E-Rate Enhancement Special Construction Matching Fund
Application Instructions

**ENTITY DETAILS:** This information should be taken from the Form F71 Funding Request Number (FRN) posted by the applying entity. Please include name and email of the applying entity’s superintendent.

**PROJECT CONTACT:** Please note the name, title, and pertinent contact information for the project lead. This person will be the single point of contact utilized by MDE in the grant process.

**IMPACTED POPULATION:** Please provide the Billed Entity Number (BEN) of the applying entity, consortium or otherwise. Urban/Rural status and E-Rate discount information should come from the FRN. Underrepresented Student Population should reflect English Language Learner (ELL), Minority, and low-income students as a percentage of total students/patrons served.

**PROJECT SUMMARY:** By checking the boxes, the applicant is affirming the following:

- A Form 470 for special construction was posted
- A vendor bid was chosen following federal, state, and local procurement guidelines
  - E-Rate procurement rules as well as established federal – local rules
- A contract was signed with vendor/provider to complete the project

**Attachments:** (*required document)

- *Project Request for Proposal (RFP)
- *Form 471
- *Signed project contract
- Other relevant documents

**Total Cost of the Project:** Provide the total cost of the project, including all expenses (eligible and non-eligible).

**Total Eligible Special Construction Related Costs:** Provide the portion of the total project cost which can be submitted for reimbursement. Eligible costs are charges that include, but are not necessarily limited to, design, engineering, project management, materials, digging trenches, installation of fiber.

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**Grant Amount Requested:** Calculate no-more-than 10% of the special construction project costs ONLY.

**Estimated Completion Date:** Project must be finished by the end of the Funding Year in which funds were awarded. While an applicant may file for extensions, this is the expectation of USAC and the FCC.

**Current/Projected Connection speeds:** Provide the current internet access connection speeds to the applicant entity and the target connection speeds at project completion

**Project Summary Narrative:** Summarize the project scope and impact for the district and community.

**Required Signature by Authorized Authority:** Application is signed by authorized official for the applying entity agreeing to all requirements, certifications, and regulations pertaining this program.

If you have any questions, please contact Joe Polasek, E-Rate State Coordinator 517-335-1291 or polasekj3@michigan.gov.