

Information for FY2017 RHC Program Applicants – HCF Program

If you applied for RHC Program funding in funding year (FY) 2017 and are awaiting a decision on your FCC Form 462 or 466, please read this document carefully to determine which forms you must submit and any additional steps you may need to take in your FY2018 application. Please note that any applicants seeking funding in FY2018 must still submit a funding request. Be sure to submit during the FY2018 [filing window](#) (February 1 – May 31, 2018).

HCF Program				
Forms you need to submit for FY2018				
If you are...	FCC Form 460	FCC Form 461	FCC Form 462	FCC Form 463
Brand new to the HCF program	☑	☑	☑	☑
An Individual HCP or Consortia who has been deemed eligible and is seeking single year funding	☒	☑	☑	☑
An Individual HCP or Consortia who had their FY2017 funding request denied, even if they are currently under appeal	☒	☑	☑	☑
An individual HCP or consortium with an existing evergreen contract	☒	☒	☑	☑
An individual HCP or consortium who had evergreen status denied for FY2017, but had FY2017 funding approved	☒	☑*	☑*	☑
An individual HCP or consortium awaiting FY2017 evergreen determination	☒	☑	☑	☑
An individual HCP or consortium seeking evergreen determination for the first time in FY2018	☒	☑	☑	☑
An individual HCP or consortium using a competitive bidding exemption (other than an evergreen contract exemption)	☒	☒	☑	☑

* FY2017 evergreen contract determination will be found in your FCL once it is issued. Until then, to ensure that you are eligible to receive funding in FY2018, submit a new FCC Form 461 and go through a new competitive bidding process for FY2018. Then, if you decide to submit an FCC Form 462 for FY2018, please provide a cover letter to USAC with an explanation of this process. Be sure to include:

- The HCP number associated with the funding requests,
- The FY2017 FRN associated with your FY2018 request,
- The Contract ID assigned in the system at the time you submitted your FY2017 application, and
- Whether the FY2017 FRN was a multi-year request.

Important Note: Submitting this information along with your supporting documentation will allow the RHC reviewers to have visibility about exactly what was done in FY2017 and how the process used in FY2017 relates to your funding request for FY2018. Without an explanation, your FY2018 funding request could be perceived as a duplicate request and denied as such. RHC reviewers will work directly with applicants on specific applications.

Please keep in mind that the filing window to submit Funding Requests Forms (FCC Forms 462 and 466) will open on February 1, 2018 and will close on May 31, 2018 at 11:59 EST. **All applicants interested in applying for FY2018 funding should submit their forms within these deadlines, regardless of their FY2017 pending form status.**

Information for FY2017 RHC Program Applicants – Telecom Program

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Telecom Program Forms you need to submit for FY2018

If you are...	FCC Form 465	FCC Form 466	FCC Form 467
Brand new to the Telecom program	✓	✓	✓
An HCP with an existing evergreen contract	✗	✓	✓
An HCP awaiting FY2017 evergreen determination	✓*	✓*	✓
An HCP who had evergreen status denied for FY2017, but FY2017 funding approved	✓	✓	✓
An HCP who had their FY2017 funding request denied, even if they are currently under appeal	✓	✓	✓

* FY2017 evergreen contract determination will be found in your FCL once it is issued. Until then, to ensure that you are eligible to receive funding in FY2018, submit a new FCC Form 465 and go through a new competitive bidding process for FY2018. Then when you submit your FCC Form 465 for FY2018, please provide a cover letter to USAC with an explanation of this process. Be sure to include:

- The FY2017 FRN associated with your FY2018 request,
- The HCP number associated with both requests, and
- The Contract ID assigned in the system at the time you submitted your FY2017 application.

Important Note: Submitting this information along with your supporting documentation will allow the reviewers to have visibility about exactly what was done in FY2017 and how the process used in FY2017 relates to your funding request for FY2018. Without an explanation, your FY2018 funding request could be perceived as a duplicate request and denied as such. USAC reviewers will work directly with applicants on specific applications.

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