

# ECF 471 Overview

*April 25, 2022*

# Important Dates

- Open for 15 days
- Opens Thursday, April 28, 2022

APRIL 2022						
SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
24	25	26	27	28 	29	30

- Closes Friday, May 13, 2022

MAY 2022						
SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
8	9	10	11	12	13 	14

- There will be no Out of Window filing

# Of note.....

- Funding is not guaranteed in Window 3
  - If requests exceed \$1B, applications will be prioritized by C1 discount amount.
  - Do not rely on this funding source if you have other funds.
- ECF is not meant to fund a 1:1 initiative.
- ECF funds are purposed for remote learning and closing the homework gap. Devices **MUST** go home.

# Of note.....

- Funding caps
  - \$400 per device
  - \$250 per hotspot
  - Be cautious with pricing for service

# Application Information

# What do I need before I file?

- Answers to unmet need questions
- A quote(s) for each product/service
  - Google licenses must be bundled on the quote and the invoice.
  - "Extras" aren't eligible such as cases, iPad pencils, insurance, etc.
- SPI agreement form (if applicable)
- SAM.gov set up and correct (UEI)

# How to access the ECF 471

1. Log into EPC
2. Choose the ECF portal
3. On the next screen you will see a dashboard, choose, File FCC Form 471.

## Schools and Libraries

E-rate Productivity Center (EPC) - E-rate Program participants use the E-rate Productivity Center to manage program processes, receive notifications and to contact customer service.

FCC Form 472 (BEAR) - Applicants file an FCC Form 472 (Billed Entity Applicant Reimbursement (BEAR) Form) to request reimbursement from USAC for the discount amount of the eligible products or services that the applicant has received and paid for in full.

Emergency Connectivity Fund (ECF) - Emergency Connectivity Fund participants use the ECF Portal to submit applications for reimbursement and review notifications regarding their program activities.

My Organizations    My Applications    My Pending Tasks

Window closes in 42 days 15 hours 28 minutes

Search Applicant Entities    SEARCH

BEN	BEN Name	City	State	Entity Type	Action
231411	NC Dept of Public Instruction	RALEIGH	NC	Consortium	File FCC Form 471



### Application Nickname

Please enter an application nickname here. ⓘ\*

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### Consultant Information

#### Consulting Firms

The consulting firms associated with your organization are listed below.

Name	↑ Consultant Registration Number	Phone Number	Email
E-Rate Central	16060891	516-801-7800	info@e-ratecentral.com



### Contact Information

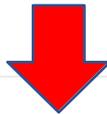
Are you the main contact person?\*

 YES NO

### Holiday / Summer Contact Information

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Please provide any alternate contact information to use during holiday/ vacation period including the name of any alternate contact person and how best to reach them.



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# Information for Unmet Student Needs

Based on whatever information you have available to you, please provide your best estimates in responses to the following questions.

## Set 1

**At the start of the pandemic, how many students in your school or school district lacked access to:**

- ▶ A connected device (laptop or tablet) that was sufficient to engage in remote learning \*
- ▶ A broadband connection that was sufficient to engage in remote learning \*
- ▶ Both a connected device and a broadband connection that were sufficient to engage in remote learning \*

## Set 2

**During the 2020-2021 school year, how many students in your school or school district did you provide:**

- ▶ A connected device, because they otherwise would not have had a connected device that was sufficient to engage in remote learning? \*
- ▶ A broadband connection, because they otherwise would not have had a broadband connection that was sufficient to engage in remote learning? \*
- ▶ Both a connected device and a broadband connection, because they otherwise would not have had a connected device or a broadband connection that was sufficient to engage in remote learning? \*

## Set 3

**With the funding you are requesting from the Emergency Connectivity Fund Program, how many students in your school or school district will you provide with:**

▶ A connected device, because they would otherwise not have a connected device that is sufficient to engage in remote learning? \*

▶ A broadband connection, because they otherwise would not have had a broadband connection that was sufficient to engage in remote learning? \*

▶ Both a connected device and a broadband connection, because they otherwise would not have had a connected device or a broadband connection that was sufficient to engage in remote learning? \*

## Set 4

**Even after receiving the funding that you are requesting from the Emergency Connectivity Fund Program, how many students in your school or school district will lack access to:**

▶ A connected device that is sufficient to engage in remote learning \*

▶ A broadband connection that is sufficient to engage in remote learning \*

▶ Both a connected device and a broadband connection that is sufficient to engage in remote learning \*

Please describe the steps you have taken to collect the data responsive to these questions and the timing of any data collections or needs assessments you conducted that inform your answers to these questions. If you have relevant documents, please upload them here. \*

What did you do? How did you do it? How did you get your data?

