

Department of Education and Early Development (DEED)

FY2028 BAG Program

School Finance • BAG Administration

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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.

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

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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

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Step 2

Year-End Report
and GMS FER



File the BAG Year-End Report and GMS FER with DEED for funding received in FY2027. Year-End Report form typically available by March 1 and GMS FER available July 1.

Timeframe:

Year-End Report available
by March 1, 2027
GMS FER available July 1, 2027

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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, 2027

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Step 4

Application Review



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

Timeframe:

May 15, 2027 – June 15, 2027

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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, 2027 – July 15, 2027

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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 15, 2027 – August 1, 2027

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Step 7

Budget the Awarded
BAG Grant



Once the awarded BAG grant is loaded in GMS, the business manager must budget the amount to line 430 – Utility Services and submit it in GMS.

Timeframe:

August 1 – August 15, 2027



**BAG funding
distributed by
August 15, 2027.**



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