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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 43 for FY 2024 was released on Thursday, February 13th, for \$1.27 million, none for North Carolina. Total funding is now \$2.57 billion including \$73.6 million for North Carolina. Currently, USAC has funded 98.0% of the originally submitted applications, representing 88.2% 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:

February 21 FY 2024 Form 486 deadline for Wave 27. The Form 486 deadline is 120 days after the FCDL date, or the service start date (typically July 1st), whichever is later. The next Form 486 deadlines for FY 2024 are:

Wave 28	02/28/2025
Wave 29	03/07/2025
Wave 30	03/14/2025
Wave 31	03/21/2025

February 25	Extended invoice deadline for FY 2023 recurring service FRNs with approved extensions beyond the original October 28, 2024, deadline.
February 26	Free SHLB Webinar: Should Congress Repeal the FCC’s E-Rate Hotspot Lending Decision? 1:00-2:00 PM ET Register
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.
March 26	Oral arguments before the U.S. Supreme Court regarding the constitutionality of the Universal Service Funds (see our newsletter of November 25, 2024).
May 28	Extended invoice deadline for FY 2023 non-recurring service FRNs with approved extensions beyond the original January 28, 2025, deadline.
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.

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