



## Connections for Classrooms

### *Digital Learning Device Rural Grant Program*

A Grant for High-Need Districts to Purchase Devices for Digital Learning

# Application Planning Document

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Applications for Connections for Classrooms – Digital Learning Device Rural Grant Program are submitted online through the following link: <https://fs3.formsite.com/GOSAGHP/form14/index.html>

Instructions for competing the application are found in the Connections for Classrooms – Digital Learning Device Rural Grant Program “Grant Application Instructions & Program Procedures” document found on the Connections for Classrooms website at <https://gosa.georgia.gov/2016-cfc-program-information>.

Completed applications will be scored using the following point breakdown. The full rubric is available on the Digital Learning Device Rural Grant Program Grant Program website.

<b>Scoring Rubric Points Possible by Application Section</b>	
Section 1: Applicant Information	0
Section 2: Grant Funding Request Amounts	0
Section 3: Description of Current Device Inventory and Statement of Need	15
Section 4: Device Selection/Deployment/Maintenance Plans	20
Section 5: Assurance of Network Preparedness for Effective Device Usage	15
Section 6: Digital Learning Plans	35
Section 7: Instructional Staff Readiness Plans	15
Section 8: Binding Authority and Assurances	0
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>100</b>

## Digital Learning Device Rural Grant Program Application Questions

The following questions must be answered to submit a Digital Learning Device Rural Grant Program application. Completing them in this document will facilitate your Digital Learning Device Rural Grant Program application planning and ensure an easy online application experience.

\* Required Information

### Section 1: Applicant Information

Georgia Educational Agency (LEA) ID number and name\*:

Federal Employer Identification Number (EIN)\*:

LEA Contact 1

Name\*

Title

Phone\*

Email\*

LEA Contact 2

Name\*

Title

Phone\*

Email\*

### Section 2: Grant Funding Request

Requested Funding (\$)?:

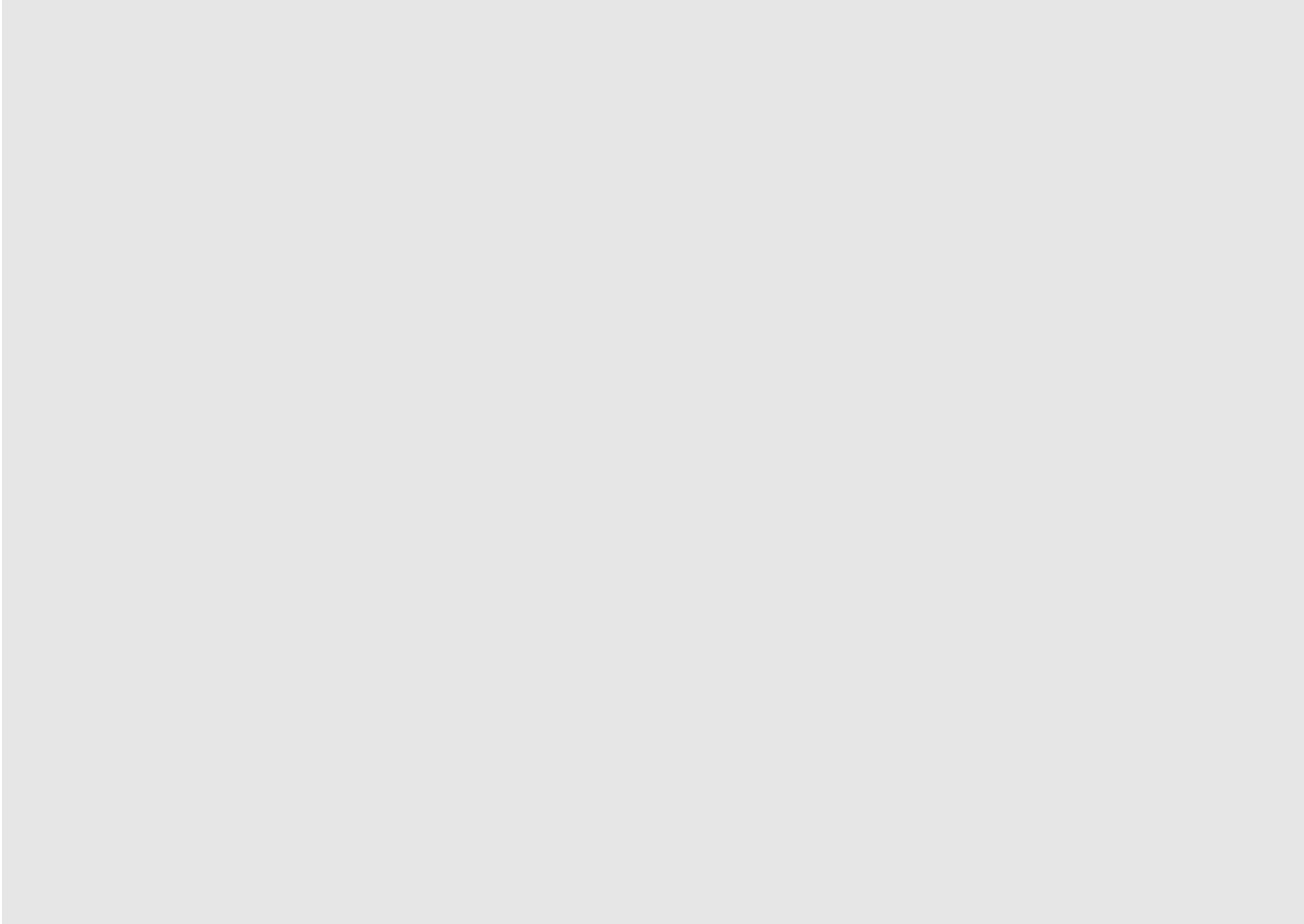
Expected Number of Devices to be Purchased (#)\*:

