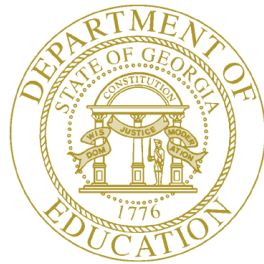


Connections for Classrooms

Georgia 2014-2015 Technology Grants & Related Funding



Grant Program Update

April 15, 2015

Presentation Overview

- 2014 Grant Status Update
- Round 2 Information
- Round 3 Information
- Q & A

2014 CFC Round 1 Grant Status Update

- 146 applications received
- 104 awards made
- Total funds awarded (GaDOE & GOSA): \$36,744,098.28
- Total GOSA funding reimbursed to date: \$212,299.76
- Round 1 reallocation update
 - Approximately \$1.5 million has been rescinded thus far
 - Not all contracts are finalized
 - Methodology for reallocation will be determined once all contracts are finalized

Additional State Funds for 2nd and 3rd Rounds

- The FY15 amended budget included \$30 million for additional Connections for Classrooms grants
- GOSA, in partnership with the One Georgia Authority, will administer funds
- Focus is on maximizing Category 2 E-Rate funding in E-Rate FY15 and FY16
 - Two rounds of funding

CFC Round Two Funding

- Only Round 1 applicants with unfunded Tier 2 & 3 requests are eligible
 - Round 1 rescinded funds are counted as part of the “Unfunded Amount” for Round 2.
- All applicants will receive local E-Rate match of unfunded Tier 2 & 3 requests
 - LEAs only receive funds up to maximum E-Rate local match
 - Must only be used for E-Rate Category 2 items
 - Only available for FY15 and/or FY16 E-Rate Funding Years
 - Funds to be dispersed via reimbursement
- No additional application is required

CFC Round Two Funding (cont'd.)

Important Dates

- Grant Award Notifications: May 5, 2015
- “Notice of Intent” due to GOSA by June 26, 2015
 - Reserves Round 2 funding for the LEA but is not considered a contract
 - Contracts will be prepared when Awardee submits copies of USAC-approved 471 form and USAC Funding Commitment Decision Letter
- Announcement and documentation will be available on GOSA’s website (<http://gosa.georgia.gov>)

CFC Round Three Funding

- Program announcement: July 2015 (expected)
- Competitive grant program (new applications required) for E-Rate local match funding
- Eligibility
 - LEAs that did not apply in Round 1
 - LEAs with additional Tier 2 & 3 needs eligible that have not received their maximum E-Rate local match in Round 2
 - Funding must be used to cover the local E-Rate match
- Scoring to be based on educational rubric that will be similar to the one used for the 2014 grants
- Award announcements in November 2015
- Similar Letter of Intent process as Round 2

Q and A

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