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Wave 14 of funding commitment decision letters for FY 2025 was released on Thursday, July 24th, for \$45.0 million, including \$1.98 million for sixteen North Carolina applicants. Total funding is now \$1.59 billion, including \$37.1 million for North Carolina. Currently, USAC has funded 79.2% of submitted applications, representing 49.3% of the dollars requested.

Cybersecurity Pilot Program – Application Window:

The Form 471 application window for the Cybersecurity Pilot Program opened on March 18th and will close on September 15th, 2025. Total pilot funding is capped at \$200 million for 690 applicants, including \$7.9 million for fifteen North Carolina applicants.

Updates and Reminders

Upcoming Dates:

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| July 29 | USAC webinar on the Cyber Pilot Form 484 Part 2 (Register). |
| August 1 | FY 2024 Form 486 deadline for Wave 50. 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 51 08/08/2025 |
| | Wave 52 08/15/2025 |
| | Wave 53 08/22/2025 |
| August 7 | USAC webinar on the Cyber Pilot Form 471 (Register). |
| August 18 | Last day to certify a CBR Form 470 to meet the minimum 28-day posting period before filing the CBR Form 471. |
| September 5 | Final day of the PIA summer deferral period (which began May 23 rd). |
| September 9 | USAC in-person training in Denver, CO. |

- September 15 Close of the Cybersecurity Pilot Form 471 application window and deadline for filing the Form 484 Part 2.
- September 16 USAC in-person training in Washington, DC.

USAC E-Rate News Brief Dated July 23rd

USAC’s [E-Rate News Brief dated July 23, 2025](#), covers the following topics:

- Preparing for the FY 2026 competitive bidding process (see instructional links).
- Form 470 reminders.
- Brief Selective Review overview.
- Update to E-Rate Open Data download instructions.
- Responding to USAC’s Beneficiary and Contributor Audit Program (“BCAP”).
- USAC’s 2025 training and outreach includes two in-person training days:
 - Denver, CO September 9, 2025
 - Washington, DC September 16, 2025 (also available online)

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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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