How to Spend Year Four Participation and Incentive Funds

By participating in Year Four of TRIG, districts were given funds per FTE to be spent on technology readiness. TRIG Districts that participated in the Device Purchasing SPOT bid program also received incentive funds for their eligible device purchases. Districts have until June 30, 2017 to spend these funds. Below are the five categories in which districts can spend the funds, along with some examples in each of the categories.

- **Online/Digital Assessment, including universal diagnostic screening tools**
  - Licensing for online/digital assessment content and services
  - Districts may use the funds to purchase license, hardware, etc. for instructional data systems that are used to deliver local or regional online assessments including universal diagnostic screeners
  
  **Examples:**
  - License fees for online assessments administered to students
  - License fees for universal diagnostic screening tools
  - Hardware necessary to administer local or regional online assessments

- **In-building wireless connectivity**
  - Any hardware to implement or upgrade wireless infrastructure
  - Any in-building wiring necessary to implement or upgrade a wireless network
  
  **Examples:**
  - Purchase of wireless controllers, access point, or any other hardware necessary to support a wireless infrastructure.
  - Any wiring work necessary related to the wireless network.

- **Network services (e.g. additional bandwidth, content filtering)**
  - Circuits
  - WAN Interconnects
  - WAN Access to data centers housing instructional and assessment resources
  - Internet service capacity upgrades i.e. 10Mb->100Mb, 100Mb-1Gb
  
  **Examples:**
  - Purchase of additional circuits to buildings
  - Purchase of data services (storage, services) from a data center
  - Increase in Internet capacity to the ISD/district/building

- **Computer/device purchasing**
  - Any device purchased through the SPOT tool purchasing process
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Any device that meets minimum device testing requirements

Examples:
- Purchase of personal learning device/desktop through SPOT bid
- Purchase of personal learning device/desktop that meet minimum testing requirements

Technology readiness for instruction and data collaborations that support online assessment readiness.

Any hardware to implement or upgrade an infrastructure to support a robust testing environment

- Any in-building wiring necessary to support online testing
- Device hardware to upgrade devices for online testing (memory, monitors, keyboards, etc.)
- License upgrades to support online testing (OS, etc.)

Examples:
- Any in-building hardware that supports the network infrastructure. This could include firewalls, switches, servers, etc.
- Any wiring upgrades necessary to provide online testing
- Software licensing necessary to run or upgrade machines or networks
- Professional Development to support teacher training of online testing
- Support costs to maintain network or devices used for online testing
- Maintenance contracts to support network or devices for online testing

Other helpful hints:
- Some districts have used these funds along with E-Rate discounts to leverage their funds for more purchasing power.
- Some ISDs who consolidate services have pooled the funds and have used the district funds to purchase upgraded equipment to be housed at the ISD.

*Funds may NOT be used to contract for or pay for a contract that creates information technology infrastructure that is owned or operated by this state, a local unit of government, a community college or state public university, or a district or intermediate district, and is operated in a manner that provides informational technology services to public services to public entities in competition with businesses located in this state.

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