



HCF Program Funding Request Office Hours

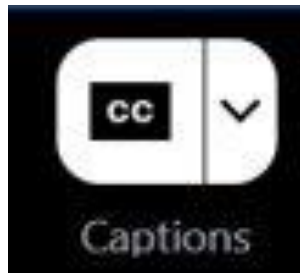
January 7, 2026

Housekeeping – Closed Captioning (CC)

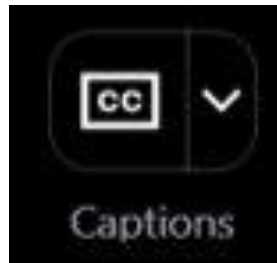
- Attendees control their own captioning.



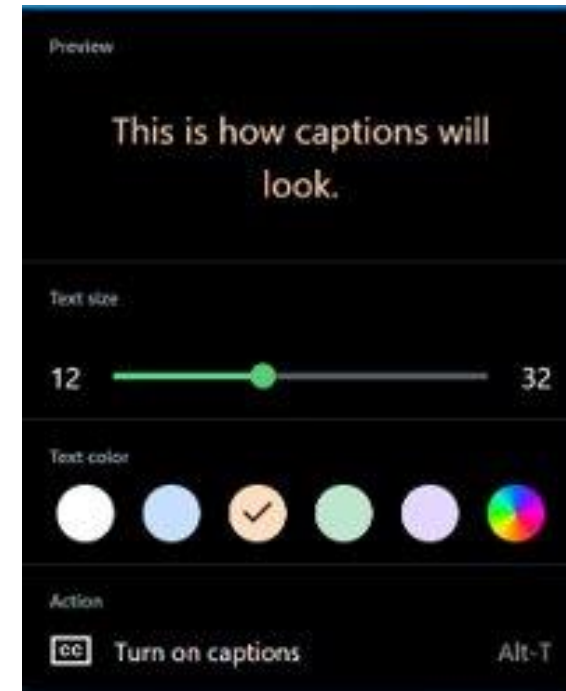
- You control the caption font size and color.
- Toggle CC off and on at your preference.



Captions ON



Captions OFF



Housekeeping

- Use the “Audio” section of your control panel to select an audio source and connect to sound.
 - Turn on your computer’s speakers, or
 - Use the call-in instructions in your confirmation email.
- All participants are on mute.
- Use the “**Raise Your Hand**” button to be unmuted and ask a question to the team!



Meet Our Team



Blythe Albert

Advisor of Program Management |
RHC Outreach



Ecatarina Grant

Manager of Communications |
RHC Outreach

Agenda

- Introduction
- Program Updates
- Submitting Forms in RHC Connect
 - RHC Connect Updates
 - Submitting the FCC Form 462
- Best Practices
- Resources

Introduction – Office Hours

- Subject matter experts are available to answer live questions from program participants.
- Today's presentation will focus on the HCF Program.
- Send FRN or HCP-specific questions to the RHC Customer Service Center at RHC-Assist@usac.org.
- Raise your hand or ask your question in the questions box.
- Please note, recordings of Office Hours webinars are not posted to the USAC website.
- You can download a PDF copy of the slide deck from the handout section on the GoToWebinar dashboard.

Glossary

Acronym	Definition
FCC	Federal Communications Commission
HCF	Healthcare Connect Fund
FY	Funding Year
HCP	Health Care Provider (your site)
HCP Number	Number associated with your site
PAH	Primary Account Holder
FCL	Funding Commitment Letter
NCW	Network Cost Worksheet
BAN	Billing Account Number
SPIN/498 ID	Service Provider Identification Number

Program Updates

HCF Program Funding Request Office Hours

Milestones to Apply for Funding for FY2026: RHC Program Recommended Last Day to Submit for HCPs NOT using a Request for Proposal (RFP)

RHC Program Form	Last Day to Submit for HCPs NOT using a Request for Proposal (RFP)
FCC Form 460 (Eligibility)	January 8, 2026 Recommended Date
FCC Form 461 (Request for Services)	February 10, 2026 Recommended Date
FCC Form 462 (Funding Request)	April 1, 2026 Deadline to Submit

*Please note that the FCC Form 460 and 461 submission dates are not mandatory deadlines, but rather recommended milestones to ensure that the FCC Form 461 is posted to USAC's website early enough for a 28-day competitive bidding period before the deadline to submit an FCC Form 462.

Milestones to Apply for Funding for FY2026: RHC Program Recommended Last Day to Submit for HCPs using a Request for Proposal (RFP)

RHC Program Form	Last Day to Submit for HCPs using a Request for Proposal (RFP)
FCC Form 460 (Eligibility)	January 5, 2026 Recommended Date
FCC Form 461 (Request for Services)	February 2, 2026 Recommended Date
FCC Forms 462 (Funding Request)	April 1, 2026 Deadline to Submit

*Please note that the FCC Form 460 and 461 submission dates are not mandatory deadlines, but rather recommended milestones to ensure that the FCC Form 461 is posted to USAC's website early enough for a 28-day competitive bidding period before the deadline to submit an FCC Form 462.

Reminder – FCC Order 23-110

- [FCC Order 23-110](#) improves RHC program administration and facilitates participation in the program by allowing health care providers that expect to become eligible during a funding year to complete the processes required to request funding.
- The order permits health care providers to be granted conditional eligibility, thus allowing them to initiate competitive bidding and request funding while awaiting a final eligibility determination.
- Applicants must disclose those sites that are approved for conditional eligibility on the FCC Form 461.

Reminder: FCC Report and Order 19-78

- [FCC Report and Order 19-78](#) webpage summarizes the Report and Order's major changes.
- Consortia Majority Rural Rule – Every consortium participating in the HCF Program must consist of more than 50 percent eligible rural sites.
- Consultant Registration – USAC will issue a unique registration number to the consultant or outside expert and that number will be linked to the HCP's organization.

Additional Program Guidance
[COVID-19 Response](#)
FCC Report and Order 19-78
[Funding Year Overview](#)
[Authorizations](#) ▾
[Competitive Bidding Exemptions](#) ▾
[Site and Service Substitutions](#)
[Document Retention](#)
[FCC Orders and Resources](#)

FCC Report and Order 19-78

On August 20, 2019, the Federal Communications Commission (FCC) released a Report and Order reforming the Rural Health Care (RHC) Program to promote transparency and predictability, and to further the efficient allocation of limited program resources while guarding against waste, fraud, and abuse. The Report and Order was published in the Federal Register on October 11, 2019 and effective on November 12, 2019. Read the Report and Order [here](#).

While the Report and Order includes a number of changes to the RHC Program, the overall structure of the Program will remain the same. As before, the RHC Program will still have two sub-programs: the Healthcare Connect Fund (HCF) Program and the Telecom Program. Further, applicants will still be required to seek eligibility, submit requests for funding, requests for services, and invoicing forms.

Additional Resources
[FCC Report and Order](#) 
[Report and Order 19-78 Tip Sheet](#)
[Summary Webinar](#)
[Webinar Slides](#) 
[Public Notice DA 19-1253](#) 

Reminder: FCC Report and Order 19-78 (continued)

- **SPIN CHANGES**

- A corrective SPIN change is made when the SPIN associated with a Funding Request Number (FRN) is not correct. This occurs when:
 - The applicant or USAC made a data entry error,
 - SPIN has changed due to the merger of companies or the acquisition of one company by another; or
 - The applicant has not initiated the change (e.g., where the service provider declares bankruptcy).
- An operational SPIN change is a request to change the actual service provider associated with an FRN.
 - The change in service providers is the result of a deliberate decision by the applicant.
 - The applicant has a legitimate reason to change providers (e.g., breach of contract or the service provider is unable to perform).

- **Site and Service Substitutions** – HCPs in both the HCF and Telecom program are required to submit site and service substitutions by the service delivery deadline.

