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Did you know… ECF will cover 100% of in-bus Wi-Fi costs?

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ECF Report and Order Fact Sheet

28. *Eligible Equipment.* Consistent with the definitions in section 7402, we adopt rules specifying that the following types of equipment are eligible for support from the Emergency Connectivity Fund Program: Wi-Fi hotspots, modems, routers, devices that combine a modem and router, and connected devices. We agree with those commenters that point out that air-cards used to

59. *Wi-Fi Hotspots on School Buses and Bookmobiles.* Consistent with our decision above regarding eligible locations, we allow schools and libraries to use Emergency Connectivity Fund Program support to purchase Wi-Fi hotspots for school buses and bookmobiles to provide off-campus broadband services to students, school staff, and library patrons who currently lack sufficient broadband access.[168] We find ample support in the record for our action and agree with those commenters that assert that deploying Wi-Fi hotspots on schools buses or bookmobiles is a cost-effective means by which to provide

79. *Initial Emergency Connectivity Fund Program Application Filing Window.* To speed the availability of funds to schools and libraries during the public health emergency, we direct USAC to open an initial 45-day Emergency Connectivity Fund Program filing window as soon as practicable. During

83. *Competitive Bidding Requirements.* We allow eligible schools and libraries to seek reimbursement for the cost of eligible equipment and services purchased without having conducted a Commission-mandated competitive bidding process for purposes of the Emergency Connectivity Fund.[227]

- Specifically for ‘modems’ , ‘routers’ and ‘devices that combine a modem and router’
- Buses called out section 59 as a cost effective way to fill the gap
- Window opens as soon as “administratively possible”
- Funding July 1
- 45 day process
- No competitive bidding

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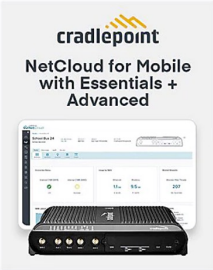
Let’s keep it simple! (approx. $2500 MSRP)



Cradlepoint IBR 1700

($1,800 MSRP)

Gigabit LTE

5G Ready

1 year NetCloud Advanced License

Includes CIPA web filter

Panorama in-bus Wi-Fi antenna

($200 MSRP)

4x4 MIMO Wi-Fi 5

16.5’ cables included

Panorama external LTE antenna

($500 MSRP)

4x4 MIMO Gigabit LTE

16.5’ cables included

*includes GPS / GNSS

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Key Takeaways

- ECF funds … are available to request July 1
- ECF funds… ONLY cover off campus technology
- Sub $2,500 hardware / software / support costs
- Estimate $500 per bus installation (varies)

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