

## Funding Resources

1. E-Rate:
  - a) The Schools and Libraries Program of the Universal Service Fund, commonly known as "E-Rate," provides discounts to assist most schools and libraries in the United States to obtain affordable telecommunications and Internet access.  
<http://www.usac.org/sl/>
  - b) NC DPI: E-Rate – Information regarding e-rate and its funding for North Carolina.  
<http://www.ncwiseowl.org/erate/>
2. Technology Funding for North Carolina
  - a) Legislative Priorities of The e-NC Authority: The legislative mandate and mission is to increase statewide access to broadband connectivity, and paving the way for all the corresponding economic, health, and educational benefits.  
<http://www.e-nc.org/>
  - b) Educational Technology Implementation and Planning Services – NC DPI
    1. Description of state school technology funds and federal funding for North Carolina (EETT). <http://etips.dpi.state.nc.us/funding.htm>
    2. Educational Technology Division – consultants and school technology planning  
<http://tps.dpi.state.nc.us/>
  - c) North Carolina School Connectivity Program - The School Connectivity Program is the culmination of several years of vision surrounding the 21st century classroom, and developing a North Carolina workforce poised to meet the challenge of a global economy... based upon e-NC Authority report to the General Assembly, "Developing Regional Networks" recommending the expansion of the North Carolina Research Education Network (NCREN) to the K-12 community. This network would link all LEAs, community colleges, and universities in the state to a highly reliable and cost controlled network that would also spur economic development in underserved parts of the state.  
<http://www.connectivity.fi.ncsu.edu/>
3. Grants and Funding
  - a) USDA – RUS (Rural Utilities Services) – program for financing rural America's telecommunication infrastructure. The Distance Learning and Telemedicine (DLT) Program is designed to meet the educational and health care needs of rural America through the use of advanced telecommunications technologies. <http://www.usda.gov/rus/telecom/dlt/dlt.htm>
  - b) Grants & Funding: General Listings – Center for Interactive Learning and Collaboration. A listing of sites that provide the ability to search for various grant opportunities.  
[http://www.cilc.org/c/products/grants\\_general.aspx](http://www.cilc.org/c/products/grants_general.aspx)
  - c) Polycom Grants Assistance Program – team of coordinators helps you with funding assistance in selection, preparation, and application for funds.  
[http://www.polycom.com/usa/en/solutions/industry\\_solutions/grants\\_assistance/grant\\_assistance\\_program.html](http://www.polycom.com/usa/en/solutions/industry_solutions/grants_assistance/grant_assistance_program.html)
  - d) Tandberg Grant Services – team consultants provide assistance on available funding sources, and grant application services.  
[http://www.tandberg.com/services/grant\\_services.jsp](http://www.tandberg.com/services/grant_services.jsp)
  - e) The Scholastic Funding Connection – a source of funding opportunities and assistance.  
[www.scholastic.com/administrator/funding/fundingconnection/fundingopportunities](http://www.scholastic.com/administrator/funding/fundingconnection/fundingopportunities)