


Bring 21st Century Library Services to All New Yorkers: SUPPORT E-RATE

What is the E-Rate Program?

On May 7, 1997, the Federal Communications Commission (FCC) adopted a Universal Service Order implementing the Telecommunications Act of 1996. The Order, commonly referred to as "E-Rate" (Education Rate) ensures that all eligible schools and libraries have affordable access to modern telecommunications and information services. Up to \$2.25 billion annually was authorized initially to provide eligible schools and libraries with E-Rate discounts. The amount actually allocated by Congress for 1998-99 was \$1.9 billion, but the full \$2.25 billion has been authorized each year beginning with 1999-2000.

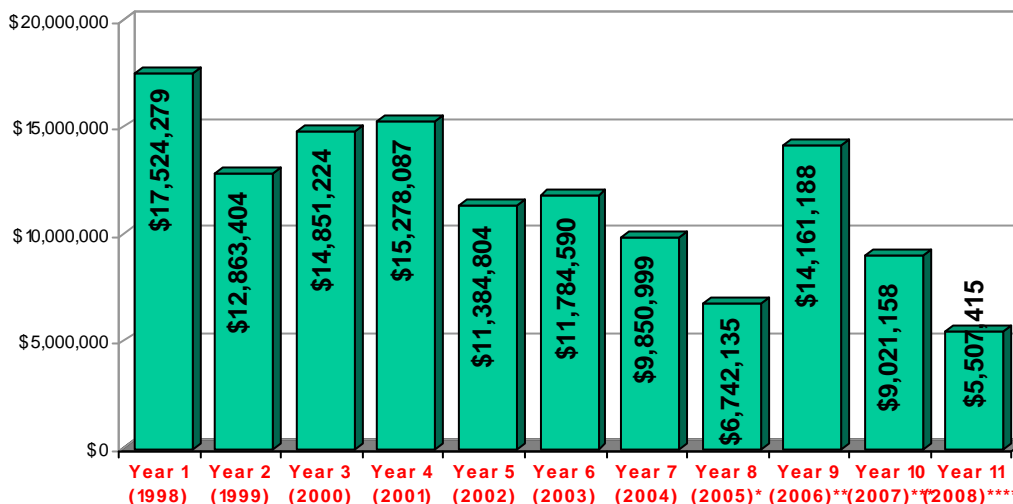
How does the E-Rate Program help New York State Libraries?

E-Rate Program provides funding to eligible public libraries and public library systems, school library media centers and school library systems, not-for-profit special libraries, and reference and research library resources systems. For each Program Year (1-10), an average total of 354 libraries and library systems in New York State received an average total of \$12.3 million from the E-Rate Program. This funding helps libraries purchase telecommunications services, Internet connectivity, and internal connections to meet the information needs of New Yorkers.



The E-Rate Program is important to New York State. It ensures that all eligible schools and libraries have affordable access to modern telecommunications and information services.

NEW YORK STATE LIBRARIES AND LIBRARY SYSTEMS E-Rate Funding Received Years 1-11 (1998-2008)



Year 1 (1998)	\$17,524,278.73
Year 2 (1999)	\$12,863,403.76
Year 3 (2000)	\$14,851,224.23
Year 4 (2001)	\$15,278,086.87
Year 5 (2002)	\$11,384,804.35
Year 6 (2003)	\$11,784,589.80
Year 7 (2004)	\$9,850,998.84
Year 8 (2005)*	\$6,742,134.98
Year 9 (2006)**	\$14,161,187.63
Year 10 (2007)***	\$9,021,158.15
Year 11 (2008)****	5,507,415.00

* Waves to date 1-66 January 17, 2007

** Waves to date 1-60 August 1, 2007

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