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Wave 27 for FY 2021 was released on Thursday, October 14th, for a total of \$19.6 million, none for North Carolina applicants. Cumulative commitments are \$2.30 billion including \$83.3 million for North Carolina. Nationwide, USAC has now funded 96% of the FY 2021 applications representing 80% of the requested funding.

Wave 2 of the Emergency Connectivity Fund (“ECF”) was released on Tuesday, October 12th, for a total of \$1.16 billion (see [FCC News Release](#)). Cumulative ECF funding is now \$2.36 billion. Second wave and cumulative funding for North Carolina are \$51.6 million and \$93.6 million, respectively.

The second shorter ECF application window closed on Wednesday, October 13th. As of last weekend, USAC’s [ECF dataset](#) had been updated to show Wave 2 funding decisions from the first application window but did not yet show the new second window applications. We expect a second window update this week. This update should also include late-filed first window applications that, as per the FCC Order [DA 21-1182](#), are to be treated as timely-filed second window applications.

Updates and Reminders

Upcoming Dates:

- October 20 Nomination deadline for six USAC Board members including one school representative (see [DA 21-1027](#)). The FCC subsequently added a request for board member nominations representing commercial mobile radio service providers (due November 8th).

Editorial Note: The State E-Rate Coordinators’ Alliance (“[SECA](#)”) and the American Library Association (“[ALA](#)”) have both recommended the renomination of Julie Tritt Schell, for another term as a school representative on the Board. E-Rate Central, which has witnessed firsthand the proactive expertise and passion Ms. Schell has brought to the E-rate program as a two-term member of the USAC Board and as the Pennsylvania State E-rate Coordinator, enthusiastically endorses her reappointment and encourages other interested parties to do so as well. Supporting comments under Docket Nos. 96-45 and 97-21 may be filed online with the FCC via the [Submit a Filing](#) site or the less formal [ECFS Express](#) filing mechanism.

October 28	Invoice deadline for FY 2020 recurring services and/or for requesting a 120-day invoice deadline extension for the same services.						
October 29	First Form 486 deadline for FY 2021 covering funding committed in Waves 1-12. More generally, the Form 486 deadline is 120 days from the FCDL date or from the service start date (typically July 1 st), whichever is later. Upcoming Form 486 deadlines are: <table> <tr> <td>Wave 13</td> <td>11/05/2021</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Wave 14</td> <td>11/12/2021</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Wave 15</td> <td>11/19/2021</td> </tr> </table>	Wave 13	11/05/2021	Wave 14	11/12/2021	Wave 15	11/19/2021
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[USAC’s Emergency Connectivity Fund Program Newsletter of October 12, 2021](#), again notes that invoicing is now available through the ECF Portal. Most importantly, the newsletter stresses the need for every invoice filer — applicant or service provider — to have a current SAM.gov registration.

Separately, although not discussed in last week’s newsletter, we note that:

- USAC has begun sending SAM.gov reminder emails to applicants reportedly planning to file BEARs but who are apparently not currently registered in SAM.gov.
- SAM.gov registrations have expiration dates and must be current at the time ECF invoices are filed. Earlier this year, the U.S. General Services Administration (“GSA”) did provide automatic 180-day [extensions](#) of SAM.gov registrations that would have otherwise expired between April 1 and September 30, 2021.

The ECF newsletter also repeats many of the FAQs from earlier newsletters but added the following:

Can I submit an invoice for a partial FRN and a partial line item within one FRN?

Short answer: Yes.

For equipment and non-recurring services, what is the deadline for filing requests for reimbursement?

Short answer: See the FCC’s Public Notice [DA 21-881](#) or more information about the deadline for invoicing for non-recurring purchases.

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Additional North Carolina specific E-rate information is available through our Web site — <http://www.e-ratecentral.com/us/stateInformation.asp?state=NC>. Note that this site provides easy access to formatted North Carolina applicant E-rate histories via the Billed Entity Number ("BEN") search mechanism in the upper left-hand corner. Detailed information can be obtained by "drilling down" using the links for specific funding years and individual FRNs.

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