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**FCC ANNOUNCES OVER \$34 MILLION IN EMERGENCY
CONNECTIVITY FUNDING FOR SCHOOLS AND LIBRARIES**

*Nearly 16 Million Students Benefitting from Program that is Helping to Close the
Homework Gap*

WASHINGTON, January 4, 2023—The Federal Communications Commission today announced it is committing over \$34 million in a new funding round through the [Emergency Connectivity Program](#), which provides digital services for students in communities across the country. Today’s funding commitments support applications from the third application window, benefiting approximately 80,000 students across the country, including students in Colorado, Idaho, Missouri, North Carolina, Ohio, and Washington.

“As we start the new year, we continue our work to make sure kids have the digital tools they need for after-school homework and connecting with teachers,” **said FCC Chairwoman Jessica Rosenworcel**. “Today’s funding announcement brings us closer to the goal of closing the Homework Gap.”

To date, the Commission has committed approximately \$6.5 billion to schools and libraries across the country as part of the Emergency Connectivity Program, which launched last year. The program has provided schools and libraries three different “application windows” for schools and libraries to apply for support. Today’s announcement will fund applications from the third application window that will support over 250 schools, 15 libraries, and 2 consortia.

The funding can be used to support off-campus learning, such as nightly homework, to ensure students across the country have the necessary support to keep up with their education. To date, the program has provided support to approximately 10,000 schools, 1,000 libraries, and 100 consortia, and providing over 12 million connected devices and over 8 million broadband connections. Of the approximately \$6.5 billion in funding commitments approved to date, approximately \$4.14 billion is supporting applications from Window 1; \$833 million from Window 2; and \$1.53 billion from Window 3.

More details about which schools and libraries have received funding commitments can be found at <https://www.fcc.gov/emergency-connectivity-fund>.

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