- This date can be found on the Funding Commitment Letter (FCL) for the FRN (FCC Form 462 Application)

Reminder: Information Requests

- If USAC requires information that cannot be located on the submitted supporting documentation, this will result in an **Information Request**.
- All account holders will receive all Information Requests.
- Applicants are given 14 calendar days to provide a response to the Information Request.
 - 11:59 p.m. ET on the 14th day would be the last time to respond to the Information Request.
- Information Requests not responded to within 14 calendar days **will result in a denial** of that form.
- An extension request must be received prior to the original 14-day Information Request deadline.

FY2026 Funding Request Reviews

- RHC may begin funding request reviews before the funding request window closes.
- **No final decisions will be made prior to the close of the filing window.**
- Some changes to submissions must occur prior to the close of the filing window.
- This means that you may receive an Information Request before April 1, 2026.
- For FY2026 FCC Forms 462, an auto-generated email will be sent with instructions to respond through RHC Connect.
 - **HCPs should respond through RHC Connect only.**
 - The auto-generated email comes from an unattended mailbox so please only respond through RHC Connect.

Reminder: Invoice Filing Deadlines

- Invoicing guidelines adopted in FCC [Report and Order 19-78](#) became effective beginning with FY2020 applicants.
- The invoice filing deadline will be four months (120 days) from the service delivery deadline in both the HCF and Telecom Programs, October 28 of a given funding year.
- Applicants and service providers may request a one time 120-day extension if the request was received prior to the original deadline.
- Please use the [RHC Invoice Filing Deadline Tool](#) in the Open Data section of the USAC website to look up your invoice filing deadline.
- For more information, please see the [HCF Program invoice page](#).

Supply Chain Order

- As a reminder, when service providers login to [My Portal](#) they will see two new supply chain certifications included in the FCC Form 463 and Telecom program invoice.
- The first certification affirms compliance with the [Section 54.9](#) prohibition on USF for specified transactions with companies deemed to pose a national security threat. The second certification affirms compliance with [Section 54.10](#), which prohibits the use of any Federal subsidies on any communications equipment and services on the [Covered List](#).
- If you requested services or equipment provided or that contain components of products produced by any of the listed covered companies or any of their parents, affiliates and subsidiaries, you cannot invoice for these funds. Instead, you should immediately request a [service substitution](#).
- As you proceed with competitive bidding, please ensure you are not requesting funding for services or equipment from listed covered companies or any of their parents, affiliates and subsidiaries.
- [Supply Chain webpage](#)

Questions?

RHC Connect – Updates

HCF Program Funding Request Office Hours

RHC Connect - TPA and User Management

- Do not submit third-party authorizations (TPAs) in My Portal or through the RHC Customer Service Center.
- Submit all TPAs and manage Consultant Groups using the following online resources:
 - [Authorizations and User Management Webinar](#) (March 5, 2025)
 - [Third-Party Authorization](#) webpage
 - [RHC Connect User Guide - TPA](#)
- The decommissioning of My Portal has been pushed back to the middle of calendar year (CY) 2026.
 - TPAs will not be migrated to RHC Connect.
 - Continue to track your TPAs expiration date(s) in RHC Connect as email reminders will not be sent.
 - The RHC outreach team will continue to provide information about important deadlines and the decommissioning of My Portal.

TPA REPORT

- Excel download is available on the RHC Dashboard.
- Includes information about all HCPs consultants have access to and those that have not yet moved to RHC Connect..

The screenshot displays the RHC Connect dashboard interface. At the top, a blue navigation bar contains the 'DASHBOARD' link (highlighted with a red box and an upward-pointing red arrow), 'START A FORM', and 'TOOLS'. The main header area features a background image of a healthcare professional and the 'RHC Connect' logo. Below this, a light blue informational banner contains a circular clock icon showing '10:35', an exclamation mark icon, and text explaining changes to TPA access. At the bottom right of the banner, the text 'This report is not generated yet.' is followed by a red arrow pointing to a button labeled 'GENERATE EXCEL REPORT' (also highlighted with a red box).

DASHBOARD START A FORM TOOLS

RHC Connect

10:35

As part of our ongoing efforts to improve RHC program data integrity, we've made some changes to how Third-Party Authorizations (TPAs) are reflected in RHC Connect. Starting today, only TPAs submitted using the TPA intake tools in RHC Connect will allow consultants to access Healthcare Providers (HCPs). This means that TPAs submitted outside of RHC Connect, including those submitted in the legacy RHC My Portal system, will no longer allow consultants access to RHC Connect to manage HCPs.

To help you understand the impact of this change, we've prepared a report that outlines the access that was removed. Click the link below to generate and view this report.

Please review the report to ensure that you're aware of any changes to your access. You must submit a TPA request in RHC Connect to obtain access to an HCP. If you have questions or concerns, please contact the RHC Customer Service Center at RHC-Assist@usac.org.

This report is not generated yet. → **GENERATE EXCEL REPORT**

Organizations Report

- Excel download is available on the My Organizations tab.
- Includes information about all HCPs consultants have access to.

The screenshot shows the 'My Organizations' tab selected in a web application. The navigation bar at the top includes 'DASHBOARD', 'START A FORM', and 'TOOLS'. The main content area has four tabs: 'Information Requests', 'My Forms', 'My Organizations' (highlighted with a red box), and 'Post-Commitment Change Requests'. Below the tabs, a blue banner indicates 'The Funding Year [] funding request filing window closes in [] days.' The 'My Organizations' section features a toggle switch labeled 'Show Only My Consortia' (highlighted with a red box) and a button labeled 'GENERATE ORGANIZATIONS REPORT' with a download icon (highlighted with a red box). Below these is a search bar with the placeholder 'Search My Organizations' and a 'SEARCH' button. A table with columns 'Site Name', 'Site Number', 'Street Address', 'City', 'State', 'Zip Code', 'Forms', 'Entity Type', 'Account Holder Type', and 'Actions' is visible at the bottom.

TPA Information

- For complete information, do not use the TPA page under the My Forms tab.
- Navigate to Tools-> Manage Consultant Groups -> Manage Group

RHC Connect

MANAGE GROUP

GROUP USER(S)

Manage Group

Consultant Group

new cool name

+ ADD TPA

This is a summary of your third party authorizations (TPAs) and consultant access. To see all TPAs, refer to the Applications Tab on the Dashboard.

Group Details

Consultant Registration Number

Address

UPDATE CONSULTANT GROUP INFORMATION

Email

Phone

HCP Information

HCP Number	HCP Name	Expiration	Submitted By	TPA Status	Action(s)
		3/27/2025		Denied	Document(s)
		1/28/2026		Approved	Document(s)
		1/28/2026		Approved	Document(s) Remove HCP from Group
		3/27/2025		Denied	Document(s)
		3/27/2025		Expired	Document(s) Remove HCP from Group
		8/26/2025		Submitted	Document(s)

RHC Connect Enhancements – Start a Form

- Reduction in the number of clicks to **Start a Form**.

The screenshot displays the 'RHC Connect' interface for starting a form. The top navigation bar includes 'DASHBOARD', 'START A FORM' (highlighted), and 'TOOLS'. A user profile 'GB' is visible in the top right. The main heading is 'What type of Form would you like to file?'. On the left, a circular timer shows '15:54'. A red box highlights the 'FCC Form 460' option, which includes a building icon and the text 'Eligibility and FCC Form 460 Revisions'. Below this, a description states: 'Determine if your health care facility is eligible for Rural Health Care (RHC) Program funding for the Healthcare Connect Fund (HCF) Program and/or Telecommunications (Telecom) Program by submitting an FCC'.

RHC Connect Enhancements – Duplicate Check

- Applicants are shown potential duplicate HCPs when filing an FCC Form 460.

 DASHBOARD

 START A FORM

 TOOLS

GB

 Universal Service Fund
Administrative Co.

