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School BAG (Broadband Assistance Grant)

Helping students by helping schools reach 10 Mbps.

Established in 2014 by the Alaska State Legislature, the School Broadband Assistance Grant (BAG) program was created to assist schools to reach internet download speeds of 10 Mbps. Grant funds may be used to cover eligible costs incurred by the school districts for their schools that have less than 10 Mbps download speeds each fiscal year.

[Download our PDF infographic \(/documents/SchoolBAG/schoolbag-flyer.pdf\)](/documents/SchoolBAG/schoolbag-flyer.pdf) for print



\$2.7M



26

districts received awards



105

schools reached 10 Mbps

awarded in 2017-18

Application

The School BAG grant application period is currently closed.

View [last year's application spreadsheet \(/documents/SchoolBAG/FY19-app.xlsx\)](/documents/SchoolBAG/FY19-app.xlsx) to see how the process works.

Reporting

The FY2018 School Broadband Assistance Grant (BAG) Report was **due on April 15, 2018**. Please email your report to [Janet Madsen \(mailto:janet.madsen@alaska.gov\)](mailto:janet.madsen@alaska.gov).

Download the FY18 Report  (</documents/SchoolBAG/FY2018-report.xlsx>)

Impact on Alaska's School Libraries

Access to the additional bandwidth provided by the School BAG Grant has allowed our staff and students to engage in online educational opportunities in a way that was not previously possible. Additionally, without the bandwidth provided by the School BAG grant, online student testing, including PEAKS, would probably not be feasible.

Les Parks, Southwest Region School District

The School Broadband Assistance Grant, together with the Online with Libraries and E-Rate subsidy, has enabled our school district/public library consortium to maintain a 20 Mbps/7 Mbps shared connection. Without the BAG, our students' access to the learning opportunities delivered via broadband internet would be severely limited.

John Conwell, Unalaska City School District

I would like to express my appreciation for the support YKSD has received through the Broadband Assistance Grant Program. YKSD has improved its broadband capacity considerably, all schools to 10 megabits has enabled our district to provide meaningful professional development and additional educational opportunities through the increased access connectivity. Leveraging BAG with the E-rate program has been one of the most valuable programs for YKSD. Thank you.

Jenny Martens, YKSD

FY2015 - FY2018 School BAG Statistics

School Districts	FY2015 Awards after Refunds	FY2016 Awards after Refunds	FY2017 Awards after Refunds	FY2018 Awards Refunds Pending
Alaska Gateway	\$1,135	\$78,291	\$80,060	\$80,060
Aleutian Region	\$211,681	\$28,280	\$28,919	\$28,919
Aleutians East	\$130,250	\$130,646	\$99,996	\$44,028
Bering Strait	\$75,427	\$18,739	\$23,297	\$4,190
Bristol Bay	\$83,638	\$50,722	\$2,508	NA
Chatham	NA	\$52,808	\$69,516	\$69,516
Chugach	\$172,782	\$29,633	\$79,821	\$30,303
Total	\$3,672,224	\$2,600,326	\$2,377,121	\$2,210,419

School Districts	FY2015 Awards after Refunds	FY2016 Awards after Refunds	FY2017 Awards after Refunds	FY2018 Awards Refunds Pending
Dillingham	\$149,903	\$34,087	\$17,564	\$25,812
Hoonah City	NA	\$12,836	\$21,863	NA
Iditarod	\$209,841	\$79,534	\$35,477	\$154,398
Kashunamiut	\$33,233	NA	NA	\$162
Kenai Peninsula	\$21,687	\$23,421	\$24,521	\$6,115
Kodiak Island	NA	\$11,706	\$14,920	\$81,082
Kuspuk	\$147,844	\$203,252	\$324,670	\$409,170
Lake and Peninsula	\$317,705	\$231,998	\$94,608	\$289,008
Lower Kuskokwim	NA	\$342,045	\$410,454	NA
Nome	NA	\$137,215	\$202,498	\$165,580
North Slope	\$238,217	\$147,754	\$151,093	\$146,533
Northwest Arctic	\$480,015	\$56,846	\$58,130	\$44,024
Pelican	NA	NA	\$6,168	\$4,508
Total	\$3,672,224	\$2,600,326	\$2,377,121	\$2,210,419

School Districts	FY2015 Awards after Refunds	FY2016 Awards after Refunds	FY2017 Awards after Refunds	FY2018 Awards Refunds Pending
Pribilof	\$19,991	\$49,031	\$53,265	\$32,033
Saint Mary's	\$66,090	\$15,735	\$16,091	\$13,283
Southeast Island	\$392,114	\$232,149	\$11,441	\$58,027
Southwest Region	\$540,681	\$167,477	\$163,546	\$166,956
Tanana City	\$79,224	\$48,988	\$48,060	\$41,244
Unalaska	\$46,328	\$75,734	\$50,927	\$50,927
Yakutat	\$24,719	\$7,334	\$8,146	NA
Yukon Flats	NA	\$54,567	\$5,520	\$6,624
Yukon-Koyukuk	\$127,392	\$219,969	\$243,000	\$232,002
Yupitit	\$102,327	\$63,889	\$31,042	\$25,915
Total	\$3,672,224	\$2,600,326	\$2,377,121	\$2,210,419

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Regulations

- AS 14.03.127 Funding for Internet Services
(<http://www.legis.state.ak.us/basis/statutes.asp#14.03.127>)
- 4 AAC 33.6 Funding for the Improvement of Internet Speeds at Public Libraries
(<http://www.legis.state.ak.us/basis/aac.asp#4.33.600>)

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