# HB 20B-1001 Connecting Colorado

# Students Grant - FAQ

**Q. Is this grant available to institutes of higher education?**

1. No, grant awards can only be made to:
	1. School districts (on behalf of all schools or particular schools)
	2. BOCES
	3. Charter School Institute (CSI)
	4. Charter schools (Note: the charter school’s authorizer will be the fiscal agent, if funded)
	5. Federally recognized Tribes that operates a public school in Colorado

**Q. Can funds be used to pay for network architecture design, strategic planning or network consulting services?**

1. No, funding is specifically for providing, expanding and or creating internet access for students and teachers.

**Q. Can funds be used to pay for staff salaries?**

1. No. While funding can be used for the connectivity charges for teachers and school staff, it cannot be used to pay staff salaries or benefits.

**Q. Can funds be used to develop a map of the existing infrastructure in the state?**

1. No. This work is currently being done by the [Colorado Broadband Office.](https://broadband.co.gov/)

**Q. Are non-public schools eligible for funding?**

1. No, there is not an equitable services provision in this legislation.

**Q. How do charter schools apply for this funding?**

1. Charter schools should contact their authorizer and their authorizer’s process for applying for competitive grants.
* If authorizer desires to include the charter school in their application
	+ Authorizer will include the needs of the charter school and ensure those needs are met with the funds awarded
* If authorizer desires charter to submit an application that is separate from authorizer application
	+ Charter school will need direction from authorizer to complete the contact section of the application and sign forms

**Q. Can grant funds be used to pay the upfront costs of a multi-year lease?**

1. No. Funds are only available for 1 year and can only be used for costs incurred during the period of availability of the funds.

**Q. Can funds be used for end user devices such as computers, cell phones, etc.?**

1. No. End user devices like these are not an allowable expense.

**Q. Is my school board president required to sign the Approval and Transmittal form?**

1. The school board president or a representative that is authorized to sign on behalf of the board can sign the Approval and Transmittal form.

**Q. Will all funds need to be spent by the end of the 20-21 school year?**

1. The funding period of availability is from February 1, 2021 - January 31, 2022.

**Q. How will we receive the grant funds? Will we be required to spend funds and request to be reimbursed?**

 A. Once an application has been approved, the HB 20B-1001 CCSG awards will be directly deposited into the applicants account through the EFT process.

### WHERE CAN I LEARN MORE?

**http://wwworcde.state.co.us/caresact/ccsgapplication**

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