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2024-2025 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 2024-2025.²

As directed by the *NDBEDP Permanent Program Order*, for 2024-2025, 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 to be used by certified programs for reporting and reimbursement purposes.⁴

The remaining \$9,600,000 of funding for 2024-2025 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 2024-2025 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).

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	2024-2025
Alabama	Alabama Institute for Deaf and Blind	\$152,635
Alaska	Assistive Technology of Alaska	\$64,735
Arizona	Perkins School for the Blind	\$199,304
Arkansas	Perkins School for the Blind	\$111,634
California	Lighthouse for the Blind and Visually Impaired	\$832,853
Colorado	Colorado Commission for the Deaf, Hard of Hearing, and DeafBlind	\$168,088
Connecticut	Connecticut Tech Act Project	\$122,673
Delaware	University of Delaware – Center for Disabilities Studies	\$70,732
Florida	Helen Keller National Center for DeafBlind Youth and Adults	\$504,274
Georgia	Georgia Center of the Deaf and Hard of Hearing	\$271,589
Hawaii	Helen Keller National Center for DeafBlind Youth and Adults	\$78,833
Idaho	University of Idaho – Center on Disabilities and Human Development	\$89,473
Illinois	Lester and Rosalie Anixter Center (Chicago Hearing Society)	\$302,137
Indiana	Perkins School for the Blind	\$187,869

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, Annual Estimates of the Resident Population for the United States, Regions, States, District of Columbia, and Puerto Rico: April 1, 2020 to July 1, 2022 (NST-EST2022-POP), <https://www2.census.gov/programs-surveys/popest/tables/2020-2022/state/totals/NST-EST2022-POP.xlsx> (accessed Apr. 3, 2023); U.S. Census Bureau, Table 1. Population of Guam: 2010 and 2020, <https://www2.census.gov/programs-surveys/decennial/2020/data/island-areas/guam/population-and-housing-unit-counts/guam-phc-table01.pdf> (Oct. 28, 2021); U.S. Census Bureau, Table 1. Population of Guam: 2010 and 2020, <https://www2.census.gov/programs-surveys/decennial/2020/data/island-areas/american-samoa/population-and-housing-unit-counts/american-samoa-phc-table01.pdf> (Oct. 28, 2021); U.S. Census Bureau, Table 1. Population of the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands: 2010 and 2020, <https://www2.census.gov/programs-surveys/decennial/2020/data/island-areas/commonwealth-of-the-northern-mariana-islands/population-and-housing-unit-counts/commonwealth-northern-mariana-islands-phc-table01.pdf> (Oct. 28, 2021); U.S. Census Bureau, Table 1. Population of the United States Virgin Islands: 2010 and 2020, <https://www2.census.gov/programs-surveys/decennial/2020/data/island-areas/us-virgin-islands/population-and-housing-unit-counts/us-virgin-islands-phc-table01.pdf> (Oct. 28, 2021).

State	NDBEDP Certified Program	2024-2025
Iowa	Helen Keller National Center for DeafBlind Youth and Adults	\$114,432
Kansas	Assistive Technology for Kansans	\$109,079
Kentucky	Helen Keller National Center for DeafBlind Youth and Adults	\$140,935
Louisiana	Affiliated Blind of Louisiana Training Center	\$141,892
Maine	Perkins School for the Blind	\$78,042
Maryland	Perkins School for the Blind	\$174,168
Massachusetts	Perkins School for the Blind	\$190,666
Michigan	Perkins School for the Blind	\$251,659
Minnesota	Perkins School for the Blind	\$165,281
Mississippi	Perkins School for the Blind	\$109,062
Missouri	Missouri Assistive Technology	\$174,487
Montana	Perkins School for the Blind	\$72,759
Nebraska	Nebraska Assistive Technology Partnership	\$89,748
Nevada	Perkins School for the Blind	\$114,174
New Hampshire	Northeast Deaf and Hard of Hearing Services, Inc.	\$78,169
New Jersey	New Jersey Commission for the Blind and Visually Impaired	\$236,663
New Mexico	Perkins School for the Blind	\$92,480
New York	Helen Keller National Center for DeafBlind Youth and Adults	\$443,207
North Carolina	North Carolina Division of Services for the Deaf and the Hard of Hearing	\$267,697
North Dakota	North Dakota Assistive	\$65,750
Ohio	Perkins School for the Blind	\$286,792
Oklahoma	Oklahoma Department of Rehabilitation Services	\$131,446
Oregon	Access Technologies, Inc.	\$135,053
Pennsylvania	Institute on Disabilities – Temple University	\$310,414
Rhode Island	Perkins School for the Blind	\$72,019
South Carolina	Perkins School for the Blind	\$157,960
South Dakota	South Dakota Department of Human Services	\$68,470
Tennessee	Tennessee Public Utility Commission	\$193,179

State	NDBEDP Certified Program	2024-2025
Texas	Perkins School for the Blind	\$662,844
Utah	Perkins School for the Blind	\$118,666
Vermont	Perkins School for the Blind	\$63,008
Virginia	Perkins School for the Blind	\$225,108
Washington	Perkins School for the Blind	\$206,969
West Virginia	Perkins School for the Blind	\$85,563
Wisconsin	Wisconsin Bureau of Aging and Disability Resources	\$168,757
Wyoming	Wyoming Institute for Disabilities – University of Wyoming	\$61,734
Other Jurisdictions	NDBEDP Certified Program	2024-2025
District of Columbia	TCS Access	\$63,641
American Samoa	Helen Keller National Center for DeafBlind Youth and Adults	\$50,999
Guam	Helen Keller National Center for DeafBlind Youth and Adults	\$53,091
Northern Mariana Islands	Helen Keller National Center for DeafBlind Youth and Adults	\$50,951
Puerto Rico	Perkins School for the Blind	\$114,406
U.S. Virgin Islands	Perkins School for the Blind	\$51,751
	Subtotal	\$9,600,000
	National Outreach	\$250,000
	Centralized Database Maintenance	\$150,000
	Total	\$10,000,000

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