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2022-2023 ALLOCATIONS FOR THE NATIONAL DEAF-BLIND EQUIPMENT DISTRIBUTION PROGRAM

CG Docket No. 10-210

Under the National Deaf-Blind Equipment Distribution Program (NDBEDP), also called “iCanConnect,” the Federal Communications Commission (FCC or Commission) may provide up to \$10 million annually from the interstate telecommunications relay service fund (TRS Fund) to support local programs that distribute equipment to eligible low-income individuals who are deafblind, so that these individuals can access telecommunications service, Internet access service, and advanced communications services.¹ By this notice, the Commission’s Consumer and Governmental Affairs Bureau (CGB) announces the funding allocations for the NDBEDP for 2022-2023.²

As directed by the *NDBEDP Permanent Program Order*, for 2022-2023, CGB will set aside \$250,000 for national outreach efforts to be conducted by the Perkins School for the Blind.³ In addition, pursuant to that order, CGB will set aside \$150,000 towards the maintenance of the centralized database that certified programs will be required to use to submit information about their NDBEDP-related activities for reporting purposes and may use for the generation of reimbursement claims.⁴

The remaining \$9,600,000 of funding for 2022-2023 will be used to reimburse certified programs for the cost of equipment and authorized related services, up to each certified program’s funding allocation.⁵ Pursuant to the *NDBEDP Permanent Program Order*, initial funding allocations for 2022-2023 are calculated by providing a minimum base amount of \$50,000 for each jurisdiction plus a portion of the remaining available funding in an amount proportionate to the population of that jurisdiction.⁶ CGB reminds certified entities that the below amounts are intended to serve as initial allocations only. To maximize available funds under the NDBEDP, CGB may make (1) voluntary reallocations between certified programs at any time during the TRS Fund year and (2) involuntary reallocations when

¹ 47 U.S.C. § 620; *see also* 47 CFR §§ 64.6201-64.6219; *Implementation of the Twenty-First Century Communications and Video Accessibility Act of 2010, Section 105, Relay Services for Deaf-Blind Individuals*, CG Docket No. 10-210, Report and Order, 31 FCC Rcd 9178 (2016) (*NDBEDP Permanent Program Order*).

² The fund year for the NDBEDP runs from July 1 through June 30 of the following year, which coincides with the TRS Fund year. *See generally* 47 CFR § 64.604(c)(5)(iii)(H).

³ *See NDBEDP Permanent Program Order*, 31 FCC Rcd at 9236-37, 9242, paras. 135, 149.

⁴ *See id.* at 9242, 9250-51, paras. 149, 169 (authorizing CGB to allocate an amount necessary from the \$10 million available annually from the TRS Fund for the NDBEDP for the development and maintenance of the centralized database); 47 CFR § 64.6205 (directing CGB to designate an NDBEDP Administrator to determine annual funding allocations and reallocations). CGB anticipates that the centralized NDBEDP database will be available for use by the certified programs during the 2022-2023 program year.

⁵ *See* 47 CFR § 64.6213.

⁶ *NDBEDP Permanent Program Order*, 31 FCC Rcd at 9242, para. 149.

individual program performance indicates that NDBEDP funds could be more fully utilized by other certified programs.⁷

The initial allocations for the 56 covered jurisdictions are as follows:⁸

State	NDBEDP Certified Program	2022-2023
Alabama	Alabama Institute for Deaf and Blind	\$152,151
Alaska	Assistive Technology of Alaska	\$64,850
Arizona	Perkins School for the Blind	\$197,480
Arkansas	Perkins School for the Blind	\$111,330
California	Lighthouse for the Blind and Visually Impaired	\$845,294
Colorado	Colorado Commission for the Deaf, Hard of Hearing, and DeafBlind	\$167,802
Connecticut	Connecticut Tech Act Project	\$123,080
Delaware	University of Delaware – Center for Disabilities Studies	\$70,337
Florida	Helen Keller National Center for DeafBlind Youth and Adults	\$491,472
Georgia	Georgia Center of the Deaf and Hard of Hearing	\$268,891
Hawaii	Helen Keller National Center for DeafBlind Youth and Adults	\$79,218
Idaho	University of Idaho – Center on Disabilities and Human Development	\$88,529
Illinois	Lester and Rosalie Anixter Center (Chicago Hearing Society)	\$306,832
Indiana	Perkins School for the Blind	\$187,947
Iowa	Helen Keller National Center for DeafBlind Youth and Adults	\$114,719
Kansas	Assistive Technology for Kansans	\$109,480
Kentucky	Helen Keller National Center for DeafBlind Youth and Adults	\$141,399
Louisiana	Affiliated Blind of Louisiana Training Center	\$143,723

⁷ *NDBEDP Permanent Program Order*, 31 FCC Rcd at 9244, para. 153.

