

Schools and Libraries Service Provider Webinar – December 2, 2015

AGENDA

1. Funding Commitments for FY2015 and FY2014
2. Invoicing Update
3. Other
4. General Questions Received by Email

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1. Funding Commitments for FY2015 and FY2014

For FY2015, USAC is funding all approved requests at all discount levels. Here is a list of the regular funding waves issued since the last call:

Wave	FCDL Date	Amount
025	11/16/2015	\$ 53.6 M
026	11/20/2015	\$ 47.1 M
027	11/30/2015	\$ 69.3 M

For FY2014, USAC is funding approved Priority 1 (Telecommunications Services and Internet Access) requests at all discount levels and denying for cap all Priority 2 (Internal Connections and Basic Maintenance) requests. Here is a list of the regular funding waves issued since the last call:

Wave	FCDL Date	Amount
070	11/25/2015	\$ 5.3 M

2. Invoicing Update

Payments for the month of November totaled \$178,715,130.28 against requests for \$238M. In total, 12,465 invoices were processed for 1,725 service providers. This represented 39,523 lines in November with 95 percent being completed within 30 days.

There were 3,064 lines in process as of December 2.

Invoice rejections

In the past month, the most common reasons for invoices being rejected were:

- The invoice was submitted after the deadline.
- The invoice is or appears to be a duplicate.
- The entire commitment amount was already paid.
- The service provider has not filed an FCC Form 473 for the appropriate funding year.
- There is no FCC Form 486 on file.

Invoice reminders

Invoice deadlines and invoice extensions for FY2014. The invoice deadline for FY2014 non-recurring services is January 28, 2016. You may request and receive a single 120-day extension of this deadline if you request the extension on or before January 28. However, we strongly encourage you to complete your invoicing as early as possible so that an extension is not necessary. Note that extension requests submitted after the invoice deadline will be denied.

If your customers are filing Billed Entity Applicant Reimbursement (BEAR) FCC Forms 472 for FY2014 non-recurring services, you must approve those forms on or before the January 28 deadline for them to be considered as timely filed.

Direct BEAR payment process. The revised version of the FCC Form 498 – one that allows both applicants and service providers to provide electronic banking information – has been approved by the Office of Management and Budget.

- Applicants can file this form now in EPC if they wish to do so. This form must be filed before USAC can remit direct BEAR payments to applicants. Direct BEAR payments for all funding years are scheduled to start July 1, 2016.
- For now, service providers will continue to file and revise their FCC Forms 498 through the [E-file System](#).

3. Other

No items.

4. General Questions Received by Email

Q1. If an applicant's FY2015 Category Two applications have been approved but the applicant has decided to either not implement or partially implement a project in order to file FCC Forms 470 for FY2016, how does the applicant ask USAC to return the unused funding to its Category Two budget?

A1. To free up unused Category Two budget funds that have been committed, the applicant must file an FCC Form 500 to return the funds to USAC. If the applicant does not attach specific information to the FCC Form 500 with details on the Category Two budgets to be credited for the returned funds, USAC will reach out to the applicant to gather that information.

Note that the applicant is not prevented from filing an FCC Form 470 for the upcoming funding year. However, USAC will not make commitments for FY2016 on FCC Form 471 funding requests in excess of an entity's available FY2016 Category Two budget.

Q2. Is there a way USAC can give us more information when invoices are denied? I have had three invoices denied, the description says "Service cert received but invalid" and I cannot get any more information.

A2. The fields on the rejection notice are limited to 40 characters. If you need more information, you can call the Client Service Bureau at (888) 203-8100 or create a customer service case in EPC. Please include as much detail as possible so that we can research your request.

Q3. If a service provider submits bids for bandwidth levels above the maximum amount listed on the FCC Form 470, does the applicant have to evaluate those bids?

A3. No.

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Also, please watch the [USAC website](#) for other program updates.