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## Funding Status

### *E-Rate for FY 2024:*

Wave 23 for FY 2024 was released on Wednesday, September 25<sup>th</sup>, for \$10.7 million, none for North Carolina. Total funding is now \$2.25 billion including \$65.7 million for North Carolina. Currently, USAC has funded 94.0% of the originally submitted applications, representing 75.2% of the dollars requested.

## Updates and Reminders

### *Upcoming Dates:*

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| September 30 | Last day to receive service, or to submit a Service Delivery Deadline request, for FY 2023 non-recurring services.  |
| October 15   | USAC webinar: Cybersecurity Pilot Program Overview for Service Providers ( <a href="#">registration</a> ).  |
| October 17   | Form 486 deadline for FY 2023 Wave 56. More generally, the Form 486 deadline is 120 days from the FCDL date, or the service start date (typically July 1 <sup>st</sup> ), whichever is later. The next Form 486 deadline for FY 2023 is:      |
|              | Wave 57                      10/28/2024   |
|              | Wave 58                      11/07/2024   |
|              | Wave 59                      11/14/2024   |
|              | Wave 60                      11/21/2024   |
| October 28   | Due date for nominations for eight positions on the USAC Board of Directors (see <a href="#">DA 24-867</a> ).   |
| October 28   | E-rate invoice deadline for FY 2023 recurring services and final date to request an invoice deadline extension.   |
| October 29   | Form 486 deadline for FY 2024 Waves 1-10. More generally, the Form 486 deadline is 120 days from the FCDL date, or the service start date (typically July 1 <sup>st</sup> ), whichever is later. Upcoming Form 486 deadlines for FY 2024 are: |

Wave 11	10/31/2024
Wave 12	11/08/2024
Wave 13	11/15/2024
Wave 14	11/22/2024

November 1 Close of the FCC’s Cybersecurity Pilot Program Form 484 Part 1 application window.

## **USAC E-Rate News Brief Dated September 26 – Multiple Reminders**

[USAC’s E-Rate News Brief dated September 26, 2024](#), covers a wide range of reminders and other topics including:

- September 30<sup>th</sup> — today! — is the deadline to receive non-recurring services for FY 2023 or to request a service delivery deadline. If a service delivery extension is requested and approved, do not forget to extend any associated contract for an additional year.
- October 28<sup>th</sup> is the invoice filing deadline for most recurring services for FY 2023 or to request a 120-day invoice deadline extension.
- A current SAM.gov registration is required to submit a BEAR invoice. SAM.gov registrations are required to be renewed annually.
- The first Form 486 deadline for those applicants whose FY 2024 applicants were approved in Waves 1-10 is October 29<sup>th</sup>.
- Recent E-Rate program updates include:
  - Wi-Fi hotspots for FY 2025.
  - School bus Wi-Fi services for FY 2024 forward.
  - Competitive bidding exemptions for libraries.
  - Updated Tribal definitions.
- Competitive bidding reminders for FY 2025.
- EPC administrative window opens October 15<sup>th</sup>.
- 2024 training and outreach schedule.
- Clearing browser cache to correct occasional errors when logging into EPC.

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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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