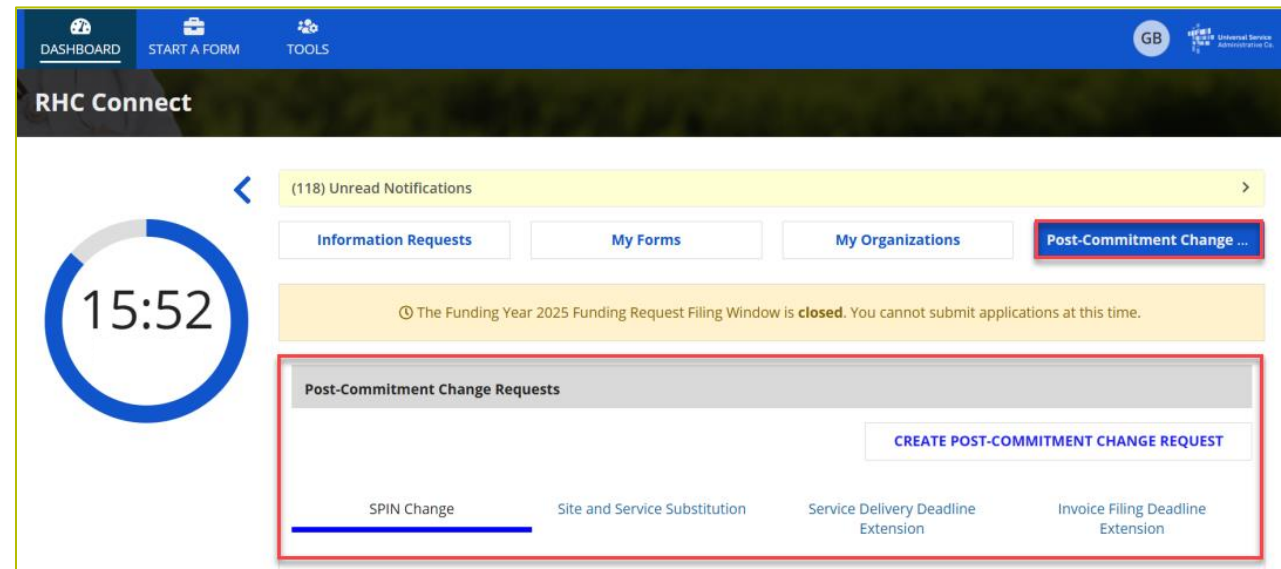
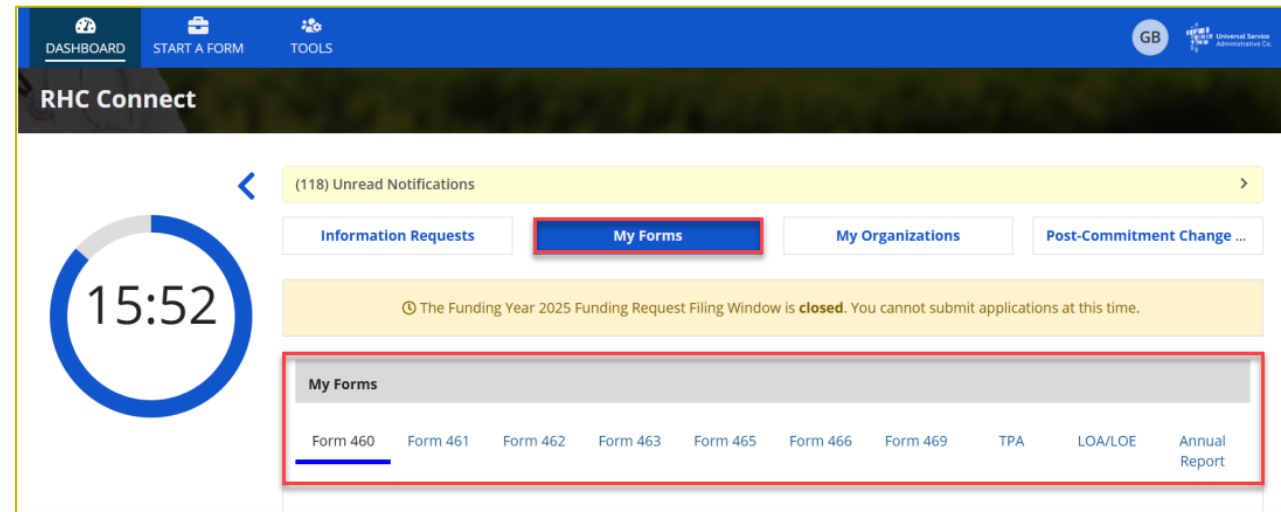
 If your site is a duplicate of the listed HCP(s) below, do not submit a new FCC Form 460. Instead, please use the appropriate existing HCP number for your submission. The following HCP number(s) and site name(s) appear to share the same address, and already exist in our system. Before proceeding with your application, please ensure these sites are not the same as yours and that the sites listed below are owned by different legal entities.

Existing HCPs near this Physical Location

HCP Number	HCP Name	Address 1	Address 2	City	State	Zip Code	County	Latitude	Longitude	Primary Account Holder(s) Email
14031	Dorminy Medical Center - Hospital Authority of Ben Hill County	200 Perry House Road	P. O. Box 1447	Fitzgerald	GA	31750	Ben Hill			
15278	Ben Hill County Health Department	251 APPOMATTOX RD		FITZGERALD	GA	31750	Ben Hill			
17724	Fitzgerald OB/GYN	808 S. Grant St		Fitzgerald	GA	31750	Ben Hill			
17731	Dorminy Medical Center - Comprehensive Wound Care Center	182 Perry House Rd.	Suite H	Fitzgerald	GA	31750	Ben Hill			

RHC Connect Enhancements – Quick Select

- Quick select rather than dropdown menu to access a form.
 - **My Forms** tab
 - **Post-Commitment Change Requests** tab



RHC Connect – Submitting the FCC Form 462

HCF Program Funding Request Office Hours

My Portal Landing Page

- Log into My Portal and click **Rural Health Care** then **RHC Connect**
- For all other forms that have not yet moved to RHC Connect, you will use **RHC My Portal**

Dashboard

 In accordance with the Supply Chain orders, new certifications have been added to the following forms: RHC - FCC Form 463 and the Telecommunications (Telecom) and High Cost & Lifeline - FCC Form 481. Service providers are required to submit these annual certifications. For additional information, visit [this link](#).

Upcoming Dates

11/02

11/02

11/09

[see full calendar](#)

