

Schools & Libraries Committee

Briefing Book

Monday, October 26, 2026

10:00 –10:50 a.m. Eastern Time

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Universal Service Administrative Company
Schools & Libraries Committee
Quarterly Meeting
Agenda

Monday, October 26, 2026
10:00 a.m. – 10:50 p.m. Eastern Time
USAC Offices and Webex Webinar
700 12th Street NW, Suite 900
Washington, DC 20005

	OPEN SESSION Available for Public Use	*Estimated Duration in Minutes*
Chair	**a1.** Consent Items (each available for discussion upon request): **A.** Approval of Schools & Libraries Committee Meeting Minutes of July 27, 2026 **B.** Approval of moving all ***Executive Session*** items into ***Executive Session*** **C.** Consideration and Approval of One Routine Procurement	2
Craig	**a2.** Approval of Schools and Libraries Support Mechanism 1st Quarter 2027 Programmatic Budget and Demand Projection for November 2, 2026, FCC Filing	5
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Teleshia	**i3.** Information on Ten USAC Audit and Assurance Division Schools and Libraries Support Mechanism Beneficiary Audit Reports	–

	EXECUTIVE SESSION ***Executive Session Recommended***	*Estimated Duration in Minutes*
Craig	**i4.** E-Rate Business Update (*Continued)* • Funding Year 2026 PIA Critical Service Level Agreement Update and Challenges and Opportunities	10

	• Competitive Bidding Portal Update	
Aaron	**a4.** Consideration to Exercise an Option Term for E-Rate Business Process Outsourcing Services	5

Next Scheduled USAC Schools & Libraries Committee Meeting

Monday, January 25, 2027 **USAC Offices, Washington, D.C.**

Universal Service Administrative Company
Schools & Libraries Committee Meeting

ACTION ITEM

Consent Items

Action Requested

The Schools & Libraries Committee (Committee) of the USAC Board of Directors (Board) is requested to approve the consent items listed below.

Discussion

The Committee is requested to approve the following items using the consent resolution below:

A. Approval of Committee meeting minutes of July 27, 2026 (*see* **Attachment A**).

B. Approval of moving ***Executive Session*** items into ***Executive Session***:

(1) **i4.** E-Rate Business Update *(Continued).* USAC management recommends that this matter be discussed in ***Executive Session*** because it relates to ***specific internal controls or confidential company data*** that would constitute a discussion of internal rules and procedures and relates to USAC's ***procurement strategy and contract administration*****,** where discussion of such matters in open session would compromise USAC's business objectives or negotiating strategy.

(2) **a4.** Consideration to Exercise an Option Term for E-Rate Business Process Outsourcing Services. USAC management recommends that this matter be discussed in ***Executive Session*** because it relates to USAC's ***procurement strategy and contract administration*****,** where discussion of such matters in open session would compromise USAC's business objectives or negotiating strategy.

C. Consideration and Approval of One Routine Procurement.

(1) Consideration to Exercise an Option Term for E-Rate Business Process Outsourcing Services. The resolution is provided in **aSL04cf.** If discussion is needed, it will be conducted in Executive Session.

Upon request of a Committee member, the above items are available for discussion by the Committee.

Recommended USAC Schools & Libraries Committee Action

APPROVAL OF THE FOLLOWING RESOLUTIONS:

RESOLVED, that the Schools & Libraries Committee of the USAC Board of Directors hereby approves: (1) the Committee meeting minutes of July 27, 2026; (2) discussion in ***Executive Session*** of the items noted above; and; (3) the approval of one routine procurement as presented in item aSL04cf.

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SCHOOLS & LIBRARIES COMMITTEE MEETING
Monday, July 27, 2026

(Draft) MINUTES[1]

The quarterly meeting of the Schools & Libraries Committee (Committee) of the USAC Board of Directors (Board) was held at USAC's offices in Washington, D.C and virtually on a Webex webinar platform on Monday, July 27, 2026. Ms. Amber Gregory, Committee Chair, called the meeting to order at 10:01 a.m. Eastern Time, with a quorum of eight of the nine Committee members present (there is one vacancy):

Chacko, Sheba – *by Webex*
Garber, Michelle, Chief Executive Officer (Interim), and Assistant Treasurer
Gregory, Amber – Chair
Minard, Alex – *by Webex*
Schell, Julie Tritt
Schuler, Dr. David – *by Webex*
Thompson, Mona – *by Webex*
Wade, Dr. Joan – Vice Chair