Is this requested amount less than or equal to the LEA's maximum eligible amount found in the Digital Learning Device Rural Grant Program Eligibility spreadsheet ("Maximum Eligible Funds by LEA") located on the [Connections for Classrooms website](#)?\*:

Yes  No

**Section 3: Description of Current Device Inventory and Statement of Need**

Briefly describe your LEA’s current inventory of devices (laptops, tablets, or other mobile devices) used for instruction. This description should also include demonstration of prior device investment, the leveraging of available local options (SPLOST, BYOD, Title funds, QBE funds, other funds, and local partnerships), and why these other options are not enough. Please note that reviewers will have your LEA’s answers provided in the GaDOE technology inventory when reviewing this section. (500 words or less)\*



**Section 4: Device Selection/Deployment/Maintenance/Technical Support Plans**

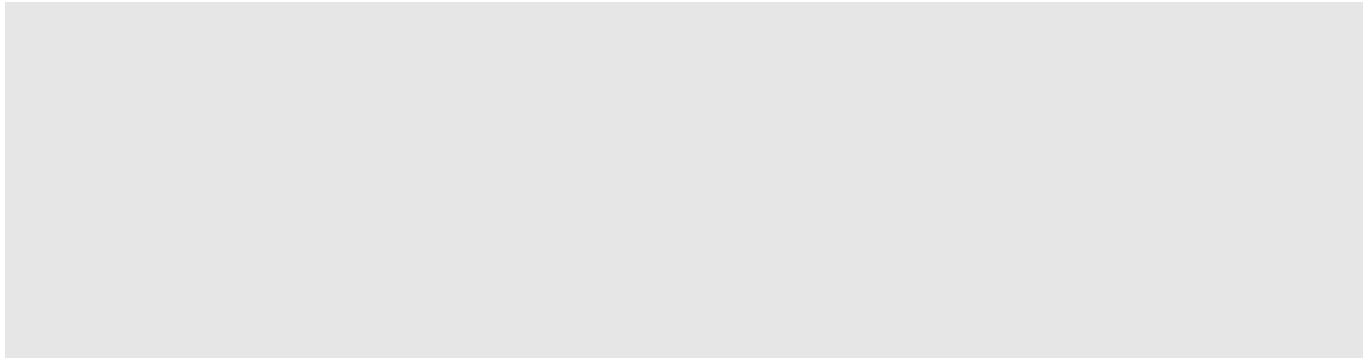
UPLOAD: Grant Budget by School:\*

Please have this separate document available for upload during the application process using the template provided on the Connections for Classrooms Digital Learning Device Rural Grant Program website.