Rural Health Care

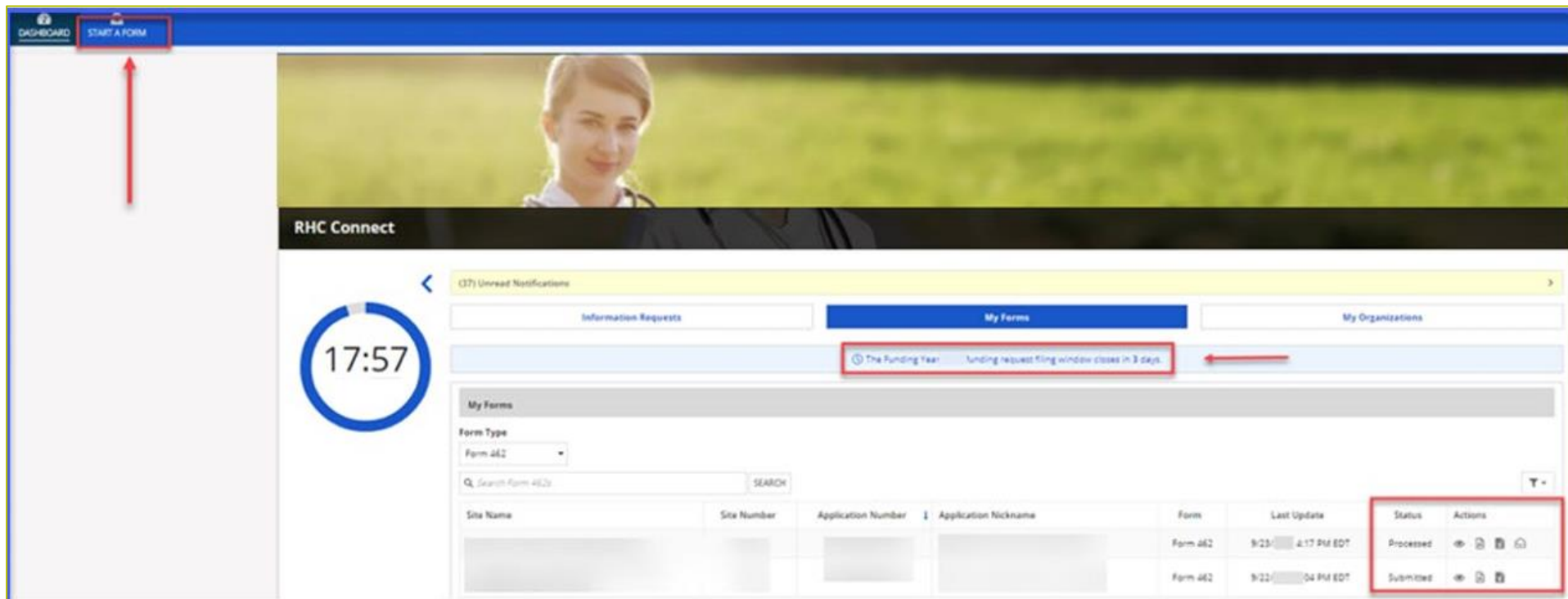
RHC Connect - Health care providers must use this section to create and submit required forms for the Healthcare Connect Fund (HCF) Program for all required forms other than the FCC Form 460 for FY2022 and later.

RHC My Portal - Health care providers must use this section to create and submit required forms for the Telecommunications (Telecom) Program, the Connected Care Pilot Program (CCPP), and the Healthcare Connect Fund (HCF) Program for the FCC Form 460 and all required forms for FY2021 and earlier.

Connected Care Pilot Program Annual Reports and Final Report - Health care providers must use this form to complete, certify, and submit their required Connected Care Pilot Program Annual Reports and Final Report.

Dashboard

- Here you can start a new form, view the status of submitted and processed applications, resume working on a draft or delete a draft FCC Form 462.
- There's a countdown banner displaying the days remaining in the filing window.



Start a New Form

- Select FCC Form 462, then click **Next**.

RHC Connect

< What type of Form would you like to file?

10:23
Dec 29

FCC Form 461

Develop Bid Evaluation Criteria & Select Services

After determining that you are eligible, the next step is to identify the services you need and develop the bid evaluation criteria you will use to assess service provider bids by completing the FCC Form 461 (Request for Services Form).

FCC Form 462

Evaluate Bids & Select Service Provider

This form provides information about the services, equipment, or network facilities selected, and certifies that those services were the most cost-effective option of the offers received.

FCC Form 463

Invoice USAC

Once you receive a bill from the service provider, you can create an invoice for the services received using the FCC Form 463.

→ **NEXT**

Start Page

START A NEW FORM

Start Page

Competitive Bidding

Service Provider Information

Expense Items

Additional Documentation

Confidentiality

Certifications

Signature

Start

Paperwork Reduction Act (PRA)

⚠ Note: Once you select HCP, and then Save & Continue, you will not be able to change the HCP. Please select carefully.

Health Care Provider (HCP) Information

HCP or Consortium

FCC Registration Number

Address

State

Application Basics

Application Nickname

Funding Year

Application Number

Funding Priority

Consortium FRN #1

Priority 8

EXIT

SAVE & CONTINUE

Competitive Bidding

DASHBOARD

START A NEW FORM

SAVE DRAFT

Start PageCompetitive BiddingService Provider InformationExpense ItemsAdditional Documentation

Competitive Bidding

Is the HCP requesting that this application be exempt from competitive bidding? ?

☐ Yes☐ No

Explanations

BACKEXIT

Competitive Bidding (continued)

DASHBOARD

START A NEW FORM

SAVE DRAFT

Start Page

Competitive Bidding

Service Provider Information

Expense Items

Additional Documentation

Confidentiality

Certifications

Competitive Bidding

Is the HCP requesting that this application be exempt from competitive bidding?

☐ Yes

☐ No

Explanations

If your site meets one of the competitive bidding exemptions below, you are not required to submit the FCC Form 461 and go through the competitive bidding process. You are exempt from competitive bidding if any of the following apply:

- Government Master Service Agreement (MSA):** You are seeking support for services and equipment purchased from master service agreements (MSAs) negotiated by a federal, state, Tribal, or local governmental entity on the applicant's behalf, and awarded pursuant to applicable federal, state, Tribal, or local competitive bidding requirements.
- Master Service Agreements (MSA) Approved Under the Rural Health Care Pilot Program or HCF Program:** You are opting into an existing MSA approved under the Rural Health Care Pilot program or the HCF program and seeking support for services and equipment purchased from the MSA, as long as the MSA was developed and negotiated in response to an RFP or request for services that specifically solicited proposals that included a mechanism for adding additional sites to the MSA.
- Evergreen Contract:** You have an existing contract already endorsed by USAC as evergreen.
- Schools and Libraries Program Master Contracts:** You are an eligible HCP in a consortium with participants in the Schools and Libraries (E-rate) program and are purchasing services and/or network equipment under a contract approved under the E-rate program as a master contract.
- Annual Undiscounted Cost of \$10,000 or Less:** If you are seeking support for \$10,000 or less of total undiscounted eligible expenses for a single year you may bypass the competitive bidding process.
 - For consortia applicants, this exemption is \$10,000 for all funding requests submitted for the consortium.
 - Note: If you select this option on your FCC Form 462, you will not be able to request a multi-year funding commitment.

BACK

EXIT

Competitive Bidding Exemptions

SAVE DRAFT

Start Page

Competitive Bidding

Service Provider Information

Expense Items

Additional Documentation

Confidentiality

Certifications

Signature

Competitive Bidding

Is the HCP requesting that this application be exempt from competitive bidding?

☒ Yes

☐ No

Explanations

Select the exemption that the HCP is claiming

☐ Annual Undiscounted Cost of \$10,000 or less

☐ Government Master Services Agreement

☐ Pre-Approved Master Services Agreement

☒ Evergreen Contract

☐ E-rate Approved Contract

Contracts

Contract Name	Contract Document	Contract Sign Date	Contract End Date	Initial Contract Term
No items available				

ADD CONTRACT

EDIT

DELETE

BACK

 EXIT

SAVE & CONTINUE

Competitive Bidding Exemptions (continued)

- Click **Yes**.
- Choose exemption type.
- Upload contract.
 - For evergreen contracts, select a contract from the drop-down menu.
- Enter the relevant contract information in the fields.
 - Use the drop-down calendar to enter dates.

Start Page Competitive Bidding Service Provider Information

Competitive Bidding

Is the HCP requesting that this application be exempt from competitive bidding? *

☒ Yes
☐ No

Select the exemption that the HCP is claiming *

☐ Annual Undiscounted Cost of \$10,000 or less
☐ Government Master Services Agreement
☐ Pre-Approved Master Services Agreement
☒ Evergreen Contract
☐ E-rate Approved Contract

New Contract

Select an Existing Contract *

Select a contract already associated with this HCP ▼

Please select a contract.

