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E-Rate for FY 2023:

The Form 471 application window for FY 2023 closed Tuesday, March 28th. USAC has not formally released preliminary demand statistics, but [Open Data](#) shows the following In Window funding requests including 91.8 million for North Carolina.

Cat. 1	\$ 1,653,235,819
Cat. 2	<u>1,284,379,560</u>
Total	\$ 2,937,615,397

Many FY 2023 applications have already been reviewed, are currently categorized as “Wave Ready,” and are likely to be funded when USAC begins releasing FY 2023 funding waves later this month.

E-Rate for FY 2022:

Wave 52 for FY 2022 was issued on Thursday, April 13th, for \$409 thousand, none for North Carolina. Nationwide, USAC has funded 98.6% of the FY 2022 applications representing 96.8% of the requested funding. Cumulative FY 2022 commitments to date are \$2.84 billion including \$71.1 million for North Carolina.

ECF for 2021-2023:

Wave 31 for Windows 1 & 2 and Wave 21 for Window 3 were [issued](#) on Wednesday, April 12th, for \$2.53 million, none for North Carolina. Total commitments for all three ECF windows are \$6.62 billion including \$189 million for North Carolina. Nationwide, USAC has funded 86.2% of the ECF applications representing 67.6% of the requested funding. Window 3 applications are being funded down to the 65% rural band. Total disbursements as last reported on March 31st were \$3.01 billion.

Updates and Reminders

Upcoming Dates:

- April 21 The Form 486 deadline for FY 2022 Wave 36. More generally, the Form 486 deadline is 120 days from the FCDL date or from the service start date (typically July 1st), whichever is later. Upcoming Form 486 deadlines are:
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| Wave 37 | 04/28/2023 |
| Wave 38 | 05/05/2023 |
| Wave 39 | 05/12/2023 |
- April 24 Due date for submitting comments on the FCC’s Notice of Proposed Rulemaking ([FCC 23-10](#)) to further improve E-rate program rules and encourage greater Tribal participation (and potentially other small applicants) in the E-rate program (see our [newsletter of February 6th](#)). Reply comments are due by May 23rd.
- April 25 USAC webinar on the Program Integrity Assurance (“PIA”) and Selective Review processes ([register](#)).
- May 8 Due date for submitting comments on the USDA’s proposed change to expand CEP participation by lowering the ISP threshold from 40% to 25% (see our [newsletter of March 27th](#)).
- June 30 Unless subsequently extended by the FCC, at least for late-approved Window 1 and Window 2 applications, June 30th is the last day to receive service for home internet access and device purchases. The invoice deadline for these services is August 29, 2023.

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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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