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### Funding Status – FY 2019 and FY 2020

#### *FY 2019:*

Wave 60 for FY 2019 was reportedly released last week, but no funding date is yet available. Cumulative commitments are \$2.32 billion including \$14 million for Nevada.

#### *FY 2020:*

Wave 3 for FY 2020 was released on Thursday, May 21<sup>st</sup> for a total of \$53.6 million including \$25 thousand for Nevada. Cumulative commitments through May 14<sup>th</sup> are \$766 million including \$967 thousand for Nevada. Nationwide, USAC has now funded 58% of the FY 2020 applications received during the filing window representing over 26% of the requested funding.

### E-Rate Resources for the COVID-19 Pandemic

USAC issued a [Special Edition News Brief on May 21, 2020](#), reviewing all the resources and program changes made available by USAC and the FCC to schools and libraries during the COVID-19 pandemic. In summary:

- USAC launched an enhanced website detailing the relief available across all four of the universal service programs. USAC's [COVID-19 Response](#) page provides a summary of resources and a link to the webpages of each of the Universal Service programs that contain more detailed information, including the [E-rate COVID-19 Resources](#) page.
- Recent FCC orders and public notices providing E-rate relief for schools and libraries include:
  - Extension of the FY 2020 application filing window ([DA 20-273](#)) from March 29<sup>th</sup> to April 29<sup>th</sup>.
  - Waiver of the FCC's gift rules ([DA 20-290](#)) — see our [newsletter of March 23<sup>rd</sup>](#).
  - Wi-Fi community use guidance ([DA 20-324](#)) — see our [newsletter of March 30<sup>th</sup>](#).
  - E-rate filing and service delivery deadline waivers and extensions ([DA 20-364](#)) — see our [newsletter of April 6<sup>th</sup>](#).

- The FCC’s [Keep Americans Connected Initiative](#) soliciting pledges from more than 750 companies and organizations to provide connectivity and devices to students and teachers who need them for remote learning (see our newsletters of [March 23<sup>rd</sup>](#) and [May 4<sup>th</sup>](#)).
- CARES Act funding available to schools through the U.S Department of Education. Note in particular the subsequent joint announcement by the FCC and the Department of Education to use up to \$16 billion to support remote learning (see our [newsletter of May 4<sup>th</sup>](#)).
- CARES Act funding to libraries through the Institute of Museum and Library Services (“IMLS”). Last week, the FCC [announced](#) that it is partnering with IMLS to promote the use of \$50 million in CARES funding to increase community broadband access for libraries and Tribal organizations.

## E-Rate Updates and Reminders

### *Upcoming E-Rate Dates:*

- May 28      “What’s the Future of Technology in New Mexico in the Year of COVID-19” — an interactive session sponsored by PSFA, NMPED, NM State Library, Solix, and E-Rate Central to discuss the opportunities and challenges facing school administrators, technical staff librarians, and local officials: 10:00 am MDT. [Registration](#).

## USAC News Brief Dated May 22 – Summer Contact Deferral Period

[USAC’s Schools and Libraries News Brief of May 22, 2020](#), reminds applicants with pending applications that the summer contact deferral period has begun. It will remain in effect until September 11<sup>th</sup>, the Friday after Labor Day.

If PIA attempts to contact an applicant for the first time during this period, and does not receive a response, the application will be put on hold either until the end of the deferral period or until the applicant proactively reaches out to PIA to resume the application review.

If an application was already under review prior to the start of the summer deferral period last Friday, the review process will continue unless the applicant requests summer deferral status. Applications not on summer deferral will continue to receive automated deadline notifications subject to the COVID-19 inquiry response extension policies discussed above.

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