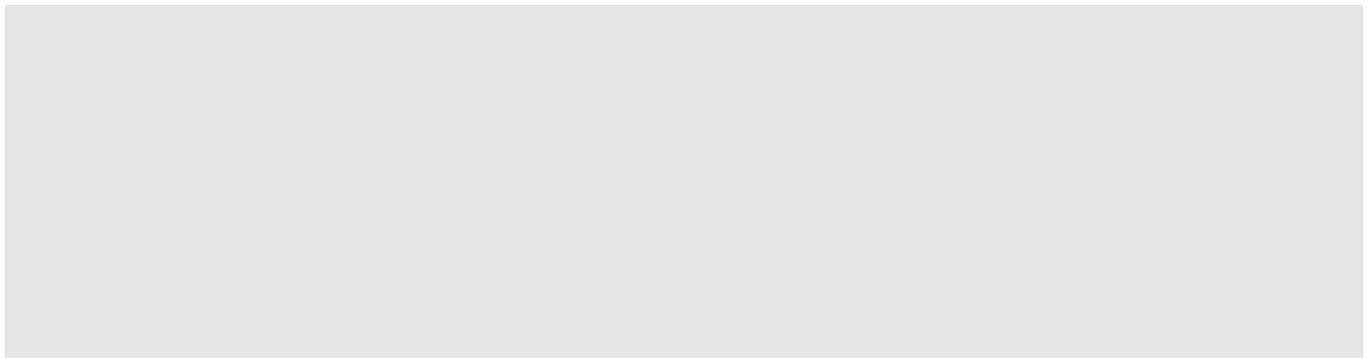
Are all devices that will be purchased compliant with Georgia Milestones minimum device requirements as specified by the Georgia Department of Education? Please note that only Georgia Milestones compliant devices are eligible for funding. [Specifications available here.](#)\*

Yes  No

Briefly describe the steps and criteria your LEA used and will use to select devices to ensure that they are the best fit for your digital learning needs outlined in Section 3 and that competitive pricing is received. If you have already selected devices, describe why they are the best fit. (200 words or less).\*

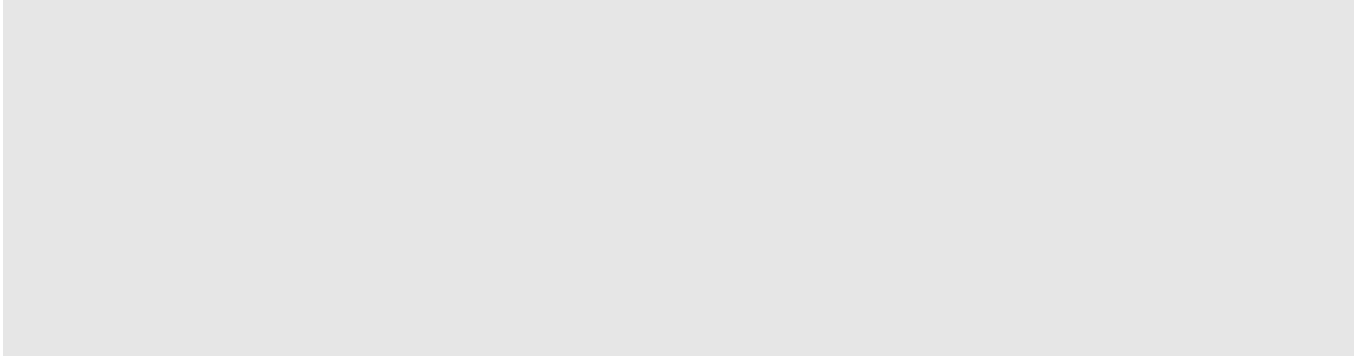


Briefly describe your device deployment, maintenance, and technical support plans, including chain of custody processes, maintenance during and between school years, how technical support will be provided during instructional time, and the expected device life (200 words or less).\*



