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Funding Status

E-Rate for FY 2024:

Wave 32 for FY 2024 was released on Wednesday, November 27th, for \$29.9 million including \$6.30 million for one North Carolina applicant. Total funding is now \$2.43 billion including \$73.6 million for North Carolina. Currently, USAC has funded 96.9% of the originally submitted applications, representing 82.7% of the dollars requested.

Updates and Reminders

Upcoming Dates:

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| December 6 | FY 2024 Form 486 deadline for Wave 16. More generally, the Form 486 deadline is 120 days from the FCDL date, or the service start date (typically July 1 st), whichever is later. The next Form 486 deadlines for FY 2024 are: |
| | Wave 17 12/13/2024 |
| | Wave 18 12/20/2024 |
| | Wave 19 12/30/2024 |
| December 9 | FY 2023 Form 486 deadline for Wave 61. Upcoming Form 486 deadlines for FY 2023 are: |
| | Wave 62 12/19/2024 |
| | Wave 63 01/02/2025 |
| | Wave 64 01/30/2025 |
| January 20 | President Trump’s inauguration will mark a change in control of the Federal Communication Commission (“FCC”). The current Chairwoman, Jessica Rosenworcel, has announced plans to step down that day. President-elect Trump has already announced that current Commissioner Brendan Carr will become the new FCC Chairman (see our newsletter of November 11). |

Out-of-Date ACP Information:

Although the Affordable Connectivity Program (“ACP”) ended on June 1, 2024, the FCC has noticed that the websites and marketing materials of many formally participating service providers still indicate that ACP is an available service. The FCC has issued a [Consumer Advisory](#) reminding the public that ACP-discounted internet services are no longer available. It also issued a [warning](#) to service providers that the continued posting of outdated ACP information may be considered false or misleading advertising.

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[USAC’s E-Rate News Brief dated November 26, 2024](#), focuses on Form 486 deadlines. It notes that the deadline for filing Form 486s for the large number of FY 2024 applications approved in Waves 1-10 was October 29th. Technically, the Form 486 deadline for any FRN is 120 days after the later of FCDL date, July 1st, or the service start date. For most FRNs approved in Waves 1-10, the critical date for calculation was July 1st; 120 days later was the October 29th deadline date. As indicated in the *Upcoming Dates* section above, funds approved in later waves have later Form 486 filing deadlines.

Funded applicants missing that deadline are advised to file their Form 486s as soon as possible. Technically, when a Form 486 is late-filed, USAC will reset the service start date to 120 days prior to the actual late-filing date. For most services, a later service start date will mean a reduction or loss of funding for services received before the revised service start date.

In an effort to reduce the number of late-filed Form 486s — and as discussed in the News Brief — USAC has a policy of sending Form 486 Urgent Reminder Letters to applicants who appear to have missed their regular Form 486 deadlines. A Reminder Letter gives an applicant a second chance to submit the Form 486. The revised deadline is 15 days after the date of the Reminder. Form 486 Urgent Reminder Letters are the only reprieves provided by USAC for E-Rate deadlines. Should you receive one, do not ignore it.

Last Tuesday’s News Brief also discusses:

- A reminder that the Administrative Window is now open.
- A tip for seeing an invoice’s paid or unpaid status.
- The status of relief implementation for hurricanes’ Helene and Milton.
- An overview of the required competitive bidding process.
- A list of 2024 training recordings available.

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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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