Members of the Committee not present:

Dalhover, Brian

Other Board members and officers of the corporation present:

Beyerhelm, Chris – Vice President and Chief Administrative Officer
Butler, Stephen – Vice President of Shared Services
Davis, Craig – Vice President of Schools and Libraries
Delmar, Teleshia – Vice President of Audit and Assurance
Francisco, Dale – Chief Financial Officer (Interim)
Gaither, Victor – Vice President of High Cost
Hutchinson, Kyle – Vice President and Chief Information Officer
Kettwich, Dan – Member of the Board – *by Webex*

[1] Draft resolutions were presented to the Committee prior to the Committee meeting. Where appropriate, non-substantive changes have been made to the resolutions set forth herein to clarify language, or to correct grammatical or spelling errors.

Mason, Ken – Member of the Board
O'Brien, Tim – Vice President of Lifeline
Sanborn, Heather – Member of the Board – *by Webex*
Schram, Tim – Member of the Board – *by Webex*
Semmler, Kara – Member of the Board
Sweeney, Mark – Vice President of Rural Health Care
Wein, Olivia – Member of the Board
Wibberly, Dr. Kathy – Member of the Board – *by Webex*
Williams, Erin – Vice President, General Counsel, and Assistant Secretary

Others present:

NAME	**COMPANY**
Campos, Rosy – *by Webex*	Federal Funding Advisors, LLC
Claxton, Naomi	USAC
Goode, Vernell	USAC
Hamm, Aaron	USAC
Hipolito-Choi, Hillary – *by Webex*	USAC
Jimenez, Jennifer – *by Webex*	Kellogg & Sovereign® Consulting
Johnson, Tiffany – *by Webex*	
Kriete, Debra	South Dakota DOE and State E-Rate Coordinators' Alliance
Little, Chris	USAC
McConnell, Beth – *by Webex*	Federal Funding Advisors, LLC
Morgan, Meredith	USAC
Nesbit, Tom	USAC
Nuzzo, Patsy	USAC
Parker, Ben	USAC
Richards, Raquel	USAC
Sadirkhanova, Sabina – *by Webex*	USAC
Schrader, Theresa	Broadband Legal Strategies, LLC
Smith, Chris	USAC
Staurulakis, Chresanthe	USAC
Tiwari, Tanya – *by Webex*	FCC
Weith, Tim	USAC

OPEN SESSION

All materials from ***Open Session*** can be found on the USAC website**.**

a1. Consent Items. Ms. Gregory presented this item for consideration.

A. Approval of Schools and Libraries Committee meeting minutes of April 27, 2026.

B. Approval of moving all ***Executive Session*** items into ***Executive Session***:

(1) **i4**. E-Rate Business Update *(Continued)*. USAC management recommends that this item be discussed in ***Executive Session*** because it relates to ***specific internal controls and/or confidential company data*** that would constitute a discussion of internal rules and procedures.

On a motion duly made and seconded, and after discussion, the Committee adopted the following resolutions:

RESOLVED, that the Schools & Libraries Committee of the USAC Board of Directors hereby approves: (1) the Committee meeting minutes of April 27, 2026; and (2) discussion in ***Executive Session*** of the item noted above.

a2. Approval of Schools and Libraries Support Mechanism 4th Quarter 2026 Programmatic Budget and Demand Projection for July 31, 2026, FCC Filing. Mr. Davis presented this item to the Committee. The presentation included a written report on USAC management's recommendations for the Schools and Libraries Mechanism 4th Quarter 2026 programmatic budget and demand projection for the July 31, 2026 FCC Filing.

On a motion duly made and seconded, and after discussion, the Committee adopted the following resolutions.

RESOLVED, that the USAC Schools & Libraries Committee approves a 4th Quarter 2026 Schools and Libraries Support Mechanism direct program budget of $9.25 million and

RESOLVED FURTHER, that the USAC Schools & Libraries Committee directs USAC staff to submit a collection requirement of $9.25 million for Schools and Libraries Support Mechanism administrative costs in the required July 31, 2026 filing to the Federal Communications Commission on behalf of the Committee; and

RESOLVED FURTHER, that the USAC Schools & Libraries Committee, having reviewed at its meeting on July 27, 2026, the 4th Quarter 2026 Schools and Libraries Support Mechanism demand estimate of $696.85 million, hereby directs USAC staff to proceed with the required July 31, 2026, filing to the Federal Communications Commission on behalf of the