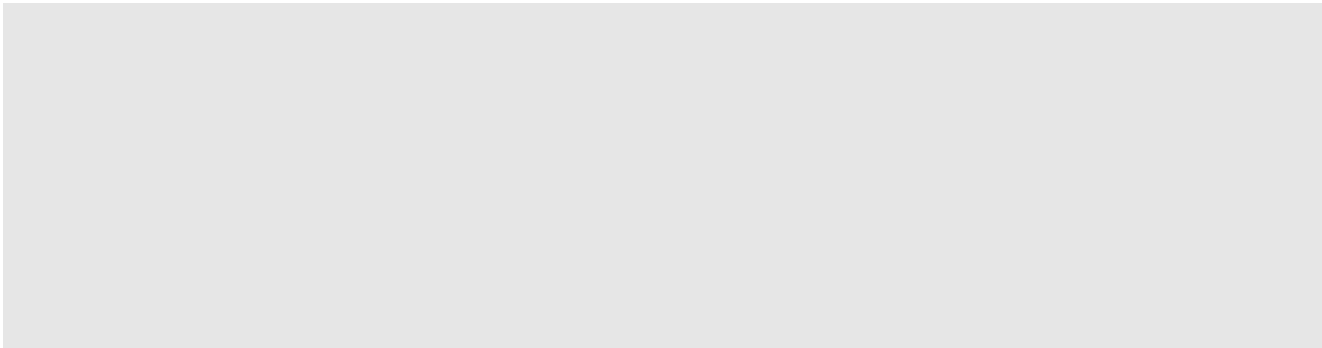
**Section 5: Assurance of Network Preparedness for Effective Device Usage**

If awarded your grant request, briefly describe what steps you have taken or commit to take to ensure that your network is prepared to accommodate the additional devices for simultaneous usage. (300 words or less)\*



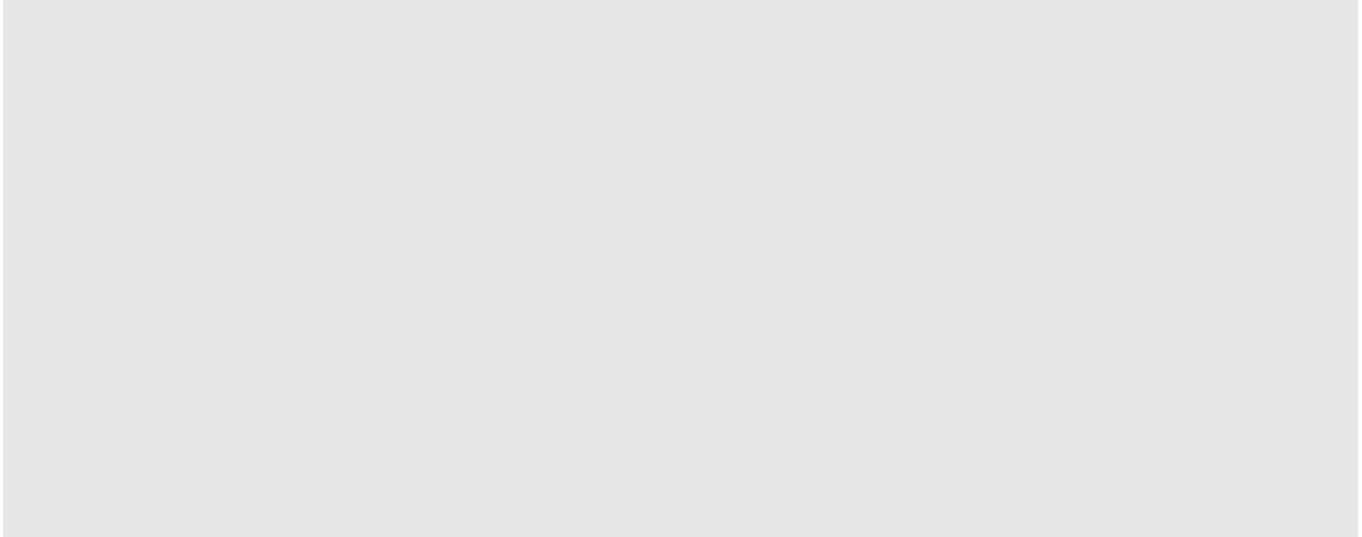
Please upload a document or letter from the network vendor or another external party with broadband network expertise that verifies that the existing network infrastructure, or the infrastructure to be deployed within the next year, can adequately serve the additional devices requested. Upload verification document or letter:

