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## FY 2023 Application Window

The FY 2023 Form 471 application window will open on **Wednesday, January 18, 2023**, at 12:00 noon EST, and will close on Tuesday, March 28, 2023, at 11:59 p.m. EDT.

USAC's Special Edition E-Rate News Brief of December 21$^{st}$, announcing the FY 2023 window, provided tips for first-time filers, Category 2 budget planning, competitive bidding, and browser updates.  Most immediately, the News Brief reminded applicants to update their EPC entity profiles before the close of the Administrative Window that is now scheduled for January 16$^{th}$ at 11:59 p.m. EST.  Once the Administrative Window is closed, entity profiles will be locked for the duration of the application window.

## Funding Status for E-Rate and ECF

### E-Rate for FY 2022:

Wave 36 for FY 2022 was issued on Thursday, December 22$^{nd}$, for $9.22 million, none for North Carolina.  Cumulative commitments to date are $2.79 billion including 66.1 million for North Carolina.  Nationwide, USAC has funded 98.0% of the FY 2022 applications representing 93.2% of the requested funding.

### ECF for 2021-2023:

Wave 14 for Window 3 was issued on Monday, December 19$^{th}$, for $65.2 million including $702 thousand for two North Carolina applicants.  Total commitments for all three ECF windows are $6.47 billion 180 million for North Carolina.  Nationwide, USAC has funded 80.7% of the ECF applications representing 66.1% of the requested funding.  Window 3 applications are now being funded down to the 75% rural band.  Total disbursements as of last Friday were $2.56 billion.

## Updates and Reminders

*Upcoming Dates:*

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| December 30 | The Form 486 deadline for FY 2022 Wave 20. 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: |

> Wave 21      01/06/2023
> Wave 22      01/13/2023
> Wave 23      01/20/2023
> Wave 24      01/27/2023

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| January 5 | USAC's FY 2023 Eligible Services webinar (register). |
| January 6 | Last day of the PIA winter deferral period. |
| January 9 | ACP application window deadline (DA 22-1213) for the FCC's outreach pilot programs for potential participation by schools, libraries, and others (see our newsletter of August 15$^{th}$). See also the FCC and USAC announcements of the opening of the ACP application window. |
| January 16 | Close of the Administrative Window; last chance to update EPC entity profiles for FY 2023. Thereafter, entity profiles will be locked until the close of the Form 471 application widow. |
| January 18 | Opening of the FY 2023 application window. |
| February 13 | Comments due on requests to allow the use of E-rate funds for advanced or next generation firewalls and/or other network security features (DA 22-1315). Reply comments are due March 30$^{th}$. |
| February 28 | Last possible date — **please do not wait until then** — to file a Form 470 for FY 2023 in order to: (a) meet the 28-day posting period; (b) close the bidding process and select the winning bidder(s); (c) sign the necessary contract(s); and (d) file the Form 471 application(s), all on the last day of the application window. |
| March 28 | Closing of the FY 2023 application window at 11:59 p.m. EDT. |

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