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Committee. USAC staff may make adjustments if the total variance for the Schools and Libraries Support Mechanism is equal to or less than $10 million or may seek approval from the Committee Chair to make adjustments if the total variance is greater than $10 million, but not more than $25 million.

i1. E-Rate Business Update. Mr. Davis presented PowerPoint slides to the Committee covering the following items:

- Q2 2026 Accomplishments
- Funding Year 2026 Observations
- E-Rate Program Updates
- Q3 2026 Plans
- Cybersecurity Pilot Program Update

i2. E-Rate Business Update (*Continued*). This item was provided for *information purposes only*. No discussion was held. Ms. Gregory noted that the Schools and Libraries materials listed below would be made public and posted to the USAC website.

- Roadmap
- Appendix A: Program Metrics
- Appendix B: Glossary of Terms

i3. Information on Five USAC Audit and Assurance Division Schools and Libraries Support Mechanism Beneficiary Audit Reports. This item was provided for *information purposes only*. No discussion was held. Ms. Gregory noted that the Schools and Libraries Audit Briefing Book would be made public and posted to the USAC website.

At 10:35 a.m. Eastern Time, on a motion duly made and seconded, the Committee moved into ***Executive Session*** for the purpose of discussing a confidential item. Only members of the Board, FCC, and USAC staff were present.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

i4. E-Rate Business Update (*Continued*). Mr. Davis presented this item to the Committee that included information on the FCC E-Rate Improvement Order Update.

OPEN SESSION

At 11:09 a.m. Eastern Time, the Committee moved out of ***Executive Session*** and immediately reconvened in ***Open Session***, at which time Ms. Gregory reported that, in ***Executive Session***, the Committee discussed item i4.

On a motion duly made and seconded, the Committee adjourned at 11:10 a.m. Eastern Time.

/s/ Erin Williams
Assistant Secretary

Universal Service Administrative Company
Schools & Libraries Committee Meeting

ACTION ITEM

Approval of Schools and Libraries Support Mechanism 1st Quarter 2027 Programmatic Budget and Demand Projection for the November 2, 2026, FCC Filing

Action Requested

The Schools & Libraries Committee (Committee) of the USAC Board of Directors (Board) is requested to approve a 1st Quarter 2027 (Q1 2027) programmatic budget and demand projection for the Schools and Libraries Support Mechanism for submission to the Federal Communications Commission (FCC) in USAC's November 2, 2026, quarterly filing.

Discussion

On a quarterly basis, USAC is required to submit to the FCC each program's budget[1] and projected demand for the upcoming quarter.[2]

Funding Requirement

USAC estimates the Q1 2027 funding requirement for the Schools and Libraries Support Mechanism as follows:

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[1] *See* 47 C.F.R. § 54.715(c).
[2] *See* 47 C.F.R. § 54.709(a)(3).

Table A. Program Funding Requirement

(in millions)	**Q4 2026**	**Increase/ (Decrease)**	**Q1 2027**	**Notes**
Steady State:				
Program Funding Requirement	$666.25	$0.00	$666.25	See Notes 1 and 2, and Table B
Adjustments	(69.00)	69.00	0.00	See Notes 1 and 2, and Table B
New Requirements:				
N/A	0.00	0.00	0.00	
Total Program Funding Requirement	**$597.25**	**$69.00**	**$666.25**	
Prior Period Adjustments (difference between projections and actuals):				
Billings	11.31	30.45	41.76	
Interest Income	(0.14)	(0.01)	(0.15)	
Bad Debt Expense	(1.53)	(2.41)	(3.94)	
Total Prior Period Adjustments	**$9.64**	**$28.03**	**$37.67**	
USAC Administrative Expenses	**$20.96**	**($1.86)**	**$19.10**	See Table C
Total Funding Requirement	**$627.85**	**$95.17**	**$723.02**	

Note 1: The Program Funding Requirement represents one-quarter of the collections required to meet the projected demand for Funding Year 2026 of $3,264.98 million, net of adjustments for denials and cancellations. Based on FCC guidance, USAC initially carried forward $600 million to offset required collections for Funding Year 2026. The FCC subsequently directed USAC to use an additional $125 million in unused funds for Q3 2026, and $69 million for Q4 2026 to reduce required collections. *See* Table B below for additional details.

Note 2: Table B is an annual schedule that is typically updated once a year for the April Board meeting. Table B has been updated to include the additional $69 million carried forward to offset required collections in Q4 2026.

