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E-Rate for FY 2023:

USAC issued Wave 44 for FY 2023 on Thursday, February 22nd, for \$2.59 million, none for North Carolina. Total funding is now \$2.59 billion including \$84.7 million for North Carolina. At this point, USAC has funded 97.8% of the originally submitted applications representing 93.1% of the dollars requested.

ECF for 2021-2023:

Total commitments for all three ECF windows are \$6.47 billion including \$192 million for North Carolina.

E-Rate for FY 2024:

The Form 471 filing window for FY 2024 opened on January 17th and will close on Wednesday, March 27th, at 11:59 p.m. EDT. Applications marked as “Wave Ready” will likely be included in the first funding wave for FY 2024 that is expected in late April.

Updates and Reminders

Upcoming Dates:

- February 27** Extended invoice deadline for FY 2022 recurring service FRNs.
- February 27** Due date for comments on the cybersecurity forms at the OMB.
- February 27** Due date for reply comments on the FCC’s cybersecurity pilot NPRM ([FCC 23-92](#)).
- February 28 Last day to file a Form 470 for FY 2024 so as to allow its posting for at least 28 days before the close of the Form 471 application window.
Please note that any applicant waiting until February 28th to file a Form 470 would have to review all bids, select vendors, sign contracts, and upload them

into EPC, create and file their Form 471, all on March 27th when the EPC is likely to be at its busiest. This is **NOT** a recommended course of action!

- March 1 Form 486 deadline for FY 2023 Wave 28. 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 29 | 03/08/2024 |
| Wave 30 | 03/15/2024 |
| Wave 31 | 03/22/2024 |
| Wave 32 | 03/29/2024 |
- March 13 The interim SPIN 14366666 becomes available for use on FY 2024 Form 471 applications (see [USAC's E-Rate News Brief dated February 15, 2024](#)).
- March 14 FCC open meeting at which the Commission is expected to vote on creating a voluntary cybersecurity labeling program for wireless consumer products (see [FCC release](#) and our [newsletter of September 25th](#)).
- March 27 Close of the Form 471 application window for FY 2024. To be considered as "In Window," Form 471s must be filed and certified by 11:59 p.m. EDT.
- August 29 Invoice deadline for ECF Window 3 applications.

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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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