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## Funding Status – FY 2019 and FY 2018

### *FY 2019:*

The Form 471 application window closed Wednesday, March 27, 2019. A total of 167 Funding Requests were filed for applicants in Nevada for a total of approximately \$20 million pre-discount and \$15 million post-discount. Earlier on Wednesday, the FCC approved USAC’s PIA procedures for FY 2019 ([DA 19-218](#)). This is a key step that is required before USAC can issue the first funding wave for FY 2019.

Another important pre-funding step will be USAC’s release of a preliminary demand forecast for FY 2019. This typically occurs a few weeks after the close of the window. Based on USAC’s [FRN Status Tool](#), we estimate that the preliminary demand will be approximately \$2.90 billion. That figure is up about 5% from FY 2018 and is well within the \$4.15 billion funding cap for the year (see [DA 19-170](#)). Encouragingly, roughly a third of the applications, representing 8-9% of the requested funding, are already in “Wave Ready” status.

### *FY 2018:*

USAC issued Wave 51 for FY 2018 on Thursday, March 28<sup>th</sup>, for only \$147 thousand – none for Nevada. Cumulative funding as of Wave 51 is \$2.18 billion.

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

### *Late-Filed Form 471 Applications for FY 2019:*

Although the deadline for filing Form 471 applications for FY 2019 was March 27<sup>th</sup>, new applications can still be entered and certified in EPC. Late-file Form 471s are considered “Out-of-Window” and will not be considered by USAC unless the March 27<sup>th</sup> filing deadline is waived by the FCC on an application-by-application basis.

The FCC has routinely approved deadline waiver requests for Form 471 applications submitted within two weeks of the original USAC deadline. For FY 2019, this two-week period ends on

Wednesday, April 10<sup>th</sup>. FCC waivers for Form 471 applications filed after this date have occasionally been approved but only for “extraordinary” circumstances involving serious hospitalizations, deaths, or military deployments.

*URL Changes to Legacy Functions:*

USAC’s News Brief of March 29<sup>th</sup> (referenced below) notes that the web addresses of some legacy system forms and tools are being changed and updated. Access to the old addresses will be automatically redirected to the new addresses, but users may find it more efficient to update older bookmarks. Last week’s URL changes updated the web addresses for the Form 474 (“SPI”), the Form 486, and the Data Retrieval Tool (“DRT”).

**E-Rate Updates and Reminders**

*Upcoming E-Rate Dates:*

April 1                      Deadline for submitting reply comments to the FCC’s NPRM ([FCC 19-5](#)) to permanently eliminate the amortization requirement on special construction charges (see our [newsletter of March 25<sup>th</sup>](#)).

April 8                      Form 486 deadline for FY 2018 funding committed in Wave 35. More generally, the Form 486 deadline is 120 days from the FCDL date or the service start date (typically July 1<sup>st</sup>), whichever is later. Other upcoming Form 486 deadlines are:

Wave 36	04/15/2019
Wave 37	04/19/2019
Wave 38	04/26/2019

Note: Applicants missing any Form 486 deadline should watch carefully for “Form 486 Urgent Reminder Letters” in their EPC News Feed. These Reminder Letters afford applicants 15-day extensions to submit their Form 486s without penalty.


## USAC News Brief Dated March 29 – Next Steps After Filing Form 471s

[USAC's Schools and Libraries News Brief of March 29, 2019](#), suggests a number of steps applicants should take following the close of the FY 2019 application window, namely:

- Review your Form 471(s); submit RAL modification(s) as necessary to correct or update information such as:
  - Entity information.
  - FCC Registration Number.
  - Costs and cost allocations.
- Review and archive competitive bidding documentation.
- Prepare for PIA review.
- Monitor your contact email address and EPC account.

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