Contract Sign Date Contract End Date (Optional)

mm/dd/yyyy mm/dd/yyyy

Length of Initial Contract Term

Time Unit ▼

Number of Contract Extensions (Optional)

Total Combined Length of Optional Extensions (Optional)

Time Unit ▼

CANCEL

Start Page Competitive Bidding Service Provider Information

Competitive Bidding

Is the HCP requesting that this application be exempt from competitive bidding? *

☒ Yes
☐ No

Select the exemption that the HCP is claiming *

☐ Annual Undiscounted Cost of \$10,000 or less
☐ Government Master Services Agreement
☐ Pre-Approved Master Services Agreement
☒ Evergreen Contract
☐ E-rate Approved Contract

New Contract

Select an Existing Contract *

Contract Sign Date Contract End Date (Optional)

Length of Initial Contract Term

36 Months ▼

Number of Contract Extensions (Optional)

5

Total Combined Length of Optional Extensions (Optional)

5 Months ▼

CANCEL

BACK EXIT

Competitive Bidding Exemptions (continued)

- Once the contract is selected, click **Save and Continue**.

[SAVE DRAFT](#)

Start Page Competitive Bidding Service Provider Information Expense Items Additional Documentation Confidentiality Certifications Signature

Competitive Bidding

Is the HCP requesting that this application be exempt from competitive bidding? [?](#)

☒ Yes

☐ No

Select the exemption that the HCP is claiming *

☐ Annual Undiscounted Cost of \$10,000 or less

☐ Government Master Services Agreement

☐ Pre-Approved Master Services Agreement

☒ Evergreen Contract

☐ E-rate Approved Contract

	Contract Name	Contract Document	Contract Sign Date	Contract End Date	Initial Contract Term
☐					
☐					36 Months

[ADD CONTRACT](#) [EDIT](#) [DELETE](#)

[BACK](#) [EXIT](#)

[SAVE & CONTINUE](#)

Competitive Bidding Non-Exempt

- Click **No**.
- Choose related FCC Form 461 from drop-down menu.
- All FCC Forms 461 for the HCP will be available.
- Enter number of bids received.
- You'll be required to upload copies of bids.

SAVE DRAFT

Start Page Competitive Bidding Service Provider Information

Competitive Bidding

Is the HCP requesting that this application be exempt from competitive bidding? [?]

☐ Yes

☒ No

Related FCC Form 461 Application *

Is the HCP continuing with the current service provider? *

☐ Yes

☒ No

Number of Service Providers That Bid *

3

Upload Bids

Document Type

[Add Documents](#)

Must Upload a file.

[BACK](#) [EXIT](#)

Upload Bids

Document Type	Document	Uploaded On
Bids		

[Add Documents](#)

[BACK](#) [EXIT](#) [SAVE & CONTINUE](#)

Service Provider Information

- Select **498 ID/SPIN**.
- Click **Save and Continue**.

SAVE DRAFT

Start Page Competitive Bidding **Service Provider Information** Expense Items Additional Documentation Confidentiality Certifications Signature

Service Provider Information

498 ID/SPIN

Service Provider Name

☐	498 ID/SPIN	Service Provider Name
☐	143022618	CenturyLink CenturyTel Solutions, LLC
☐	143001636	CenturyLink CenturyTel of Ooltewah-Collegedale, Inc.
☐	143002667	CenturyLink CenturyTel of the Gem State (Nevada)
☐	143002671	CenturyLink Central Telephone Co. of Nevada (FKA)
☒	143005231	CenturyLink Qwest Corporation

You have selected 143005231 - CenturyLink Qwest Corporation

Expense Items – Summary Page

- Download the NCW Template and save.
- Populate all information and upload the NCW to RHC Connect.
- Any information entered manually will be overwritten by the NCW document once it's uploaded.

[Start Page](#) [Competitive Bidding](#) [Service Provider Information](#) [Expense Items](#) [Additional Documentation](#) [Confidentiality](#) [Certifications](#) [Signature](#)

[Advanced Features](#)
[Download NCW Template](#)
[Upload NCW Document](#)

[ENTER A NEW EXPENSE ITEM](#)

Expense Item Summary

#	↑	Site #	Site Name	Contract Number	Expense Type	Eligible Undiscounted Cost	Maxium Support Amount	Actions
1					Network Maintenance			Edit Delete
2					Ethernet			Edit Delete

Using the NCW Template

- Do not disturb the formatting.
 - When using “copy” and “paste” to enter data, be sure to paste using a “text” or “values” format.
 - If any data is entered manually prior to uploading the NCW, that data will be overwritten when the NCW is uploaded.
 - If after uploading the NCW data isn’t saved or you’re directed back to the summary page, the formatting has been changed.
 - Download a new NCW template and try again.

Line Number	Contract Status														Expense Information				Expense Type					Bandwidth				Service Level Agreement								
	A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H	I	J	K	L	M	N	O	P	Q	R	S	T	U	V	W	X	Y	Z	AA	AB	AC	AD	AE	AF	AG	AH		
	Site Number	Site Name	Is there a contract with the service provider?	Contract ID	Contract Nickname	Contract Start Date (yyyy-mm-dd)	Initial Contract End Date (optional) (yyyy-mm-dd)	Contract Sign Date (yyyy-mm-dd)	Install Date (yyyy-mm-dd)	Number of Contract Extensions (optional)	Length of Initial Contract Term	Time unit of Length of initial contract term	Total Combined Length of Optional Extensions (optional)	Time Unit of Extensions (optional)	Is this a newly installed circuit?	Billing Account Number (optional)	Expected Service Start Date (yyyy-mm-dd)	Installation Date (yyyy-mm-dd)	Category of Expense	Expense Type	Explanation of Expense (optional)	Total Number of Fiber Strands (optional)	Total Number of Fiber Strands Eligible for Support (optional)	Upload Speed	Upload Speed Unit	Download Speed	Download Speed Unit	Is there a service level agreement (SLA) with the service provider for this expense item? (Optional)	SLA for Latency	SLA for Jitter	SLA for Packet Loss	SLA for Packet Reliability	Circuit ID (optional)	Where is the site's location on the circuit?	Is this Member Site, Service Provider Site or Neither?	HCP Number
1			Yes												No				Data	Dark Fiber				1.00	Mbps	1.00	Mbps	Yes	<8 ms	<10 MS	<0.001	0.9999		Circuit Start Location		
2			Yes												No				Data	Ethernet				500.00	Mbps	500.00	Mbps	Yes	<8 ms	<10 MS	<0.001	0.9999		Circuit Start Location		
3			Yes												No				Data	Dark Fiber				1.00	Gbps	1.00	Gbps	Yes	<8 ms	<10 MS	<0.001	0.9999		Circuit Start Location		
4			Yes												No				Data	Ethernet				100.00	Mbps	100.00	Mbps	Yes	<8 ms	<10 MS	<0.001	0.9999		Circuit Start Location		
5			Yes												No				Data	Ethernet				50.00	Mbps	50.00	Mbps	Yes	<8 ms	<10 MS	<0.001	0.9999		Circuit Start Location		

Expense Items – Contract Status

- For consortia applicants, select a member site from drop-down menu.
- Select **No** for submission without contract (month-to-month).

The screenshot displays the 'Expense Items' section of a web application. At the top, a navigation bar includes links for 'Start Page', 'Competitive Bidding', 'Service Provider Information', 'Expense Items' (which is the active tab), 'Additional Documentation', 'Confidentiality', and 'Certification'. Below the navigation bar, the 'Expense Items' title is followed by 'Expense Item 1 of 1' and two lines of cost information: 'Total Eligible Undiscounted Cost \$0.00' and 'Maximum Support Amount \$0.00'. On the left side, a sidebar menu lists several sections: 'Contract Status' (highlighted with a green arrow), 'Expense Information', 'Expense Type', 'Bandwidth', 'Service Level Agreement', 'Circuit Information', 'Financial Information', and 'HCP Contribution Source'. The main content area on the right features a red-bordered box containing the 'Expense Item Site' dropdown menu, which currently shows '---Select---'. Below this box is a question: 'Does the HCP have a Contract with the Service Provider?' with a help icon. Two radio button options are provided: 'Yes' and 'No (process this item as month-to-month)'. The 'No' option is selected, indicated by a blue dot. A red arrow points from the 'Contract Status' sidebar item to the 'Expense Item Site' dropdown. At the bottom of the form, there are two summary lines: 'Sum of All Expense Item Total Eligible Undiscounted Cost: \$0.00' and 'Sum of All Expense Item Maximum Support Amount: \$0.00', followed by 'BACK' and 'EXIT' buttons.