Table B. Funding Year 2026 Program Funding Requirement and Roll Forward

(in millions)	**Fund Year 2026**
Total Requested (In Window)	$3,515.06
Decrease for Denials/Cancellations (based on 5 yr. average)	(336.50)
Increase for Out of Window Apps (based on 5 yr. average)	86.42
Estimated Demand	**$3,264.98**
Less Roll Forward Available to Offset Collections	
Remaining Available Funds from Prior Fund Year	$746.52
Reserved Funds, Net Change	
a. Pending Applications to Process	($30.07)
b. Unliquidated Obligations (ULOs)	124.11
c. Appeals Reserve - USAC Appeals	(39.89)
d. Appeals Reserve - FCC Appeals	(6.67)
e. Reserve for future use (per FCC guidance)	0.00
f. Unpaid Invoices	0.00
Total Roll Forward	**$794.00**
Funding Year 2026 Collection Requirement	**$2,470.98**

Based on the projected burn rate, USAC estimates the following Q1 2027 programmatic budget:

Table C. Quarterly Programmatic Budget

(in millions)	**Q4 2026 Budget**	**Increase/ (Decrease)**	**Q1 2027 Budget**	**Notes**
Direct Program Costs				
Employee Expenses	$2.51	($0.17)	$2.34	
Professional Services	3.66	(0.06)	3.60	
General & Administrative	0.00	0.02	0.02	See Note 3
Total Direct Program Costs	$6.17	($0.21)	$5.96	
Direct Assigned Costs				
Employee Expenses	$1.01	$0.11	$1.12	
Professional Services	1.49	(0.59)	0.90	
General & Administrative	0.58	0.16	0.74	See Note 3
Total Direct Assigned Costs	**$3.08**	**($0.32)**	**$2.76**	
Total Direct Program & Direct Assigned Costs	**$9.25**	**($0.53)**	**$8.72**	
Common Allocated Costs	**$11.71**	**($1.33)**	**$10.38**	
Total Programmatic Budget	**$20.96**	**($1.86)**	**$19.10**	

Note 3: General & Administrative expenses include computer support & maintenance and meetings & conferences.

A comparison of actual expenditures to the budget for the nine months ending September 30, 2026, is provided in **Attachment 1.**

Recommendation

USAC management recommends that the Committee approve the Q1 2027 budget and projection of demand as proposed.

Recommended Schools & Libraries Committee Actions

APPROVAL OF THE FOLLOWING RESOLUTIONS:

RESOLVED, that the USAC Schools & Libraries Committee approves a 1st Quarter 2027 Schools and Libraries Support Mechanism direct program budget of $8.72 million and

RESOLVED FURTHER, that the USAC Schools & Libraries Committee directs USAC staff to submit a collection requirement of $8.72 million for Schools and Libraries Support Mechanism administrative costs in the required November 2, 2026 filing to the Federal Communications Commission on behalf of the Committee; and

RESOLVED FURTHER, that the USAC Schools & Libraries Committee, having reviewed at its meeting on October 26, 2026, the 1st Quarter 2027 Schools and Libraries Support Mechanism demand estimate of $723.02 million, hereby directs USAC staff to proceed with the required November 2, 2026, filing to the Federal Communications Commission on behalf of the Committee. USAC staff may make adjustments if the total variance for the Schools and Libraries Support Mechanism is equal to or less than $10 million or may seek approval from the Committee Chair to make adjustments if the total variance is greater than $10 million, but not more than $25 million.

ATTACHMENT 1

Schools and Libraries Administrative Costs and Headcount
Comparison of Actual Expenditures and Headcount to the Budget for the
Nine Months Ending September 30, 2026

($ in millions)	FTE Actual	FTE Budget	FTE Variance	YTD Actual	YTD Budget	Variance
Direct Program Costs						
Employee Expenses	64	65	1	$7.02	$7.15	$0.13
Professional Services (Note 4)				10.97	10.97	0.00
General & Administrative (Note 5)				0.03	0.02	(0.01)
Total Direct Program Costs				$18.02	$18.14	$0.12
Direct Assigned Costs						
Employee Expenses	23	19	(4)	$3.11	$2.88	($0.23)
Professional Services (Note 4)				4.21	5.29	1.08
General & Administrative (Note 5)				2.18	2.01	(0.17)
Total Direct Assigned Costs				**$9.50**	**$10.18**	**$0.68**
Total Direct Program & Direct Assigned Costs	**87**	**84**	**(3)**	**$27.52**	**$28.32**	**$0.80**
Common Allocated Costs (Note 6)				**$32.97**	**$31.17**	**($1.80)**
Total Programmatic Budget				**$60.49**	**$59.49**	**($1.00)**

Note 4: Direct Program Professional Services include business process outsourcing (BPO). Direct Assigned Professional Services include E-Rate Productivity Center (EPC) operations & maintenance, beneficiary & contributor audit program audits, and IT contract labor.