If you received a grant award from a previous Connections for Classrooms program round, describe how a Digital Learning Device Rural Grant Program grant will complement that initial investment. If you did not apply for any previous Connections for Classrooms program rounds, please describe why you did not apply for funds and how a Digital Learning Device Rural Grant Program grant will complement your current network efforts. (250 words or less)\*



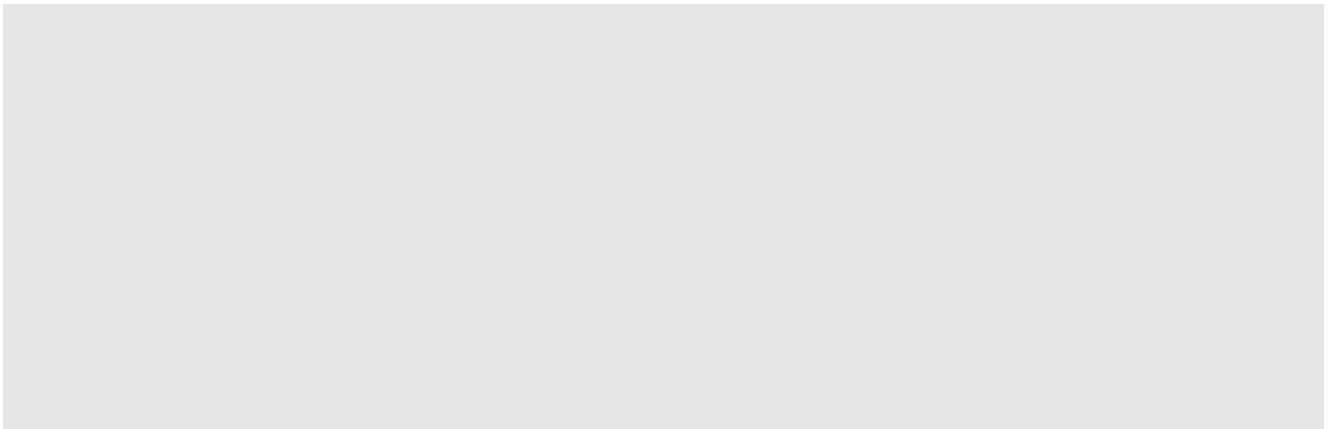
**Section 6: Digital Learning Plans**

DIGITAL LEARNING PLANS: Please describe the LEA’s strategy to change instruction to implement digital learning as a result of receiving this grant. Specifically describe how this strategy will promote student-centered learning to improve student outcomes and give students some measure of control over the time, path, place, and pace of learning? What will this grant enable that is not possible under your LEA’s current device inventory? (500 words or less)\*



**Section 7: Instructional Staff Readiness Plan**

Describe your plan to ensure that instructional staff members are able to successfully integrate requested devices into their instruction and allow students to have a measure of control over the time, path, place, and pace of learning. It is required that your LEA include a discussion of how you will diagnose and address instructional staff learning needs as well as specific and attainable measures to gauge the success of the support provided. Please do not describe professional development efforts unrelated this grant program. (300 words or less)\*



**Section 8: Binding Authority**

I certify to the best of my knowledge the following\*

I am authorized to make this request on behalf of the educational system.

I certify to the best of my knowledge the following\*

The equipment purchases intended with these funds are within the requirements and parameters of the Grant Program Guidelines.

If awarded, the LEA will comply with all grant requirements, including tracking expenditures and reporting student data on outcomes.

Name:\*

Title:\*

Date:\*

This application is COMPLETE and READY FOR SUBMISSION.

Yes, this application is complete\*