Start Page Competitive Bidding Service Provider Information **Expense Items** Additional Documentation Confidentiality Cer

Expense Items

Expense Item 1 of 1
Total Eligible Undiscounted Cost \$0.00
Maximum Support Amount \$0.00

Contract Status

- ☐ Expense Information
- ☐ Expense Type
- ☐ Bandwidth
- ☐ Service Level Agreement
- ☐ Circuit Information
- ☐ Financial Information
- ☐ HCP Contribution Source

Sum of All Expense Item Total Eligible Undiscounted Cost: \$0.00
Sum of All Expense Item Maximum Support Amount: \$0.00

BACK EXIT

Expense Item Site
---Select---

Does the HCP have a Contract with the Service Provider? ⓘ

☐ Yes

☒ No (process this item as month-to-month)

Expense Items – Contract Status (continued)

- Select **Yes** for submission with contract.
- Select an existing contract or upload a new contract.
- Enter information about the contract.

Start Page Competitive Bidding Service Provider Information **Expense Items** Additional Documentation Confidentiality

Expense Items

Expense Item 1 of 1
Total Eligible Undiscounted Cost \$0.00
Maximum Support Amount \$0.00

> **Contract Status**

- ☐ Expense Information
- ☐ Expense Type
- ☐ Bandwidth
- ☐ Service Level Agreement
- ☐ Circuit Information
- ☐ Financial Information
- ☐ HCP Contribution Source

Sum of All Expense Item Total Eligible Undiscounted Cost: \$0.00
Sum of All Expense Item Maximum Support Amount: \$0.00

Expense Item Site

Does the HCP have a Contract with the Service Provider?

☒ Yes

☐ No (process this item as month-to-month)

Select an Existing Contract

OR

Contract Nickname

Upload a New Contract

Contract Start Date

Initial Contract End Date

Length of Initial Contract Term

Number of Contract Extensions (Optional)

Total Combined Length of Optional Extensions (Optional)

Contract Sign Date

Install Date

Expense Items – Contract Status (continued)

- Enter the **Contract Start Date**, **Initial Contract End Date**, **Contract Sign Date**, and **Install Date**.
- Reviewers will read the contract to confirm all information entered.

Expense Item Site

Does the HCP have a Contract with the Service Provider?

☒ Yes

☐ No (process this item as month-to-month)

Select an Existing Contract OR Contract Nickname

Upload a New Contract

UPLOAD Drop file here

Contract Start Date

Initial Contract End Date

Length of Initial Contract Term

3 Years

Number of Contract Extensions (Optional)

5

Total Combined Length of Optional Extensions (Optional)

5 Years

Contract Sign Date

Install Date

Expense Items – Expense Information

- Enter **Expected Broadband Service Start Date**.

Start Page Competitive Bidding Service Provider Information **Expense Items** Additional Documentation Confidentiality

Expense Items

Expense Item 1 of 1
Total Eligible Undiscounted Cost \$N/A
Maximum Support Amount \$N/A

- ✓ Contract Status
- > **Expense Information**
- Expense Type
- Bandwidth
- Service Level Agreement
- Circuit Information
- Financial Information
- HCP Contribution Source

Is this a newly installed circuit?
☒ Yes
☐ No

Billing Account Number (Optional)

Expected Broadband Service Start Date

ⓘ You have chosen the funding year start date. Please make sure that this is the date when you actually expect to begin this service or have already started this service.

Installation Date

Sum of All Expense Item Total Eligible Undiscounted Cost: \$N/A
Sum of All Expense Item Maximum Support Amount: \$N/A

[BACK](#) [EXIT](#)

Expense Items – Expense Type

- Choose **Expense Category** and **Expense Type** from the drop-down menus.
- Provide a brief explanation of the eligible expense.

Start Page

Competitive Bidding

Service Provider Information

Expense Items

Additional Documentation

Confidentiality

Expense Items

Expense Item 1 of 1
Total Eligible Undiscounted Cost \$N/A
Maximum Support Amount \$N/A

✓ Contract Status

✓ Expense Information

> **Expense Type**

☐ Bandwidth

☐ Service Level Agreement

☐ Circuit Information

☐ Financial Information

☐ HCP Contribution Source

Expense Category

Data

Expense Type

Ethernet

Explanation of Eligible Expense (Optional)

Ethernet circuit between service provider and eligible HCP

Expense Items – Bandwidth

- Enter bandwidth speeds.

[Start Page](#) [Competitive Bidding](#) [Service Provider Information](#) [Expense Items](#) [Additional Documentation](#)

Expense Items

Expense Item 1 of 1
Total Eligible Undiscounted Cost \$48,480.00
Maximum Support Amount \$31,512.00

✓ Contract Status

✓ Expense Information

✓ Expense Type

> **Bandwidth**

☐ Service Level Agreement

☐ Circuit Information

☐ Financial Information

☐ HCP Contribution Source

Download Speed

Upload Speed

Expense Items – Bandwidth (Continued)

- For equipment, installation, construction and network management services, bandwidth does not have to be entered if not applicable.
- For all other services, bandwidth is required.

The screenshot displays the 'Expense Items' web application. At the top, a navigation bar includes links for 'Start Page', 'Competitive Bidding', 'Service Provider Information', 'Expense Items' (which is the active tab), 'Additional Documentation', and 'Confidentiality'. Below the navigation bar, the page title is 'Expense Items'. Underneath, it says 'Expense Item 1 of 1', 'Total Eligible Undiscounted Cost \$N/A', and 'Maximum Support Amount \$N/A'. On the left side, there is a sidebar with a list of categories: 'Contract Status' (checked), 'Expense Information' (checked), 'Expense Type' (checked), 'Bandwidth' (highlighted with a green arrow), 'Service Level Agreement' (unchecked), 'Circuit Information' (unchecked), 'Financial Information' (unchecked), and 'HCP Contribution Source' (unchecked). The main content area shows the 'Bandwidth' section with two input fields: 'Download Speed' and 'Upload Speed'. Each field has a text input box and a dropdown menu labeled '---Select---'. Below each input box is a note: 'Leave blank if bandwidth is not applicable'. A red rectangular box highlights the 'Download Speed' and 'Upload Speed' input fields and their associated dropdown menus. At the bottom of the form, there is a summary section with the text: 'Sum of All Expense Item Total Eligible Undiscounted Cost: \$N/A' and 'Sum of All Expense Item Maximum Support Amount: \$N/A'. Below this summary, there are two buttons: 'BACK' and 'EXIT'.

Expense Items – Service Level Agreement (SLA)

- If **No** is selected, fields will not appear.
- If **Yes** is selected, enter the information about the SLA.

Expense Items

Expense Item 1 of 1
Total Eligible Undiscounted Cost \$48,480.00
Maximum Support Amount \$31,512.00

✓ Contract Status

✓ Expense Information

✓ Expense Type

✓ Bandwidth

> **Service Level Agreement**

○ Circuit Information

Is there a service level agreement (SLA) with the service provider for this expense item? (Optional)

☒ Yes
☐ No

What is the SLA for Latency? (Optional)

What is the SLA for Jitter? (Optional)

What is the SLA for Packet Loss? (Optional)

What is the SLA for Packet Reliability? (Optional)

Expense Items – Circuit Information

- Address of the HCP on expense item will pre-populate based on information in the FCC Form 460.
- **Start location** and **End location** cannot be the same address.

