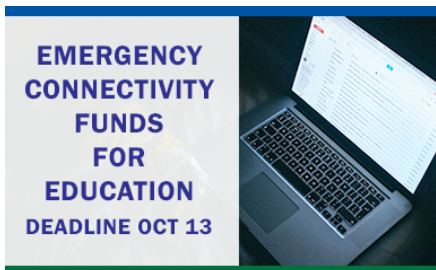# Broadband News
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FCC Announces New Filing Window for School Connectivity Fund

EMERGENCY CONNECTIVITY FUNDS FOR EDUCATION DEADLINE OCT 13

Schools in need of Internet access and related equipment for virtual learning have another opportunity to receive money through the Emergency Connectivity Fund.

Source: Government Technology

ICN's Hotspot service qualifies for the Emergency Connectivity Fund (ECF) program. [Learn more about our service.](#)

Digital Divide

[FCC Announces Over $5 Billion in Emergency Connectivity Fund Requests](#)
The money will fund 9.1 million connected devices and 5.4 million broadband connections as part of the $7.17 billion Emergency Connectivity Fund Program.
Source: FCC

[How Should Broadband Be Regulated?](#)
A conversation about oversight, cost, and the role of public utility commissions.
Source: The Pew Charitable Trusts

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Education
[What to Know About Student Privacy on School-Issued Devices](#)
Students' laptops and tablets are coming back to school this year. Clear communication can help alleviate privacy concerns for IT teams collecting the tech.
Source: Ed Tech: Focus on K-12

[Making Virtual Learning Real](#)
Universities have been experimenting with how to bring the best of the physical classroom to a virtual one, while also making the most of the digital environment's advantages.
Source: Forbes

Government
[White House launches US Digital Corps](#)
The White House launched a two-year fellowship Monday designed to place early-career software engineers, data scientists and other technologists at federal agencies.
Source: Fed Scoop

[30 State and Local Government IT Influencers Worth a Follow in 2021](#)
These are the state and local IT leaders, podcasts and personalities you should be following to stay

on top of the latest technology trends.
Source: State Tech

Healthcare
[FCC announces 62 recipients of COVID-19 telehealth funding totaling $42M](#)
The awards ranged from roughly $100,000 to up to a million dollars to fund programs to acquire network improvements and connected devices.
Source: Healthcare Finance

[The prominent issues telehealth must tackle when the pandemic passes](#)
A physician expert talks pre-pandemic regulations, ethical telemedicine across state lines, how virtual care technologies are boosting access and more.
Source: Healthcare IT News

Public Safety
[Can Private 911 Apps Help Improve Emergency Response?](#)
The tool joins other efforts at upgrading dispatch tech in this increasingly mobile age.
Source: Government Technology

[Cybersecurity courses critical for public safety as threats grow](#)
Mission Critical Partners will offer two courses, one for front-line workers and another for leaders seeking to instill a culture of cybersecurity in their organizations.
Source: State Scoop

Cybersecurity

[CISA updates ransomware tips](#)
Organizations should maintain offline, encrypted backups of data & develop and exercise plans for responding to a ransomware attack, including how they will conduct business if critical systems have been disabled.
Source: GCN

[Facing foreign election foes, states hire 'cyber navigators'](#)
While states have cybersecurity agencies, many don't employ experts who specialize in election administration.
Source: GCN

[Spoofing: Don't Hang On, Hang Up](#)
If you don't know a number in your caller ID display, it could be a scammer using spoofing to find live lines. If you're not sure who's calling, don't pick up.
Source: FCC

[Expired driver's licenses open lane for cybercriminals](#)
Fraudsters are sending out emails and texts saying that an expired driver's license must be updated and directing victims to online forms that collect personal information such as a Social Security number and date of birth.
Source: GCN

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