## Department of Education and Early Development (DEED)

# FY2027 BAG Program

#### **BAG Administration**

School Finance

The Alaska School Broadband
Assistance Grant (BAG) program
was created in 2014 to assist
schools to increase internet
download speeds. In 2024, the
State Legislature revised the
statute to help schools reach up
to 100 Mbps download speeds.



# **Step 1**Successful E-Rate Application

District must qualify for a discounted rate for Internet services under the federal E-Rate program to apply for BAG funding.

#### Timeframe:

According to E-Rate Program

#### **Step 2** Year-End Report and GMS FER

File the BAG Year-End Report and GMS FER with DEED for funding received in FY2O26. Year-End Report form typically available by March 1 and GMS FER available July 1

#### **Due Date:**

Year-End Report: April 15, 2026 GMS FER: August 15, 2026



## **Step 3**BAG Application

Complete and submit the BAG application via Grant Management System (GMS). The application typically available in GMS by March 31.

#### Due Date:

May 15, 2025



## **Step 4**Application Review

DEED reviews application information for completeness and accuracy, may request additional information or clarification.

## Timeframe

May 15, 2026 - June 15, 2026



# **Step 5**BAG Award Calculation

DEED calculates district's need and proportionate share of available funding; distributes award letters and grant agreements.

## Timeframe:

June 15, 2026 - July 1, 2026



## Step 6

Sign and Return BAG Agreement

School District reviews grant agreement, signed by two district personnel, including superintendent. Submits signed agreement via GMS.

## Timeframe:

July 1, 2026 - August 1, 2026



BAG funding distributed by **August 15.** 

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