⁸ Population figures for these calculations are derived from U.S. Census data. See U.S. Census Bureau, National Population Totals: 2020-2021, <https://www2.census.gov/programs-surveys/popest/datasets/2020-2021/state/totals/NST-EST2021-alldata.csv> (July 1, 2021); U.S. Census Bureau, 2020 Island Areas Censuses: Guam, [2020 Island Areas Censuses: Guam \(Census.gov\)](https://www2.census.gov/programs-surveys/popest/datasets/2020-2021/island/2020-island-guam.csv) (Oct. 28, 2021); U.S. Census Bureau, 2020 Island Areas Censuses: American Samoa, [2020 Island Areas Censuses: American Samoa \(Census.gov\)](https://www2.census.gov/programs-surveys/popest/datasets/2020-2021/island/2020-island-americansamoa.csv) (Oct. 28, 2021); U.S. Census Bureau, 2020 Island Areas Censuses: Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands (CNMI), [2020 Island Areas Censuses: Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands \(CNMI\) \(Census.gov\)](https://www2.census.gov/programs-surveys/popest/datasets/2020-2021/island/2020-island-cnmi.csv) (Oct. 28, 2021); U.S. Census Bureau, 2020 Island Areas Census: U.S. Virgin Islands, [2020 Island Areas Census: U.S. Virgin Islands \(Census.gov\)](https://www2.census.gov/programs-surveys/popest/datasets/2020-2021/island/2020-island-usvirginislands.csv) (Oct. 28, 2021).

State	NDBEDP Certified Program	2022-2023
Maine	Disability Rights Maine	\$77,813
Maryland	Perkins School for the Blind	\$174,958
Massachusetts	Perkins School for the Blind	\$191,570
Michigan	Perkins School for the Blind	\$253,715
Minnesota	Perkins School for the Blind	\$165,681
Mississippi	Perkins School for the Blind	\$109,792
Missouri	Missouri Assistive Technology	\$175,020
Montana	Perkins School for the Blind	\$72,382
Nebraska	Nebraska Assistive Technology Partnership	\$89,801
Nevada	Perkins School for the Blind	\$113,724
New Hampshire	Northeast Deaf and Hard of Hearing Services, Inc.	\$78,153
New Jersey	New Jersey Commission for the Blind and Visually Impaired	\$237,831
New Mexico	Perkins School for the Blind	\$92,886
New York	Helen Keller National Center for DeafBlind Youth and Adults	\$452,045
North Carolina	North Carolina Division of Services for the Deaf and the Hard of Hearing	\$263,857
North Dakota	North Dakota Assistive	\$65,707
Ohio	Perkins School for the Blind	\$288,764
Oklahoma	Oklahoma Department of Rehabilitation Services	\$130,803
Oregon	Access Technologies, Inc.	\$136,063
Pennsylvania	Institute on Disabilities – Temple University	\$312,763
Rhode Island	Perkins School for the Blind	\$72,206
South Carolina	Perkins School for the Blind	\$155,208
South Dakota	South Dakota Department of Human Services	\$68,148
Tennessee	Tennessee Public Utility Commission	\$191,378
Texas	Perkins School for the Blind	\$648,488
Utah	Perkins School for the Blind	\$117,656
Vermont	Perkins School for the Blind	\$63,085
Virginia	Perkins School for the Blind	\$225,166

State	NDBEDP Certified Program	2022-2023
Washington	Perkins School for the Blind	\$206,852
West Virginia	Perkins School for the Blind	\$86,138
Wisconsin	Wisconsin Bureau of Aging and Disability Resources	\$169,501
Wyoming	Wyoming Institute for Disabilities – University of Wyoming	\$61,732
Other Jurisdictions	NDBEDP Certified Program	2022-2023
District of Columbia	TCS Access	\$63,581
American Samoa	Helen Keller National Center for DeafBlind Youth and Adults	\$51,008
Guam	Helen Keller National Center for DeafBlind Youth and Adults	\$53,118
Northern Mariana Islands	Helen Keller National Center for DeafBlind Youth and Adults	\$50,959
Puerto Rico	Perkins School for the Blind	\$116,148
U.S. Virgin Islands	Perkins School for the Blind	\$51,766
	Subtotal	\$9,600,000
	National Outreach	\$250,000
	Centralized Database Maintenance	\$150,000
	Total	\$10,000,000

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