Note 5: General & Administrative expenses include computer support & maintenance, printing & postage, and meetings & conferences.

Note 6: Common costs include costs not directly attributable to a program and are allocated based on the Cost Allocation Methodology, which allocates costs based 50% on direct program costs in the prior year and 50% on program demand in the prior year.

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Schools & Libraries Committee Meeting

ACTION ITEM

Consideration of Funding Year 2027 Application Filing Window Dates

Action Requested

The Schools & Libraries Committee (Committee) of the USAC Board of Directors (Board) is requested to authorize USAC to open the Funding Year (FY) 2027 FCC Form 471 application filing window no earlier than January 2027, and to close the window no earlier than March 2027.

Discussion

A Funding Year 2027 filing window, opening no earlier than January 2027 and closing no earlier than March 2027, will provide a reasonable time period for applicants to submit their FCC Form 471 funding applications. The application filing window has typically been opened in the first quarter of the calendar year, which strikes a balance between giving applicants time to complete their competitive bidding reviews and providing USAC time to review the applications so that a substantial number of funding decisions can be issued before the school year starts. While many factors play a role in the timely issuance of funding decisions, a key factor in past funding years has been opening and closing the application filing window in the first quarter.

USAC is requesting approval to open the FY2027 application filing window no earlier than January 2027, and to close the window no earlier than March 2027. This timeframe aligns with the FCC Form 471 application filing window dates over the past few years and will help USAC to issue timely funding commitments.

Section 54.502(f) of the Federal Communications Commission's (FCC) rules mandates that the application filing window cannot open until at least sixty (60) days after the release of the Eligible Services List (ESL) by the FCC.[1] The FCC issued a public notice seeking comments on the proposed Funding Year 2027 ESL on June 30, 2026.[2] The FCC had not issued the FY2027 ESL as of October 07, 2026.

USAC management recommends that the Committee approve the requests discussed in this briefing paper, subject to the requirements of sections 54.507(c) and 54.507(d) of the FCC's rules.

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[1] *See* 47 C.F.R. § 54.502(f).
[2] *See Wireline Competition Bureau Seeks Comment on Proposed Eligible Services List for the E-Rate Program*, WC Docket No. 13-184, Public Notice, DA 26-647 (Jun. 30, 2026).

Recommended Schools & Libraries Committee Action

APPROVAL OF THE FOLLOWING RESOLUTIONS:

RESOLVED, that the USAC Schools & Libraries Committee accepts the recommendation of USAC management to open the Funding Year 2027 application filing window no earlier than January 2027 and to close the Funding Year 2027 FCC Form 471 application filing window no earlier than March 2027, subject to the requirements of sections 54.507(c-d) of the FCC's rules; and

RESOLVED FURTHER, that upon consultation with the Committee Chair, USAC management is authorized to adjust the Funding Year 2027 application filing window opening and closing dates, as circumstances may warrant and in accordance with section 54.507(c) of the FCC's rules.