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Document	Uploaded On	
<p>Upload sample survey and/or other documentation. No items available</p>		
<p>Upload Document</p>		



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# Add Funding Requests

# FCC Form 471 - Emergency Connectivity Fund

## NC Dept of Public Instruction (BEN: 231411) - DPI Test 1 - Form# ECF202100059

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This page displays all of the funding requests for this application. From here you can create a new FRN, or edit or remove an existing FRN.

### Funding Requests

<input type="checkbox"/>	FRN	Nickname	Service Type	FRN Calculation
You haven't created any Funding Requests (FRNs) yet. Click the "ADD FRN" button to start creating your first FRN.				



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### Funding Request Key Information

Please enter a Funding Request Nickname here \*

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### Service Type

What are the types of the products or services that you are requesting? \*

-- Please select a value --

**Equipment** **2**

Services

### FRN Contract

Please identify the type of purchasing agreement for the products and services you are requesting.

How are the services for this FRN being purchased? \*

**CONTRACT**    **TARIFF**    **NON-CONTRACTED** **3**

### Dates

What is the service start date? \*

 **4**

When will the services end? \*



1. Please be specific here: Start with PSU Name, ECF22, then type of equipment or service  
**EXAMPLE: NCDPI ECF22 Chromebooks**
2. Choose **equipment or services** from the dropdown
3. Choose the appropriate option
4. Do not change the dates!

# Service Provider & Invoicing Method

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Next, you will associate a service provider to your purchasing agreement. Please search for a provider below and select one to associate it to the purchasing agreement.

## Service Provider

Account Number (e.g., billed telephone number)

1

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If your service provider has given you one or more Account Numbers, please enter them.

Use the search tool below to find the establishing service provider

## Search Service Provider

2

Search by SPIN

Search by Name (Full or Partial)

CLEAR FILTERS

SEARCH

## Invoicing Method

Please indicate who will be submitting ECF reimbursement forms for this funding request. \*

Applicant - FCC Form 472 (BEAR Form)

Service Provider - FCC Form 474 (SPI Form)

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Unable to find your service provider? Please enter their name and address below:

Service Provider Name \*

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Address Line 1 \*

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Zip code \*

Address Line 2

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Zip code Extension

City \*

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Phone

State \*

Select the state

1. Optional
2. If it's an E-rate vendor it will have a SPIN, enter it to search OR Fill in Information
3. MUST choose invoicing method. Vendor must have agreed to SPI ahead of time and provided a letter directly to the school.

# Narrative Screen

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### Narrative

Provide a brief explanation of the products and services that you are requesting, or provide any other relevant information regarding this Funding Request. \*

Be specific and thorough.

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### Supporting Documentation

If you would like to upload supporting documentation for this funding request, such as a price quote, invoice or other price documentation you may do so below.

Document

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Upload quote here.

No items available

Upload Document

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# Add FRN Line Items

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This page displays all of the funding request line items for this FRN. From here you can create a new FRN line item, or edit or remove an existing FRN line item.

### Equipment Detail and Cost Calculation for FRN # ECF219000042

#### Summary

<input type="checkbox"/>	ID	Type of Product	Make	Model	Total Quantity	Total Cost
You haven't created an FRN Line Items yet. Click "Add" to start creating your first FRN Line Item.						

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 CONTINUE

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## Equipment Detail and Cost Calculation for FRN # ECF219000042

### Summary

<input type="checkbox"/>	ID	Type of Product	Make	Model	Total Quantity	Total Cost
You haven't created an FRN Line Items yet. Click "Add" to start creating your first FRN Line Item.						

Please enter the details for the products included in your request.

Type of Product *	<input type="text" value="Please select the product"/>	Make *	<input type="text" value=""/>	Model *	<input type="text" value=""/>
Monthly Cost		One-Time Cost			
Monthly Recurring Unit Cost		One-Time Unit Cost			
Monthly Quantity		One-Time Quantity			
Months of Service		Total One-Time Cost			=
Total Recurring Cost	=	Summary			
		Total Cost			

Please select the product

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Laptops

Tablets

Modem/Router combined

Modems

Routers

Taxes and Reasonable Charges

Wi-Fi hotspots

CANCEL

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CONTINUE

1. Choose type of product from Dropdown, you will create a new line item for each product.
2. Fill in MAKE
3. Fill in MODEL
4. Fill in monthly costs or \$0.00 OR Fill in One-time Unit Costs and Quantity
5. Save

# FRN Line Items

- Repeat the previous steps for each type of equipment you are ordering.
- Make sure you include taxes, installation, etc.
- Once done, CONTINUE.

