

PUBLIC ACCESS COMPUTING – Intention for MRR funds FY '17

The allocation for these funds is specifically for public access computer replacement and computing infrastructure. We are interpreting this as broadly as possible to allow you maximum flexibility to address diverse needs, while we acknowledge the advisability of staying true to legislative intent.

You are strongly urged to use these funds for equipment that will be used by the public, or for equipment that will provide critical infrastructure for network access and public computing. We will not approve the purchase of software, furniture or staff equipment, nor will we be able to approve labor costs associated with the installation of the hardware.

Additionally, if you file for Category 2 funding under the E-Rate program funded by USAC (Universal Service Administrative Company), the post E-Rate balance is also eligible for funding through this grant.

The MRR funds distributed will be for the procurement of public access computing equipment and supporting technical infrastructure. It includes, but is not limited to, the following:

- Desktop PC's
- Laptops
- Tablets
- E-Readers
- Google Chrome Boxes and Chrome Books
- Printers
- Firewalls
- Routers
- Switches
- Servers
- Wireless controllers & access points
- Assistive technologies

This is a broad interpretation of public access computing, insofar as we are attempting to meet as many existing needs as possible without going too far outside the initial intention.