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Subject: [External] Your library is eligible for $14,000 in Chromebook and Hotspot funding: PLEASE RESPOND BY APRIL 14TH

Greetings!

The California State Library is pleased to inform you that your library is eligible for $14,000 in funding to acquire Chromebooks, hotspots, and data plans to help bridge your community's digital divide. The Southern California Library Cooperative (SCLC) and the State Library are partnering together to bring this opportunity to all CIPA compliant California Libraries.

Libraries can choose to acquire the Chromebooks and data-enabled hotspots locally and request reimbursement, have SCLC purchase the units and have them shipped to your location, or a combination of the two. Here are a few things to consider when choosing the option that works best for you:

Purchases Made by SCLC
- The selected Chromebook model is the Acer 712. Units will be equipped with a perpetual license to Google Admin Console.
- Franklin T9 hotspots with a 12-month unlimited data plan will be acquired through Mobile Citizen. These devices operate on the Sprint/T-Mobile network and will be configured with CIPA compliant filtering.
- Libraries will be contacted by Mobile Citizen to provide information required to activate the hotspots and will have the option to renew the data service with local funds after the initial 12-month term.
- Your library will be able to specify the quantity of Chromebooks and hotspots to be acquired with the available funding.

Purchases Made by the Library
- Locally purchased Chromebooks must be configured with Google Admin Console for device management.
- Locally purchased hotspots must be equipped with 12-month data plans.
- Locally purchased hotspots must be equipped with CIPA-compliant filtering.

Regardless of which purchasing path you choose, your staff will receive training and assistance on configuring the Google Admin Console application on all purchased Chromebooks.

NEXT STEPS

The first step is to fill out this Survey **before April 14th. Because setting up Chromebooks and ordering in bulk are required, please do abide by this deadline**.

Your survey responses will be shared with SCLC, who will then reach out to you to confirm your purchasing preferences and offer further information on the purchasing and reimbursement process. Our goal is to have all libraries acquire their equipment by June 15, 2021.

We are here to assist you every step of the way. Please do not hesitate to contact me directly with any questions you may have about completing the survey, making equipment or purchasing decisions, or addressing special circumstances that apply to your library. I can be reached by email Chris.durr@library.ca.gov or phone (916) 603-7115.

Thank you!

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