

## E-Rate Central News for the Week of November 11, 2019

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### Funding Status – FY 2019

USAC released Wave 32 for FY 2019 on Thursday, November 7<sup>th</sup>. Funding totaled \$19.7 million, including \$57.5 thousand for Nevada. Cumulative commitments through November 7<sup>th</sup> are \$1.93 billion including \$7.35 million for Nevada.

### E-Rate Updates and Reminders

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

November 15      Form 486 deadline for FY 2019 funding committed in Wave 13. 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 14	11/22/2019
Wave 15	11/29/2019

November 13–21      Remaining USAC 2019 fall applicant/tribal training sessions (see USAC’s [2019 Training](#) webpage for a schedule of the sessions).

### USAC News Brief Dated November 8 – USAC Website and System Updates

[USAC’s Schools and Libraries News Brief of November 8, 2019](#), announces the launch of a major update to the entire USAC website including the Schools & Libraries (E-rate) site. Three points stressed in the News Brief are:

- The primary purpose of the update is to improve the site’s design and functionality to help users find the information they need. Menus are being expanded to simplify site navigation and to “put key dates and resources front and center.” FAQ sections, for example, will be updated to permit searches by topic of specific key words.
- Most of the underlying content remains the same but not all earlier URLs will be maintained. Any use of out-of-date URLs will be redirected to the USAC landing page to provide access to the new search capability.

- Changes to the USAC website may limit the functionality and/or data display of certain legacy forms and tools for a few days this week.

Although the News Brief indicated that the launch of the new site was scheduled for Veterans Day, Monday, November 11<sup>th</sup>, at least some elements of the new site were up and running last Saturday with the new homepage URL [usac.org/e-rate/](https://usac.org/e-rate/) (replacing [usac.org/sl/](https://usac.org/sl/)). The new homepage has three main sections as shown below.

- EPC login and links to the applicant and service provider legacy invoice systems; links to key resources; and important upcoming dates.

**E-rate**  
Ensuring that schools and libraries across the U.S. are connected to information and resources through the internet

**Manage Your Account**

Edit your profile and submit forms in the E-rate Productivity Center (EPC).

[Sign In](#)

Or file your invoices here:

- Applicants
- Service providers

**Resources**

- [Eligible Services List](#)
- [Tools](#)
- [Weekly SL News Brief](#)
- [Training](#)
- [Announcements](#)

**Upcoming Dates**


<b>11/13</b> 2019	Training <a href="#">Atlanta, GA Training</a>
<b>11/19</b> 2019	Training <a href="#">Tahlequah, OK Training</a>

[See full calendar](#)


- Links to what had previously been shown as the basic program steps for both applicants and service providers.

**How It Works**

The Schools and Libraries (E-rate) Program provides funding towards eligible services for schools and libraries.

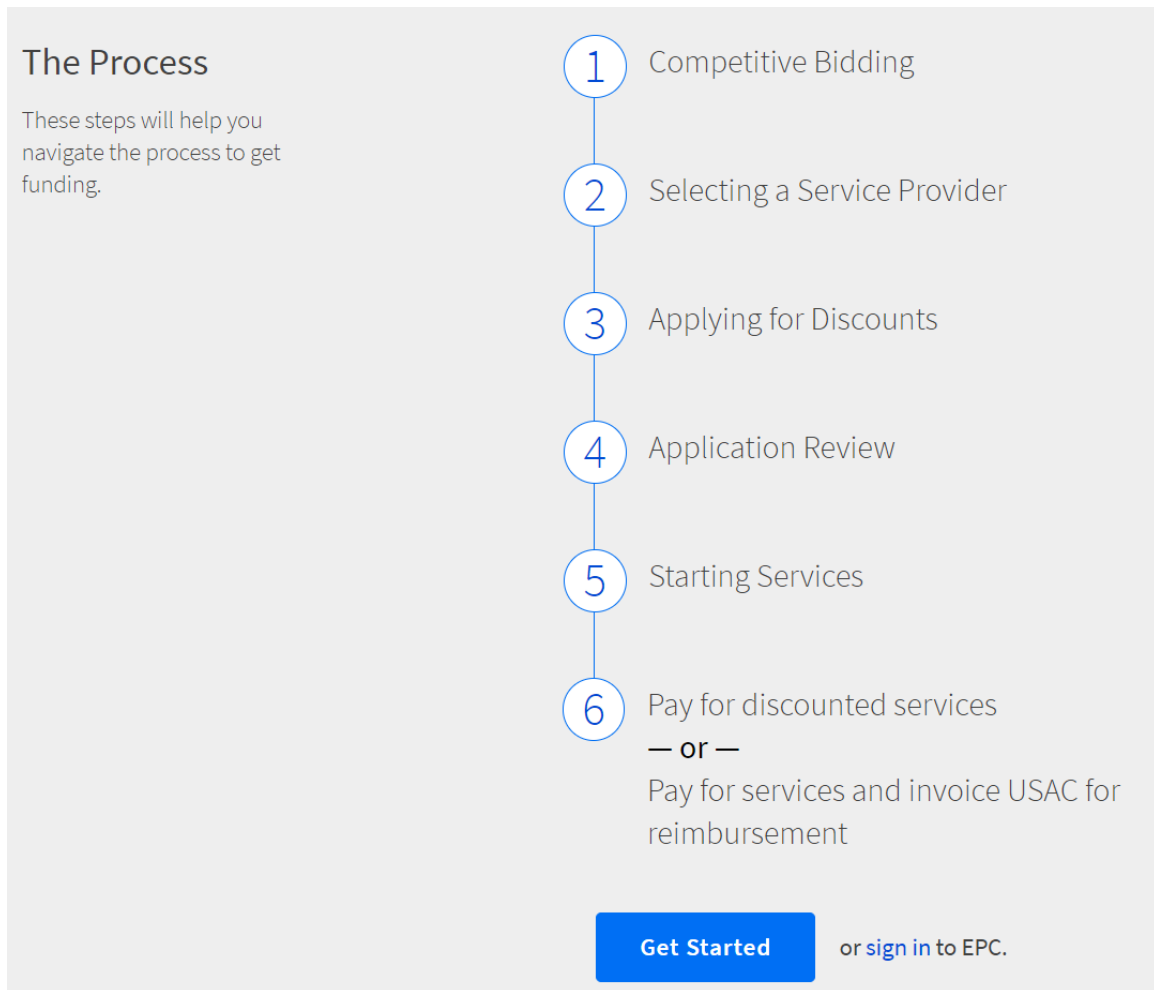
 **Eligible Applicants**

Public or private schools (K-12), libraries, and groups of schools and libraries (e.g., consortia, districts, systems) can apply for discounts on eligible services. [See the full list.](#)

 **Eligible Services**

Internet access, telecommunications services, and related equipment are eligible for discounts. [See the full list.](#)

- Simplified step-by-step diagram of the bidding, application, and invoicing process with a link to a more detailed explanation.



The News Brief also reports the following EPC updates:

- The addition of a Pending Inquiries Grid on each applicant’s Landing Page including a line items for outstanding inquires (except invoice and COMAD inquiries).
- An update to PIA outreach templates that will now permit applicant uploads and/or narrative comments on all templates.

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