QUICK TIPS
FOR THE BROADBANDOHIO CONNECTIVITY GRANT

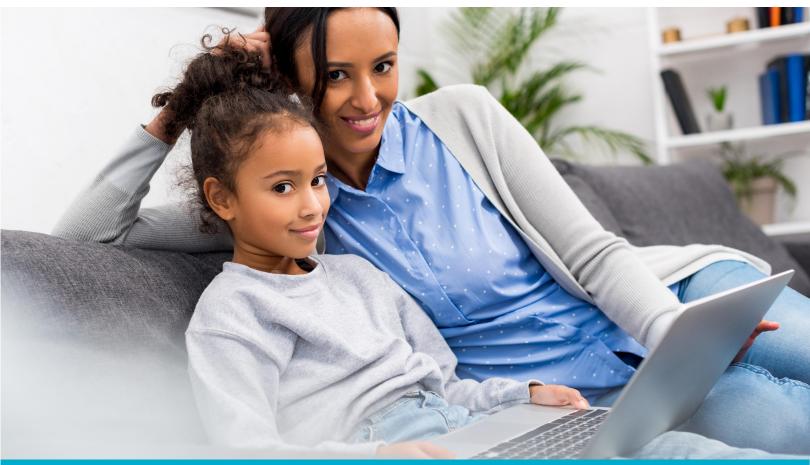The Management Council
Ohio Education Computer Network

Looking for help?

The BroadbandOhio Connectivity Grant application deadline is quickly approaching, and MVECA is here to help! We have been serving Ohio's school districts with knowledgeable and trusted connectivity guidance for decades. Take a look at the Dos and Don'ts of the Broadband Connectivity Grant, and reach out to us with any questions. We're here for you.

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Do...

- Ensure devices are cellular enabled
- Use the RFI released by the Department of Administration Services (DAS) to compare vendor pricing
- Include only the cost for connectivity services through December 30, 2020
- Enter qualifying purchases made on or after July 1, 2020
- Request funds to increase bandwidth necessary to broadcast a public wifi signal
- Review the grant FAQs before submitting

Don't...

- Include devices that only get online through wifi or ethernet cable
- Request grant funding for software purchases
- Include devices that do not primarily allow a student to access the internet
- Forget that equipment listed in the DAS RFI does not necessarily meet the requirements of this grant
- Include devices or connectivity services for teachers or staff
- Request funds for increasing connectivity inside the school building or between buildings

Remember this grant...

- Puts students access to internet connectivity for remote learning as the number one priority
- Has different requirements from CARES funding
- Is separate from the broadband RFI issued by the Department of Administration Services to vendors
- Requires the applicant to identify the eligible group
- Closes at midnight on Friday, August 21, 2020

Questions?

Contact Thor Sage, MVECA Executive Director or crfconnect@education.ohio.gov.