

Funding Opportunities for Educational Technology

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FUNDING SOURCE NAME		<u>Smart Schools Bond Act (SSBA)*</u>	<u>Instructional Materials Aid</u>	<u>E-Rate</u>	<u>COSERs</u>	<u>Building Aid</u>	<u>Learning Technology Grant (LTG)</u>
FUNDING SOURCE DESCRIPTION		\$2B in bond funds allocated to all districts can be used for educational technology, school and community connectivity.	Entitlement to districts, annual reimbursement for qualified expenditures: Textbook ~\$179.7 M Hardware ~\$38.6 M Software ~\$46.5 M	\$2.4B nationwide discounts on telecomm and internet purchased services: Category 1 funding supports connectivity to schools; Category 2 funding supports in school building networks.	State Aid reimbursement to districts through shared services, with reimbursement ratios in wealth-based formulas.	Building Aid is available for expenditures incurred in construction of new buildings, additions, alterations or modernization of district-owned building.	\$3.285M annually in 3 year cycles, competitive RFP grant to LEAs, in support of learning technology and professional development.
ELIGIBLE EXPENDITURES	Devices	✓	✓		Certain programs may be eligible		✓
	Professional Development		✓		✓		✓
	Software		✓		✓		✓
	Digital Textbooks (E-Textbooks)		✓				✓
	Subscription-based (cloud) content		Under Consideration		✓		✓
	Assistive Devices	✓	✓		✓		✓
	New Broadband (fiber)	✓		✓	✓	✓**	
	Broadband Enhancements	✓		✓	✓	✓**	
	Infrastructure	✓		✓	✓	✓	
	Technical Support				✓		

* SSBA funds cannot be used to leverage other sources of State Aid. Similar restrictions may apply to other funding sources.

** Within buildings only – not to connect buildings