

E-Rate C2 Budget Paper

Eligible Services List Category Two (C2)

What is the C2 Budget?

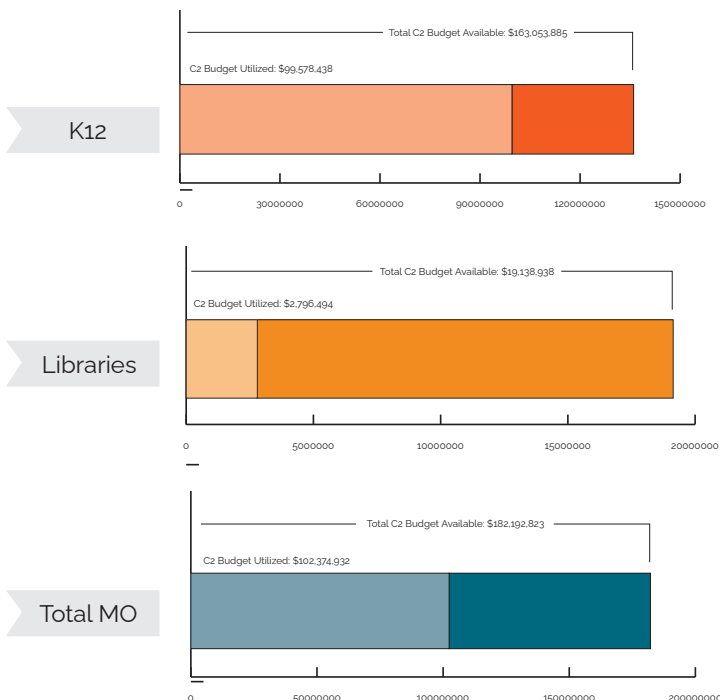
The Schools and Libraries Program (E-Rate) supports broadband services within applicant buildings, known as Category Two. Funding is available for internal connections, Wi-Fi and basic maintenance, but limited by a five-year budget. Discounts for support depend on the level of poverty and the urban/rural status of the population served ranging from 20% to 85%.

The C2 budget multipliers and the funding floor are adjusted for inflation and released by the FCC in advance of the start of each five-year cycle. Applicants must validate their student counts or library square footage in the first year they apply for C2 funding in the relevant five-year funding cycle.

**For more information or questions, contact the
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MO FY21-25 C2 Budget Utilization



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

C2 Budget Rates for Funding Years 2026-2030

Entity Type	Pre-Discount C2 Budget Calculation	
Schools	Total number of students x \$201.57	} Less any prior year commitments within current 5 year budget period
Libraries	Total square feet x \$5.43	
Budget Floor	\$30,175	

If you want to get the most out of your budget by maximizing your E-Rate discount, we can help:

Our E-Rate experts provide online and in-person training and are always available to answer questions.

Check out our training schedule for classes to help navigate the E-Rate process at [more.net/e-rate-training-schedule](https://www.more.net/e-rate-training-schedule)



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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/solutions/connectivity/e-rate/support-material/>
MOREnet E-Rate Assistance webpage with current and previously recorded webinars on E-rate topics.

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