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## Funding Status – FY 2017

Wave 25 for FY 2017 was released Friday, November 17<sup>th</sup>, for a total of \$56.4 million. No funding was approved for Nevada in this wave. Cumulative national funding through Wave 25 is \$7.3 million for Nevada. Wave 26 is scheduled to be released on Friday, November 24<sup>th</sup>.

## Updates on USAC’s E-Rate Productivity Center and Legacy System

### *Administrative Window Open for FY 2018 Entity Updates:*

USAC [announced](#) that it has completed the updates on applicant profiles based on PIA review of FY 2017 applications. Applicants can now review and update their entity profiles in EPC. This is the beginning of what in the past has been known as the “Administrative Window.” This update period is expected to close sometime in January when USAC opens the FY 2018 Form 471 Filing Window. Once USAC begins accepting FY 2018 applications, entity profiles will be locked for the duration of the Application Window. Now is the time for applicants to make updates to their student enrollment and discount data.

## E-Rate Updates and Reminders

### *Upcoming 2017 E-Rate Dates:*

November 20      Form 486 deadline for FY 2017 funding committed in Wave 8. Upcoming FY 2017 Form 486 deadlines include:

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| Wave 9  | 11/27/2017 |
| Wave 10 | 12/04/2017 |
| Wave 11 | 12/11/2017 |
| Wave 12 | 12/18/2017 |

Applicants missing these (or earlier) deadlines should watch carefully for “Form 486 Urgent Reminder Letters” in EPC. The Reminders will afford applicants with 15-day extensions to submit their Form 486s without penalty.

December 13      Second FY 2017 Emergency Hurricane Application Window (opened November 13<sup>th</sup>) closes. For additional information, see USAC’s [Summary of the Orders and Important Deadlines](#).

#### *Non-E-Rate FCC Decisions:*

The FCC approved a series of orders last week which, although not directly related to E-rate, may prove beneficial to school and library applicants. The orders, which will be available in complete form next week, are described in summary format as:

- [FCC Streamlines Rules to Speed Transition to Modern Broadband Networks](#). The rule changes are designed to (a) speed access by broadband providers to utility poles, and (b) avoid delays in replacing copper with fiber. The FCC is also seeking comments on additional reforms to expedite rebuilding broadband infrastructure after natural disasters.
- [FCC Streamlines Review Process for Replacement Utility Poles to Facilitate Build Out of Next Generation Wireless Infrastructure](#). In a related action, to speed wireless deployment, the FCC eliminated time-consuming historic preservation reviews on pole replacements.
- [FCC Takes Steps to Facilitate Next Generation Wireless Technologies in Spectrum above 24 Ghz](#). The new rules make additional spectrum available for 5G wireless use and adopt other spectrum changes. Further spectrum changes are subject to a Further Notice of Proposed Rulemaking.
- [FCC Takes Major Steps to Transform Lifeline Program for Low-Income Americans](#). The Lifeline program, which can help subsidize home Internet service for low-income families, is being changed to (a) clarify that support for mobile broadband, if so used, must be for 3G or better, and (b) limit the “enhanced” Tribal Lifeline support to an additional \$25 per month. The FCC is also seeking comments on additional proposals for addressing service in underserved areas and remote rural locations.

In a completely unrelated move, but one sure to help all of us at home and at work, the [FCC Adopts Rules to Allow Phone Companies to Proactively Block Illegal Robocalls](#).

#### *Awaiting Formal Guidance on Form 470 Internet Options:*

Status: Pending.

As discussed in our [newsletter of November 6<sup>th</sup>](#), USAC guidance on the proper Form 470 menu options to use when applying for fiber-based Internet services continues to evolve, albeit without any published updates. For now, our best advice is as follows:

- Always include the “Leased Lit Fiber” option, whether or not transport is required.

- Use either the “Internet Access & Transport Bundled” or the “Internet Access: ISP Service Only” option, as appropriate (the only two options that actually mention “Internet”).
- Use the “Narrative” section to fully describe what you really want. Better yet, upload a detailed RFP.

### *USAC Fall E-Rate Training:*

USAC’s annual fall training sessions were held this year in Charlotte, Minneapolis, Portland, and Washington DC. Presentation slides for the last trainings are available [online](#). Last Monday, USAC conducted a webinar to review the FCC’s emergency relief rules for applicants impacted by this year’s hurricanes. Slides from this webinar are also [available](#).

### **USAC News Brief Dated November 17 – Hurricane Relief Reminders and Updates**

[USAC’s Schools and Libraries News Brief of November 17, 2017](#) provides reminders and updates on the emergency hurricane relief provisions for applicants in the Directly Impacted Areas and/or those who are Indirectly Impacted.

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