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Funding Status

E-Rate for FY 2024:

Wave 5 for FY 2024 was released on Thursday, May 23rd, for $60.6 million including $478 thousand for nine North Carolina applicants. Total funding is now $1.29 billion including $50.2 million for North Carolina. At this early point, USAC has already funded 70.3% of the originally submitted applications representing 41.8% of the dollars requested.

E-Rate for FY 2023:

Wave 55 for FY 2023 was released on Friday, May 24th, for $10.5 million, none for North Carolina. Total funding is $2.63 billion including $84.6 million for North Carolina. At this point, USAC has funded 98.3% of the originally submitted applications representing 96.4% of the dollars requested.

Updates and Reminders

Upcoming Dates:

May 28	Extended invoice deadline for FY 2022 non-recurring service FRNs.
May 31	Form 486 deadline for FY 2023 Wave 41. 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: Wave 42 06/07/2024 Wave 43 06/14/2024 The first Form 486 deadline for FY 2024, for applicants funded on or before July 1st, will be October 29th. Applicants filing before July 1st should check the early filing certification box (see our newsletter of April 29th).
June 6	FCC open meeting at which the Commission will vote on rules to govern the three-year, $200 million, cybersecurity pilot program. The FCC will also consider a proposal to require reporting on internet gateway protocol.
June 20	USAC's Beginning E-Rate Services webinar (register).

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June 30	Last day to receive (or file service substitutions for) FY 2023 recurring services.
June 30	Last day to light fiber (or request an extension) for special construction projects from FY 2023.
June 30	Last day to receive ECF Window 3 services; all equipment must be received by this date.
June 30	Last date for applicants to complete Funds For Learning's important annual E-rate survey. See our newsletter of May 6th.
August 29	Invoice deadline for ECF Window 3 applications.

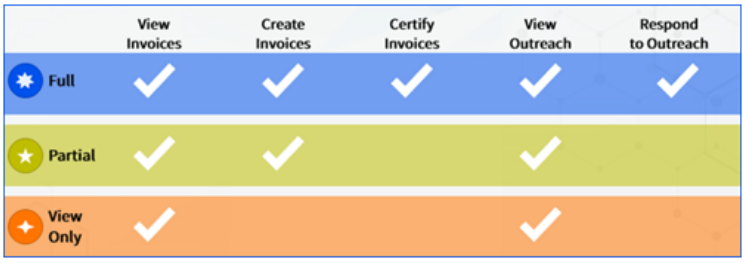
USAC E-Rate News Brief Dated May 23 – PIA Review

USAC's E-Rate News Brief dated May 23, 2024, provides tips for responding to PIA inquiries beginning with brief descriptions of how applicants will be notified of outstanding questions via email or the News tab in EPC. To access an inquiry, go to the Summary page of the appropriate Form 471 in EPC and click on "Review Inquiries" at the top of the page. At this point, there are three options:

- Click on the "Respond to Inquiries" button to view and respond to PIA questions.
- Request an extension of time to respond.
- Submit a request to modify the Form 471 information.

Last week's News Brief also covers the following topics:

- Summer PIA deferral period (if needed) that began on May 24th.
- Tips on filing the Form 486.
- 2024 training and outreach opportunities.
- Review of individual EPC permission levels for various invoicing activities that are best summarized in the following chart:



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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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