



E-Rate Update



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AGENDA



- Definition of E-Rate
- Current Submissions for 2024
- Historical Funding



FEDERAL E-RATE Program



- ❑ Guidance, program requirements, and amount of funding available are all controlled by the Federal Communications Commission (FCC) through the Universal Service Program for Schools & Libraries division
 - ❑ the rate schools and libraries pay for telecommunications services and Internet access is discounted, based on the number of students eligible for the National Free Lunch Program. Schools and libraries in low-income urban communities and rural areas qualify for the highest discounts. (FCC website)
 - ❑ St. Louis Public School District receives the highest discount at 90% (Category 1) – 85% (Category 2) – explanation on future slides
 - ❑ Districts who are at 90% are funded first, followed by other lower percentages



FEDERAL E-RATE Program



- Annual submission of requests for Federal Funding on network projects
- All projects must be bid through the E-Rate requirements – out for 28 days (including weekends)
- In scoring, lowest cost must be awarded the most points
- Vendors have to register with Federal Government to receive a number to be able to bid
- Government sets the deadline each year for submission of RFP results and application
- This year, the deadline for submission is March 27



FEDERAL E-RATE Program



- Federal Project that funds:
 - Internet connection to the world (Category 1)
 - Internet connection from building to building (Category 1)
 - Maintenance on equipment (Category 2)
 - Cabling for data & phones (Category 2)
- No longer funds:
 - Phone lines (landlines)
 - Cell phone lines
 - Phone system
- Board resolutions for this year include submission for both Category 1 and 2



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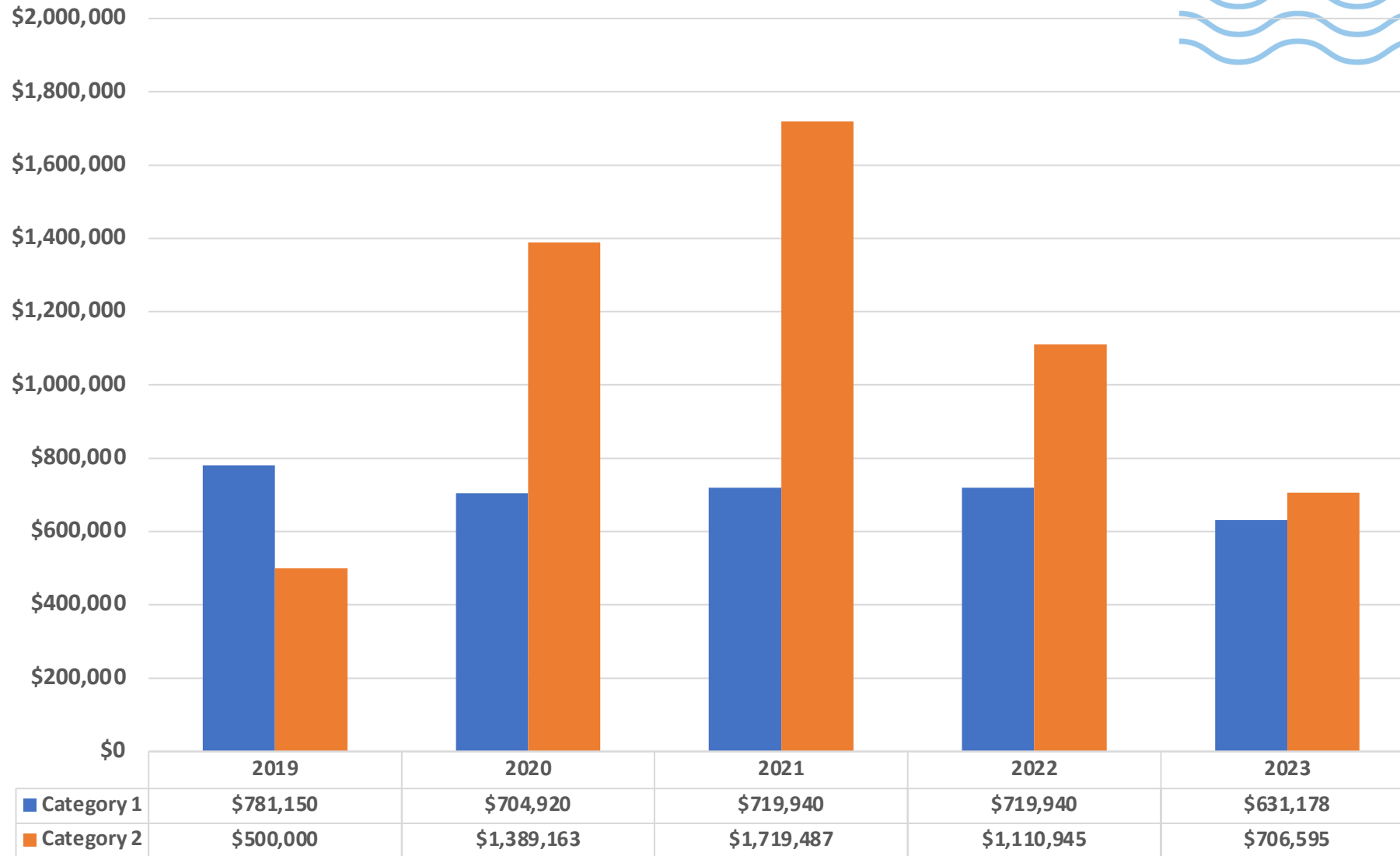


Past Projects

- Original install of network across the District (1999 through 2001)
- Original Wiring (data and phone) across the District
- Update to switches in all schools
- Update to switches in network room
- Original install of Wi-Fi devices in every classroom
- Replacement of Wi-Fi devices in every classroom
- Break/Fix repair of wiring across the District
- Cost of cell phones (no longer supported)
- Cost of phones in classrooms (no longer supported)



HISTORICAL FUNDING – last 5 years





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