is proud to support partners who apply for ECF. Eligible applicants interested in working with Comcast to obtain high-speed Internet service on behalf of students, school sta , and library patrons using ECF can do so through our acclaimed Internet Essentials Partnership Program (IEPP). Leveraging IEPP, we have a streamlined process for eligible entities to seek ECF funds and quickly connect individuals in need to broadband access at home through Internet Essentials from Comcast.

IEPP ECF Partners may select between one of two speed-tier options of service.

INTERNET ESSENTIALS:

- 50/5 Mbps
- $9.95/month + tax
- Equipment rental fees included

INTERNET ESSENTIALS PLUS:

- 100/5 Mbps
- $29.95/month + tax
- Equipment rental fees included

Who is Eligible to Receive Funding through ECF?

Funding will be limited to nonpro t schools, libraries, and consortia of schools and libraries that are eligible for support under the FCC's E-Rate program, as well as Tribal libraries eligible for support under the Library Services and Technology Act. Funding will be prioritized for the highest needs schools based on the percentage of students eligible for the National School Lunch Program, with an additional factor based on rurality.

How Can Schools and Libraries Apply for Funding?

The initial application ling window will open on June 29, 2021, and close on August 13, 2021. During this time, eligible entities can submit funding requests to the FCC to cover the cost of eligible services,