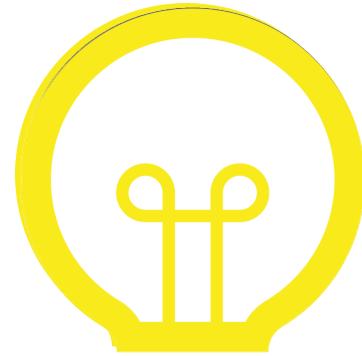# The E-Rate Enhancement Matching Grant

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Matching Fund Benefits

Economic Benefits

Community Health Benefits

Educational Benefits

E-Rate Funds (Federal)

State Funds (Matching)

Locally Identified Funds

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Educational Benefits

- Scalable Connections are needed to support:
  - 1:1 Student/Device Ratios
  - Seamless Integration into Classroom Instruction

- Digital Tools Support High Quality and Diverse Instruction

- Fostering Equity Through Digital Citizenship Instruction

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Community Health Benefits

- Increased Access to Care
  - Primary Care
  - Mental Health

- Elimination of Access Barriers
  - Distance and Time
  - Web-based filing/certifications

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Economic Benefits

- Developing the 21st Century Workforce

- Economic Growth through Access to the Digital Economy

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Dispatches From The Field: Impact Statements

Nicholas Hay: Technology Director, Monroe ISD

"We had a bandwidth problem. Using the Matching Grant to upgrade our Wide Area Network, we took our districts from 1 GB of service up to 10 GB. We also had a cost savings of 91% on our internet access bills."

"Fiber was extended into a township that didn't have any existing fiber, providing stability, capacity, and reliability for the school. Also, fiber was expanded to Keweenaw County, allowing the vendor to offer sustainable additional community connectivity where there was none before."

Sara Marcote: Business Manager, Houghton-Portage Township Schools

A key service we provide is our internet broadband connection. Now, not only do we have superior and state of the art of internet service, we also further established working with Clare-Gladwin RESD.

John Clexton: Director, Gladwin County District Library

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Supporting Michigan's Top 10 Strategic Education Plan

- ✅ Expand early childhood learning opportunities
- ✅ Improve early literacy achievement
- ✅ Improve the health, safety, and wellness of all learners
- ✅ Expand secondary learning opportunities for all students
- ✅ Increase the percentage of all students who graduate from high school
- ✅ Increase the percentage of adults with a post-secondary credential
- ✅ Increase the numbers of certified teachers in areas of shortage
- Provide adequate and equitable school funding

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MDE Recommends…

…a year-over-year allocation (or multi-year equivalent) of $1 million per year for the next five years ($5 million total)

- The availability of funding will:

  - Allow districts to plan knowing funding will be available

  - Allow for greater high-speed broadband connectivity and reduced monthly recurring costs

State Investment	Federal E-Rate Investement*
$1,000,000	$10,000,000

*Represents maximum potential investment per year

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Questions?

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