Expense Items

Expense Item 1 of 1
Total Eligible Undiscounted Cost \$48,480.00
Maximum Support Amount \$31,512.00

✓ Contract Status

✓ Expense Information

✓ Expense Type

✓ Bandwidth

✓ Service Level Agreement

> **Circuit Information**

○ Financial Information

○ HCP Contribution Source

Circuit ID (Optional)

Where is the site's location on the circuit?
☒ The circuit starts at the site location
☐ The circuit ends at the site location

Circuit Start Location

Address Line 1

Address Line 2

City

State

CO

ZIP Code

49

Expense Items – Circuit Information (continued)

- If the HCP is an Administrative Office or Data Center, the location on the other end of the circuit is required.
- For all other entity types, addresses are suggested but not required to advance to the next page.

Expense Items

Expense Item 1 of 1
Total Eligible Undiscounted Cost \$N/A
Maximum Support Amount \$N/A

✓ Contract Status

✓ Expense Information

✓ Expense Type

✓ Bandwidth

✓ Service Level Agreement

> **Circuit Information**

☐ Financial Information

☐ HCP Contribution Source

Sum of All Expense Item Total Eligible Undiscounted Cost: \$N/A
Sum of All Expense Item Maximum Support Amount: \$N/A

Circuit ID (Optional)

Where is the site's location on the circuit?
☒ The circuit starts at the site location
☐ The circuit ends at the site location

Circuit Start Location

Address Line 1
[Redacted]

Address Line 2
[Redacted]

City
[Redacted]

State
[Redacted]

CO
[Redacted]

ZIP Code
[Redacted]

Circuit End Location

☐ Location is a Member Site
☒ Location is the Service Provider
☐ Location is not a Member Site or Service Provider

Address Line 1
[Redacted]

Address Line 2
[Redacted]

City
[Redacted]

State
[Redacted]

State
Choose a State

ZIP Code
[Redacted]

50

Expense Items – Financial Information

- If you select **No** for “is this entire expense eligible for support”, you’re indicating that this expense is cost-allocated.
- Enter the eligible percentage and an explanation of the methodology used to determine percent entered
- Upload the required document

Expense Item 1 of 1

Total Eligible Undiscounted Cost \$0.00

Maximum Support Amount \$0.00

- ✓ Contract Status
- ✓ Expense Information
- ✓ Expense Type
- ✓ Bandwidth
- ✓ Service Level Agreement
- ✓ Circuit Information
- > **Financial Information**
- HCP Contribution Source

Sum of All Expense Item Total Eligible Undiscounted Cost: \$N/A

Sum of All Expense Item Maximum Support Amount: \$N/A

Does this expense item represent multiple items or circuits? [?](#)

☐ Yes

☒ No

Multi-year Funding Request

☐ Yes

☒ No

How often is this item expensed?

Monthly

How many expense periods will there be total?

12

Undiscounted Cost Per Expense Period (Excluding Taxes and Fees)

\$1,000.00

Taxes and Fees per Expense Period

\$50.00

Is this entire expense eligible for support? [?](#)

☐ Yes

☒ No

Percent Eligible for Support

90

Explanation

Ten locations use this service but one site is ineligible for funding.

70/1000

Upload Documentation to Support Your Explanation [?](#)

Expense Items – Multiple Items

- The quantity of items, for example number of routers or PRI lines.
 - The number (s) should match the quantity on the documentation.

Expense Items

Expense Item 2 of 2
Total Eligible Undiscounted Cost \$0.00
Maximum Support Amount \$0.00

✓ Contract Status

✓ Expense Information

Does this expense item represent multiple items or circuits? [?](#)

☒ Yes
☐ No

Quantity of Items

Expense Items – Financial Information (Continued)

- Check all that apply.

[Start Page](#) [Competitive Bidding](#) [Service Provider Information](#) [Expense Items](#) [Additional Documentation](#) [Confidentiality](#)

Expense Items

Expense Item 1 of 1
Total Eligible Undiscounted Cost \$12,600.00
Maximum Support Amount \$8,190.00

✓ Contract Status

✓ Expense Information

✓ Expense Type

✓ Bandwidth

✓ Service Level Agreement

✓ Circuit Information

✓ Financial Information

> **HCP Contribution Source**

How will the HCP cover their costs including the required 35% that are not covered by HCF support? (select all that apply)

☐ The HCP will cover the difference

☐ State grants, funding, or appropriations

☐ Federal funding, grants, loans, or appropriations

☐ Tribal government funding

☐ Other grant funding including private grants

Sum of All Expense Item Total Eligible Undiscounted Cost:
\$12,600.00
Sum of All Expense Item Maximum Support Amount: \$8,190.00

[BACK](#) [EXIT](#)

Expense Items – Summary

Expense Item Summary

ENTER A NEW EXPENSE ITEM

#	↑	Site #	Site Name	Contract Number	Expense Type	Eligible Undiscounted Cost	Maxium Support Amount	Actions
1					Ethernet	\$24,240.00	\$15,756.00	Edit Delete

Show

5

 records/page

Total Eligible Undiscounted Cost \$24,240.00

Total Maximum Support \$15,756.00

BACK

EXIT

SAVE & CONTINUE

Approved by OMB 3060-0804

If you have questions please contact our Help Desk at (800) 453-1546 or RHC-Assist@usac.org 8:00 a.m. — 8:00 p.m. ET Monday through Friday for assistance.

Additional Documentation

- Consortia applicants are required, at minimum, to upload a Viable Source Letter before continuing.

Start Page

Competitive Bidding

Service Provider Information

Expense Items

Additional Documentation

Confidentiality

Certifications

Signature

▲ Additional Documentation

Use this tab to upload additional documentation that is relevant to the application. Ensure that all bandwidths, costs, service locations, and expense types are supported with documentation.

ⓘ Service provider documentation required to confirm expenses

Document Type	Description	Document	Uploaded On	↑
No items available				

UPLOAD DOCUMENT(S)

Must upload a file of document type Viable Source Letter

BACK

EXIT

SAVE & CONTINUE

Additional Documentation (continued)

- To upload more than 10 documents, follow the instructions in the blue banner.

Start Page Competitive Bidding Service Provider Information Expense Items **Additional Documentation** Confidentiality Certifications Signature

Additional Documentation

ⓘ Service provider documentation required to confirm expenses

Document Type	Document	Uploaded On
No items available		

➕ Add Document

Bulk Upload *

UPLOAD Drop files here

📌 Note: 10 files can be uploaded at a time (up to 100 total). Click **Next** on this screen once the 10 document limit has been reached; you may then click **UPLOAD DOCUMENT(S)** again to add another batch of files.

BACK EXIT **NEXT**

Approved by OMB 3060-0804

Confidentiality

Start Page	Competitive Bidding	Service Provider Information	Expense Items
------------	---------------------	------------------------------	---------------

Confidentiality

Is the HCP requesting confidential treatment and non-disclosure of commercial and financial information?*

☐ Yes

☐ No

Explanation

BACK

EXIT

Certifications

[Start Page](#)[Competitive Bidding](#)[Service Provider Information](#)[Expense Items](#)[Additional Documentation](#)[Confidentiality](#)[Certifications](#)[Signature](#)

