## Looking to Maximize Your E-rate Dollars?

Here are 10 tips from E-rate pros



For two decades, E-rate funds have made technology more affordable for schools and libraries across the U.S. In that time, many have discovered how to make the most of the E-rate dollars available to them. We've taken their inputas well as recommendations from E-rate consulting firm Funds for Learning and developed this list of best practices: our top tips for E-rate success.

The E-rate program is now stronger!

> Starting in 2021, at least \$8B in funding will be available and the five-year budget cycle will be reset.



Assess resources, and decide who will manage your application.

of schools and libraries



Create a tech vision for your school or library.

Engage your stakeholders, take a step back, and consider the bigger picture.

Know the updated

budget calculation

For schools/districts: (Enrollment) x \$167

= total pre-discount budget \$ available.

\$4.50 per square foot for all libraries

(both rural and urban). The per-site

\$9,200 per site to \$25,000.

funding "floor" will be increased from

for your school

or library.

Assess needs and prioritize.

network is

critical to fulfilling

their mission.



of applicants will need to upgrade their Wi-Fi within three years.

Plan + design your network to align with your vision, goals, and priorities.



See where you are today and what's needed by viewing our Network Readiness Checklist.

Use a competitive bidding process.



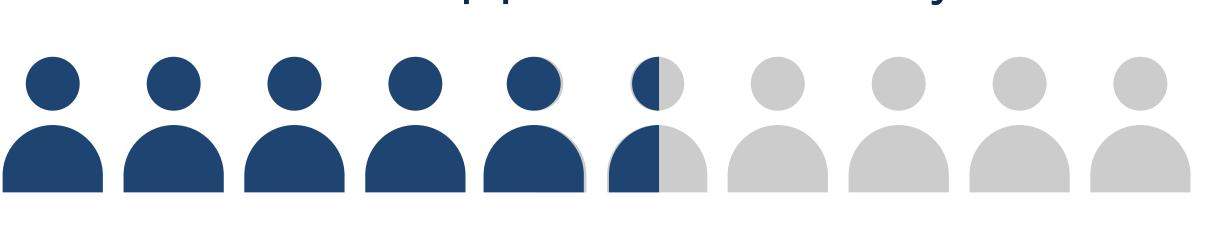
bidding.



cost is the highest-weighted factor.

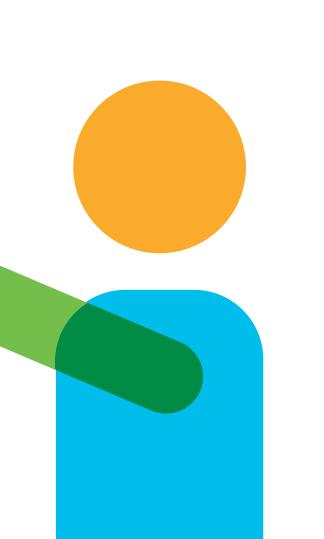
Know the E-rate Productivity Center (EPC), and mind your deadlines.

agreed that it took less time to prepare and file applications last year.



Identify matching and other funding sources.

of applicants report that E-rate funds are not sufficient to meet their needs.



Manage the process year-round.

> Manage deadlines and document work to stay ahead of the game and keep E-rate funds flowing.



Source: Funds for Learning 2020 survey

