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**FCC ANNOUNCES OVER \$2.5 MILLION IN EMERGENCY
CONNECTIVITY FUNDING FOR SCHOOLS AND LIBRARIES**

***To Date Over \$6.6 Billion in Funding Committed in Ongoing Work to Close the
Homework Gap***

WASHINGTON, April 12, 2023—The Federal Communications Commission today announced it is committing over \$2.5 million in a new funding round through the Emergency Connectivity Fund Program, which provides digital services for students in communities across the country. Today’s funding commitment supports applications from all three application windows, benefiting approximately 8,000 students across the country, including students in Arizona, Illinois, Maryland, Michigan, North Dakota, and Texas.

“Today’s funding round is another step in providing students the online access they need to connect with their teachers and keep up with schoolwork,” said **Chairwoman Jessica Rosenworcel**. “This program is an important tool in our ongoing work to close the Homework Gap.”

The Emergency Connectivity Program, which launched in 2021, has provided schools and libraries three different “application windows” to apply for support. Today’s announcement will support approximately 15 schools, 1 library, and 1 consortium. Of the over \$6.6 billion in funding commitments approved to date, approximately \$4.14 billion is supporting applications from Window 1; \$834 million from Window 2; and \$1.66 billion from Window 3.

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 11,000 schools, 1,000 libraries, and 100 consortia, and providing nearly 13 million connected devices and over 8 million broadband connections.

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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