Certifications

- ☐ I certify under penalty of perjury that I am authorized to submit this request on behalf of the applicant or consortium.
- ☐ I certify under penalty of perjury that I have examined this request and all attachments and to the best of my knowledge, information, and belief, all statements of fact contained therein are true.
- ☐ I certify under penalty of perjury that the applicant or consortium has considered all bids received and selected the most cost-effective method of providing the requested services. "Cost-effective" is defined as the "method that costs the least after consideration of the features, quality of transmission, reliability, and other factors that the applicant deems relevant to choosing a method of providing the required health care services." 47 CFR § 54.622(c).
- ☐ I certify under penalty of perjury that all RHC Program support will be used only for eligible health care purposes.
- ☐ I certify under penalty of perjury that the applicant or consortium is not requesting support for the same service from both the Telecommunications Program and the Healthcare Connect Fund Program.
- ☐ I certify under penalty of perjury that the applicant or consortium satisfies all of the requirements under Section 254 of the Act and applicable Commission rules, and understand that any letter from the Administrator that erroneously commits funds for the benefit of the applicant may be subject to rescission.
- ☐ I certify under penalty of perjury that I have reviewed all applicable rules and requirements for the RHC Program and complied with those rules and requirements.
- ☐ I understand that all documentation associated with this application, including all bids, contracts, scoring matrices, and other information associated with the competitive bidding process, all billing records for services received and any other documentation demonstrating compliance with the rules must be retained for a period of at least five years after the last date of service delivered in a particular funding year pursuant to 47 CFR §§ 54.631 or as otherwise prescribed by the Commission's rules.
- ☐ I certify under penalty of perjury that the applicant or consortium and/or its consultant, if applicable, has not solicited or accepted a gift or any other thing of value from a service provider participating in or seeking to participate in the RHC Program.
- ☐ I certify under penalty of perjury that any consultants or third parties associated with this request or RFP do not have an ownership interest, sales commission arrangement, or other financial stake in the vendor chosen to provide the requested services, and that they have otherwise complied with RHC Program rules, including the Commission's rules requiring fair and open competitive bidding.

[BACK](#) [EXIT](#) [SAVE & CONTINUE](#)

Signature

- Sign by typing your first and last name into the **Digital Signature** field.

The screenshot shows a web application interface for signing. At the top is a navigation bar with links: Start Page, Competitive Bidding, Service Provider Information, Expense Items, Additional Documentation, Confidentiality, Certifications, and Signature (which is highlighted with a dropdown arrow). Below the navigation bar is the title 'Signature'. The main content area is divided into two sections. The first section, 'Current User Information', contains a list of fields: Name, Email, Phone, Employer, Title, and Employer's FCC RN, each with a corresponding input field. The second section, 'Signature', contains three fields: 'Certifier's Full Name' with a text input, '* Digital Signature' with a text input, and 'Date' with a date picker. At the bottom left are 'BACK' and 'EXIT' buttons. At the bottom right is a 'CERTIFY & SUBMIT' button, which is highlighted with a red rectangular border.

Start Page Competitive Bidding Service Provider Information Expense Items Additional Documentation Confidentiality Certifications **Signature**

Signature

Current User Information

Name
Email
Phone
Employer
Title
Employer's FCC RN

Signature

Certifier's Full Name
* Digital Signature
Date

BACK EXIT CERTIFY & SUBMIT

After Submitting

- You will receive an email letting you know that your form has been received.
 - If you do not receive an email, please go back into My Portal and be sure that you actually signed and submitted the form.
- Draft forms remain in RHC Connect but are not considered submitted until signed, certified, and submitted.
- The reviewer will reach out if additional information is needed.
- No funding decisions will be issued until after the close of the filing window period.
- Once your funding request has been approved, you will receive a Funding Commitment Letter (FCL) that will include all corresponding information to your funding request.

Questions?

Best Practices

HCF Program Funding Request Office Hours

Submission Checklist

- ☐ Document(s) confirming the monthly cost for your services (e.g., a copy of your bill dated within the requested funding period) or the most currently available bill as the filing window closes before the funding year opens
- ☐ A copy of all bids that were received for your request for services including the winning bid, all bids that were rejected and any bids that were disqualified and why
- ☐ A list of the bid evaluation criteria and copy of the bidding evaluation matrix
- ☐ A list of people who evaluated bids including title, role, and their relationship to the applicant
- ☐ Internal documents related to the selection of the service provider (upon request)
- ☐ Copies of any correspondence with service providers prior to and during the competitive bidding process (upon request)
- ☐ A copy of any new contract signed for your services
- ☐ Award letter to winning vendor (upon request)
- ☐ Contact information for the service provider and all responsible account holders
- ☐ The start and end location of your services.
- ☐ Viable source letter for consortia applicants (35 percent contribution)

*** Any information that cannot be located on the submitted supporting documentation will result in an Information Request**

Best Practices – Competitive Bidding

- Begin your competitive bidding process early.
 - Bidding period opened on July 1, 2025, for FY2026.
- Once the ACSD has passed and you've chosen a service provider, include them when you information is needed to respond to an Information Request.
- Ensure your service provider is aware of all the necessary documentation needed for future steps in the application process.
- All bid correspondence should be handled via email for audit purposes.
- HCPs and service providers are required to retain documentation for a minimum of five years.

Best Practices – FCC Form 462 (Funding Request)

- Do not enter into an agreement with a service provider until after the ACSD has passed.
- Include all required documentation when submitting your FCC Form 462.
- Include a cover letter if needed to clarify information entered into the FCC Form 462.
- If submitting funding requests for equipment, data center or administrative offices or network expenses, tip sheets can be found on the [Step 4: Submit Funding Requests](#) webpage under the Additional Resources section.
- Be sure to actually sign, certify and submit all FCC Forms 462 before 11:59 p.m. ET on April 1, 2026 (Drafts are not considered submitted).
- HCPs and service providers are required to retain documentation for a minimum of five years.

Resources

HCF Program Funding Request Office Hours

Upcoming Trainings

Please join the RHC Outreach team for the following webinar:

- Telecom Office Hours Webinar:
 - When: Wednesday, January 14, 2026, from 2-3 p.m. ET – [Register](#)
- TPAs and User Management in RHC Connect Webinar:
 - When: Wednesday, January 21, 2026, from 2-3 p.m. ET - [Register](#)
- Consortium Best Practices Webinar:
 - When Wednesday, January 28, 2026, from 2-3 p.m. ET - [Register](#)
- For a list of upcoming webinars, check the RHC [Upcoming Dates](#) webpage for dates and details.

Online Resources

- [RHC Learn](#) webpage
- [Submit Funding Requests](#) webpage
- [Information Request tip sheet](#)
- [Competitive Bidding Exemptions](#) webpage
- [Request for Proposals \(RFPs\)](#) webpage
- [Network Plan](#) webpage
- [Equipment Tip Sheet](#)
- [Off-site Data Centers and Administrative Offices Tip Sheet](#)
- [Funding Limitations Tip Sheet](#)

To view all FCC Orders, please visit the [FCC Orders and Resources](#) webpage.

Online Resources - RHC Connect

- [Welcome to RHC Connect FCC Form 460](#) webpage
 - [RHC Connect User Guide](#)
 - [Welcome to RHC Connect – FCC Form 460](#) self-paced video training guide
- [Welcome to RHC Connect - FCC Form 461](#) webpage
 - [RHC Connect User Guide](#)
 - [Welcome to RHC Connect – FCC Form 461](#) self-paced video training guide
- [Welcome to RHC Connect – FCC Form 462](#) webpage
 - [RHC Connect User Guide](#)
 - [RHC Connect - FCC Form 462](#) self-paced video training guide
- [Welcome to RHC Connect – FCC Form 463](#) webpage
 - [RHC Connect Form User Guide](#)
 - [RHC Connect – FCC Form 463](#) self-paced video training guide
- [Information Request Tip Sheet](#)

RHC Program Customer Service Center



Email: RHC-Assist@usac.org

- Include in your email:

- HCP Number
- FRN Number



- Phone: **(800) 453-1546**
 - Hours are 8 a.m. – 8 p.m. ET
 - Monday- Friday

The RHC Customer Service Center

The RHC Customer Service Center CAN	The RHC Customer Service Center CANNOT
Answer general questions regarding both programs	Determine eligibility of a specific site or service before an official form submission
Provide account holder information for an HCP	Review a form or document for accuracy before an official submission
Provide clarity regarding FCC orders	Contact a service provider or other account holder on someone else's behalf
Provide helpful resources and best practices for forms	Provide documents that are not already accessible in My Portal
Assist with My Portal and RHC Connect	Transfer a call to a specific form reviewer

Questions?

Thank You!





Universal Service
Administrative Co.