Schools and Libraries Committee

E-Rate Business Update

Open Session

October 26, 2026

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Agenda

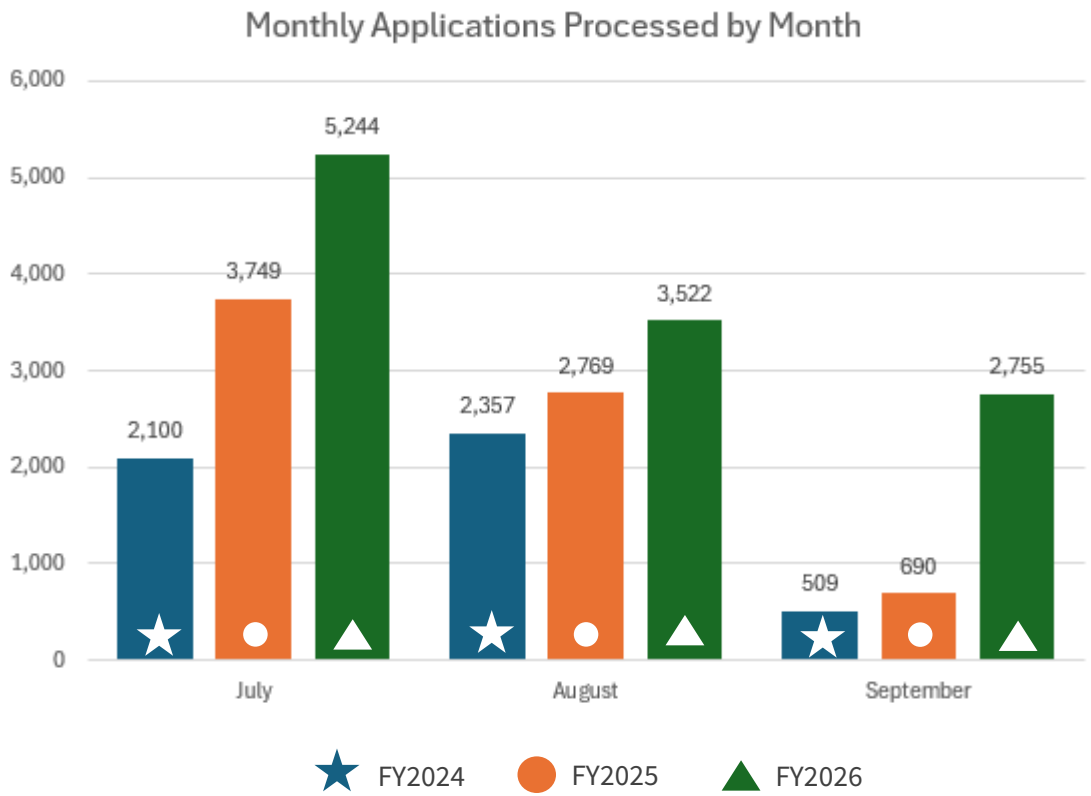
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- Funding Year (FY) 2027 Readiness
- Q4 2026 Plans
- Cybersecurity Pilot Program Update

Q3 2026 Accomplishments

- FY2026 Administration: Processed 86.5 percent (32,790 of 37,890) of FY2026 applications and 61.7 percent of requested dollars ($2,215 million of $ 3,588 million).
  - 64.1 percent of Fiber applications completed (842 of 1,313); 35 percent of requested dollars reviewed ($102 million of $292 million).
  - 68.7 percent of Consortia applications completed (1,337 of 1,946); 26 percent of requested dollars reviewed ($108 million of $409.7 million).
  - 176 Tribal applications submitted in FY2026 requesting $4.53 million; 163 Tribal applications committed for $3.69 million.
- Continue processing remaining workable FY2026 FCC Form 471 applications (5,1000 applications requesting $1,373 million) by December 31.

Q3 2026 Accomplishments (Continued)

- PIA Analysis
  - Pivoted to E-Rate PIA reviews in late June upon completion of Cybersecurity Pilot PIA activities.
  - Continued to close the production gap compared to the prior year PIA funding commitment review velocity.
  - Monthly production for 3Q 2026 was 60% higher than 3Q 2025 (11,521 vs. 7,208).
  - New vendor was onboarded between October 2025 and January 2026.
  - FY2026 committed dollars after 23 funding waves is 0.5 percent behind FY2025 ($2,037 million vs $2,048 million).



Data as of September 30, 2026

Q3 2026 Accomplishments (Continued)

- Authorized disbursements of $643 million for all funding years in Q3 2026 compared with $674.2 million in Q3 2025.
- Training and Outreach
  - USAC held its first 2026 in-person training September 15 in Phoenix and its second in Washington, D.C. on September 24, with over 230 attendees for both including 1,400 views by virtual participants at the D.C. session. The sessions covered current topics in the E-Rate life cycle including submitting FCC Form 471 applications for FY2027, the PIA and selective review processes, responding to PIA inquiries, and next steps after receiving a positive funding decision from USAC.
  - USAC staff attended the Association for Rural & Small Libraries (ARSL) Conference in Montgomery, Alabama, September 16-19 to provide school and library applicants with opportunities to ask questions about program requirements for FY2027.
  - USAC held six webinars in Q3 2026 including webinars on Beginning E-Rate Services, two Open Data sessions, Invoicing for Applicants and Service Providers, FCC Form 470, Competitive Bidding, and an E-Rate Overview.