# Ordering Services too?

- Once you finish with all of your equipment, you will need to add a new FRN, this time for SERVICES.

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**Funding Request Key Information**  
Please enter a Funding Request Nickname here \*

**Service Type**  
What are the types of the products or services that you are requesting? \*

**FRN Contract**  
Please identify the type of purchasing agreement for the products and services you are requesting.  
How are the services for this FRN being purchased?

**Dates**  
What is the service start date? \*      When will the services end? \*

# Read Carefully!

## FCC Form 471 - Emergency Connectivity Fund

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### Is this request related to New Construction, Self-Provisioned Networks, or Datacasting?

In the limited instance where there is no commercially available service for purchase available to reach students, school staff, or library patrons, eligible schools and libraries may seek support from the Emergency Connectivity Fund Program to construct a third-party or a self-provisioned broadband network, and/or to purchase customer premises equipment to receive datacasting services. To obtain funding, applicants must be able to demonstrate that there were no commercially available Internet access service options sufficient to support remote learning from one or a combination of providers.

Does this FRN include a request for funding for New Construction, a Self-Provisioned Network, and/or Datacasting equipment?

If you are only seeking support for monthly recurring costs for either a leased lit fiber service, or wireless services, please select "No".

YES

NO

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# Narrative Screen

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### Narrative

Provide a brief explanation of the products and services that you are requesting, or provide any other relevant information regarding this Funding Request. \*

Be specific and thorough.

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### Supporting Documentation

If you would like to upload supporting documentation for this funding request, such as a price quote, invoice or other price documentation you may do so below.

Document

Uploaded On

Upload quote or invoice here.

No items available

Upload Document

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# Add FRN Line Items

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### Service Detail and Cost Calculation for FRN # ECF2190000386

#### Summary

<input type="checkbox"/>	ID ↑	Type of Connection	Bandwidth Download Speed	Bandwidth Download Unit	Bandwidth Upload Speed	Bandwidth Upload Unit	Firewall Included	Total Quantity	Total Cost
You haven't created an FRN Line Items yet. Click "Add" to start creating your first FRN Line Item.									

 **ADD** EDIT REMOVE

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 CONTINUE

This page displays all of the funding request line items for this FRN. From here you can create a new FRN line item, or edit or remove an existing FRN line item.

## Service Detail and Cost Calculation for FRN # ECF2190000386

### Summary

ID	Type of Connection	Bandwidth Download Speed	Bandwidth Download Unit	Bandwidth Upload Speed	Bandwidth Upload Unit	Firewall Included	Total Quantity	Total Cost
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You haven't created an FRN Line items yet. Click "Add" to start creating your first FRN Line item.

Please enter the details for the products and services included in your request.

1 Type of Connection \*

2 Firewall Included \*

3 Bandwidth Download Speed \*

4 Bandwidth Download Unit \*

5 Monthly Recurring Unit

6 Monthly Quantity

7 Total Recurring Cost

One-Time Cost

One-Time Unit Cost

One-Time Quantity

Total One-Time Cost

Summary

Total Cost

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1. Choose type of connection being purchased from dropdown.
2. Choose YES or NO, is Firewall included in this service?
3. Enter Download and Upload speeds.
4. Choose Bandwidth units for Download and Upload from the dropdowns.
5. Enter the Monthly recurring unit costs for services and quantity. Enter the months of service. 10, 12?
6. Are there any One-time Costs? If not, enter \$0.00
7. Click **Save**. Continue entering Line items for other services you are requesting. When done, Click **Continue** to move on.

# Review the Form 471

# FCC Form 471 - Emergency Connectivity Fund

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### Funding Requests

<input type="checkbox"/>	FRN	↑	Nickname	Service Type	FRN Calculation
<input type="checkbox"/>	ECF2190000042		devices	Equipment	\$312,375.00

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## #231411 - NC Dept of Public Instruction

Summary ECF Forms **Related Actions**

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Please review the FCC Form 471 by clicking on the link below to ensure that all services and equipment being requested are correct before sending or going to the certification page regarding this FCC Form 471.

FCC Form 471 Record - ECF202100059

EDIT FORM

SEND FOR CERTIFICATION

CONTINUE TO CERTIFICATION

Review and Edit form here, once done move on to certification.

