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E-Rate for FY 2025 – Application Window:

Application Window: The Form 471 application window for FY 2025 opened Wednesday, January 15th, and will close on Wednesday, March 26th, 2025, at 11:59 p.m. EDT. For additional information on the FY 2025 filing window, including training opportunities, see USAC's [E-Rate Special Edition News Brief dated January 15th](#).

E-Rate for FY 2024:

Wave 40 for FY 2024 was released on Thursday, January 23rd, for \$38.5 million including \$10 thousand for one North Carolina applicant. Total funding is now \$2.56 billion including \$73.6 million for North Carolina. Currently, USAC has funded 97.8% of the originally submitted applications, representing 87.7% of the dollars requested.

Cybersecurity Pilot Program – Application Window:

Application Window: The CBR Form 471 application window for the Cybersecurity Pilot Program opens March 18th and will close September 15th. Total pilot funding is capped at \$200 million for 707 applicants. Initial commitments include an estimated \$10.1 million for seventeen North Carolina applicants.

Updates and Reminders

Upcoming Dates:

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| January 28 | Invoice and extension request deadlines for FY 2023 non-recurring services. |
| January 31 | FY 2024 Form 486 deadline for Wave 24. The Form 486 deadline is 120 days after 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 25 02/07/2025
Wave 26 02/14/2025

February 25	Extended invoice deadline for FY 2023 recurring service FRNs with approved extensions beyond the original October 28, 2024, deadline.
March 18	Opening of the Cybersecurity Pilot Form 471 application window.
March 26	Close of the E-Rate Form 471 application window for FY 2025.
July 1	Withdrawal deadline for selected Cybersecurity Pilot participants opting not to continue in the Program.
September 15	Close of the Cybersecurity Pilot Form 471 application window and deadline for filing the Form 484 Part 2.

USAC Cybersecurity Pilot Program News Brief dated January 21st

USAC's [Schools and Libraries' Cybersecurity Pilot Program dated January 21, 2025](#), covered:

- The upcoming Pilot Program overview training session on Tuesday, January 28th, at 3:00 p.m. EST ([register](#)).
- A brief introduction to competitive bidding and the CBR Form 471 and CBR Form 484 Part 2.
- Key dates in the Pilot application process including:
 - January 17th — the date that the CBR Form 470 and CBR Form 484-2 both became available.
 - March 18th — the opening date of the CBR Form 471 application window.
 - September 15th — the closing date of the CBR Form 471 application window.

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