FY2027 Readiness

- FY2027 FCC Form 471 Filing Window Preparations
  - Opened administrative window on October 21 to allow for entity updates ahead of the FY2027 window
  - EPC system updates for FY2027
- Training and Outreach
  - Conduct training for FY2027 in the fourth quarter
  - Continue Tribal Library E-Rate Assistance Program (T-LEAP) outreach activities
- Administrative Preparations in Progress
  - Deployed FY2027 FCC Form 470 on July 1 (complete)
  - Category Two (C2) budget updates for FY2026-2030 cycle
  - Eligible Services List
  - PIA procedures updates for FY2027
  - FY2027 window filing date approvals

Q4 2026 Plans

- FY2026 Administration
  - Continue working toward target date to complete all workable FCC Form 471 applications by December 31.
- Continue processing prior-year applications, appeals, commitment adjustments, and other program transactions.
- Continue supporting IT development of the Competitive Bidding Portal to be deployed for FY2028.
- Q4 2026 Training
  - Deliver on 2027 E-Rate training plan — including fall training webinars (Category Two Budgets, EPC Admin Window, Post-Commitment, and Invoicing) and filing window training to prepare for FY2027 window opening in January 2027.

Cybersecurity Pilot Program Update

- The Pilot FCC Form 471 application filing window opened on March 18 and closed on September 15, 2025. Applicants submitted 716 Pilot FCC Form 471s, requesting $153.4 million in Pilot Program support.
  - Completed processing Pilot FCC Form 471 applications as of June 30, 2026.
    - 716 applications committed for $129 million.
  - Began receiving post-commitment (PC) requests and invoices in Q2 2026.
    - 338 PC requests received and 332 processed including 48 appeals completed.
    - 2,175 invoice lines submitted and 1,668 processed disbursing $44.9 million.



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Schools and Libraries Committee

E-Rate Business Update

Open Session – Information Only

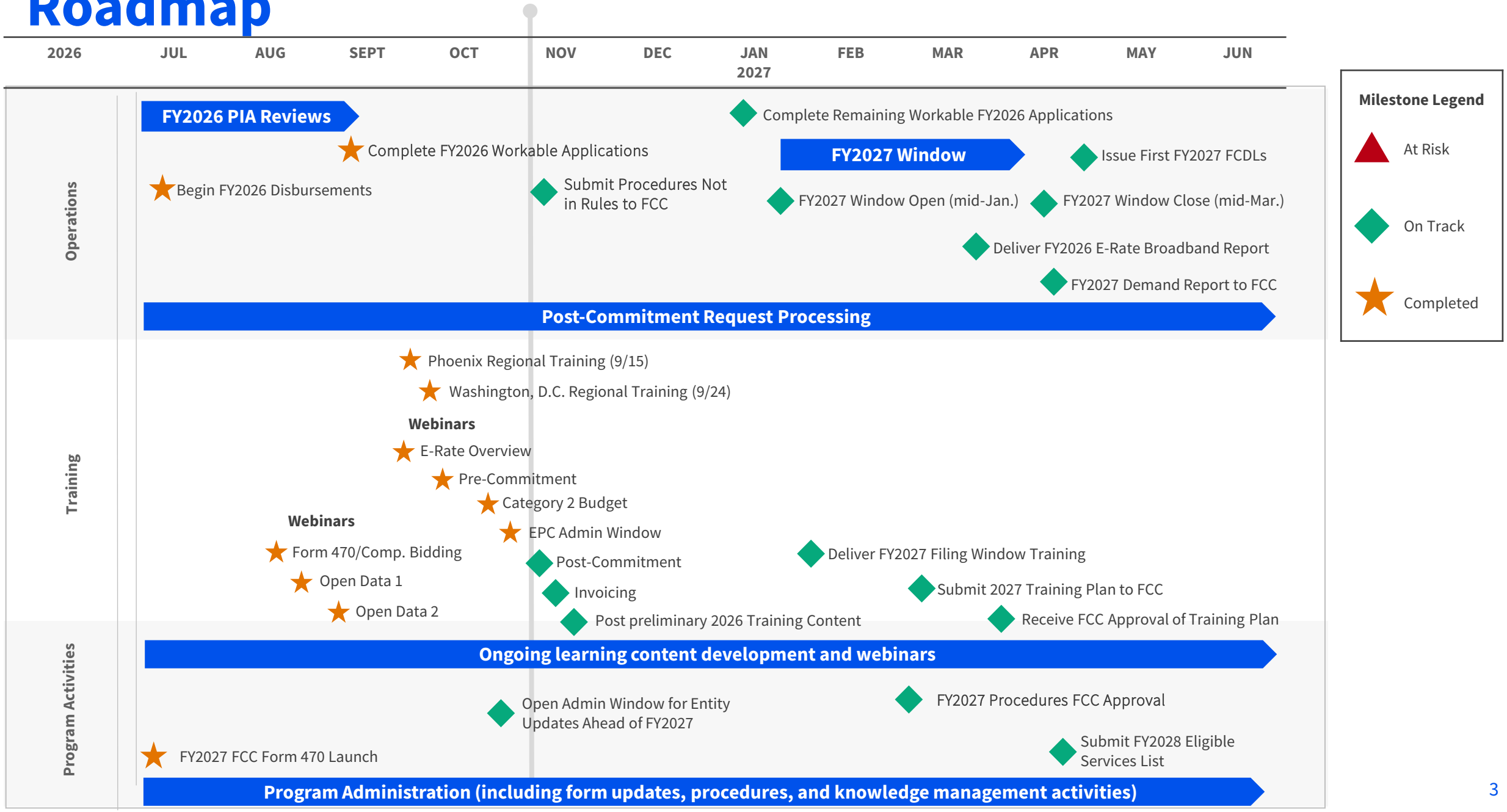
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Roadmap