# Certifications

- I am authorized to submit this application on behalf of the above-named applicant and that based on information known to me or provided to me by employees responsible for the data being submitted, I hereby certify that the data set forth in this application has been examined and is true, accurate and complete. I acknowledge that any false statement on this application or on other documents submitted by this applicant can be punished by fine or forfeiture under the Communications Act (47 U.S.C. §§ 502, 503 (b)), or fine or imprisonment under Title 18 of the United States Code (18 U.S.C. § 1001), or can lead to liability under the False Claims Act (31 U.S.C. §§ 3729 – 3733).
- In addition to the foregoing, this applicant is in compliance with the rules and orders governing the Emergency Connectivity Fund Program, and I acknowledge that failure to be in compliance and remain in compliance with those rules and orders may result in the denial of funding, cancellation of funding commitments, and/or recoupment of past disbursements. I acknowledge that failure to comply with the rules and orders governing the Emergency Connectivity Fund Program could result in civil or criminal prosecution by law enforcement authorities.
- By signing this application, I certify that the information contained in this application is true, complete, and accurate, and the projected expenditures, disbursements and cash receipts are for the purposes and objectives set forth in the terms and conditions of the Federal award. I am aware that any false, fictitious, or fraudulent information, or the omission of any material fact, may subject me to criminal, civil or administrative penalties for fraud, false statements, false claims or otherwise. (U.S. Code Title 18, sections 1001, 286-287 and 1341 and Title 31, sections 3729-3730 and 3801-3812).

- The school meets the statutory definition of “elementary school” or “secondary school” as defined in § 54.1700 of this subpart, does not operate as for-profit businesses, and does not have endowments exceeding \$50 million.
- The school, library, or consortia listed on the FCC Form 471 application has complied with all applicable state, local, or Tribal local laws regarding procurement of services for which support is being sought.
- The school or school consortium listed on the FCC Form 471 application is only seeking support for eligible equipment and/or services provided to students and school staff who would otherwise lack connected devices and/or broadband services sufficient to engage in remote learning.

- The school, library, or consortia is not seeking Emergency Connectivity Fund support or reimbursement for eligible equipment or services that have been purchased and reimbursed in full with other federal pandemic-relief funding, targeted state funding, other external sources of targeted funding or targeted gifts, or eligible for discounts from the schools and libraries universal service support mechanism or other universal service support mechanism.
- The applicant or the relevant student, school staff member, or library patron has received, or the applicant has ordered the equipment and services for which funding is sought.
- The equipment and services the school, library, or consortium purchases or will purchase using Emergency Connectivity Fund support will be used primarily for educational purposes and will not be sold, resold, or transferred in consideration for money or any other thing of value, except as allowed by [G.S. 54.1713](#).

- The school, library, or consortium has created and will maintain an equipment and service inventory as required by § 54.1715.
- The school, library, or consortium has complied with all program rules and acknowledge that failure to do so may result in denial of discount funding and/or recovery of funding.
- The applicant recognizes that it may be audited pursuant to its application, that it will retain for ten years any and all records related to its application, and that, if audited, it shall produce such records at the request of any representative (including any auditor) appointed by a state education department, the Administrator, the Commission and its Office of Inspector General, or any local, state, or federal agency with jurisdiction over the entity.
- No kickbacks, as defined in 41 U.S.C. § 8701 and/or 42 U.S.C. § 1320a-7b, were paid or received by the applicant to anyone in connection with the Emergency Connectivity Fund.

Have you already certified your status of compliance with the Children's Internet Protection Act (CIPA) on an FCC Form 486 or FCC Form 479 for the relevant funding year? \*

- Yes
- No

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CERTIFY

## Test 1 - ECF FCC Form 471# ECF202100059

False statements on this form may result in civil liability and/or criminal prosecution. To electronically sign and certify this form, click "Yes" below. To affirm that you (1) understand the statements above and (2) represent the entity featured, and have the authority to make the certifications, on this form, click "Yes" below.

NO

YES

and that based on this application or on other documents submitted by this applicant can be punished by fine or forfeiture to liability under the False Claims Act (31 U.S.C. §§ 3729 - 3733).

s governing the Emergency Connectivity Fund Program, and I acknowledge that failure to be in compliance with the rules and orders governing the Emergency Connectivity Fund Program. I acknowledge that failure to comply with the rules and orders governing the Emergency Connectivity Fund Program.

# After I'm done...

- PIA
  - Respond in a timely manner via the Communication Tab in the ECF portal
  - You will be asked for quotes!
- Make sure you save a PDF of your 471 and all other ECF documentation
- Make sure your invoice matches the original quote exactly

# After I'm done...

- Invoicing – File your 472 (BEAR)
  - Make sure what you ordered matches your quote/invoice
  - Save packing slips and shipping emails/documentation
  - Will need to upload
    - Invoice
    - Shipping documentation
    - Proof of delivery
    - Proof of payment

