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Town of Chilmark
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Re: Emergency Connectivity Fund

Dear Chairman and Members of the Board:

Comcast is proud to support school districts and libraries eligible for federal E-Rate funding as they work to connect households to the power of the Internet at home through the FCC's Emergency Connectivity Fund (ECF), which is administered through the Universal Service Administrative Company (USAC). This letter is to inform the communities we serve that local school departments and libraries may be able to seek reimbursement through ECF to sponsor Internet service as part of our Internet Essentials Partnership Program.

Enclosed, for your convenience, please find information about ECF. Additionally, USAC has created a helpful website, <https://www.emergencyconnectivityfund.org/>, for organizations to learn more about the funds and to apply. There is a 45-day application window to apply for this funding, which opened on June 29, and will remain open until August 13.

If you would like to discuss how your school district or libraries can partner with Comcast to sponsor students using ECF, please do not hesitate to contact me at Michael_Galla@cable.comcast.com or **339.832.7395**. Thank you again for your generous support of students, families, patrons, teachers, and staff.

Very truly yours,

Michael Galla

Michael Galla, Sr. Manager
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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 staff, 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 staff, 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.

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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
- CIPA compliant through xFi Advanced Security and Parental Controls

INTERNET ESSENTIALS PLUS:

- 100/5 Mbps
- \$29.95/month + tax
- Equipment rental fees included
- CIPA compliant through xFi Advanced Security and Parental Controls

Who is Eligible to Receive Funding through ECF?

Funding will be limited to nonprofit 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 filing 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, equipment, and devices between July 1, 2021 and June 30, 2022. Applicants must specify if they will submit invoices or if their service provider has agreed to submit invoices on their behalf. The Universal Service Administrative Company (USAC) is the administrator of the ECF program and will review applications and issue funding commitment decision letters (FCDL) for approved organizations. After receiving an FCDL, approved organizations may submit reimbursement requests to USAC. A second filing window may be opened for prospective or retrospective purchases if not all funds are used within the first filing window. Interested schools and libraries can find more information and apply at [EmergencyConnectivityFund.org](https://www.EmergencyConnectivityFund.org).

To learn more, visit [InternetEssentials.com/Sponsor](https://www.InternetEssentials.com/Sponsor)