2026
JUL
AUG
SEPT
OCT
NOV
DEC
JAN 2027
FEB
MAR
APR
MAY
JUN
Operations
FY2026 PIA Reviews
Complete FY2026 Workable Applications
Begin FY2026 Disbursements
Submit Procedures Not in Rules to FCC
Complete Remaining Workable FY2026 Applications
FY2027 Window
Issue First FY2027 FCDLs
FY2027 Window Open (mid-Jan.)
FY2027 Window Close (mid-Mar.)
Deliver FY2026 E-Rate Broadband Report
FY2027 Demand Report to FCC
Post-Commitment Request Processing
Training
Phoenix Regional Training (9/15)
Washington, D.C. Regional Training (9/24)
Webinars
E-Rate Overview
Pre-Commitment
Category 2 Budget
Webinars
EPC Admin Window
Form 470/Comp. Bidding
Post-Commitment
Open Data 1
Invoicing
Open Data 2
Post preliminary 2026 Training Content
Deliver FY2027 Filing Window Training
Submit 2027 Training Plan to FCC
Receive FCC Approval of Training Plan
Program Activities
Ongoing learning content development and webinars
Open Admin Window for Entity Updates Ahead of FY2027
FY2027 Procedures FCC Approval
FY2027 FCC Form 470 Launch
Submit FY2028 Eligible Services List
Program Administration (including form updates, procedures, and knowledge management activities)
Milestone Legend
At Risk
On Track
Completed

Appendix A: E-Rate Program Metrics

E-Rate Pre-Commitment (Data through September 30, 2026)

Fund Year			Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Total
Requested	2026	Demand	33,709	4,373	101		38,183
		Requested Dollars	$3,134,193,810	$459,322,676	$2,180,333		$3,595,696,819
		Avg. Days Outstanding	182	174	44		178
	2025	Demand	37,663	930	146	42	38,781
		Requested Dollars	$3,234,660,304	$75,869,572	$27,042,397	$582,333	$3,338,154,606
		Avg. Days Outstanding	553	515	416	320	509
Committed	2026	Reviewed Apps.	1,185	21,450	11,610		34,245
		Reviewed Dollars	$257,280,289	$1,405,625,787	$909,028,681		$2,571,934,757
	2025	Reviewed Apps.	348	27,649	7,402	1,929	37,328
		Reviewed Dollars	$208,815,690	$1,553,819,667	$852,703,916	$665,724,969	$3,281,064,242

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Appendix A: Program Metrics (Continued)

E-Rate Post-Commitment (Data through September 30, 2026)

			Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Total
Submitted	2026	Invoice Counts	78,552	72,822	70,212		221,586
		Invoice Dollars	$629,634,490	$571,815,313	$793,347,282		$1,994,797,084
	2025	Invoice Counts	70,554	67,167	76,004	65,561	279,286
		Invoice Dollars	$608,200,926	$561,737,764	$835,672,083	$633,285,189	$2,638,895,962
Disbursed	2026	Invoice Counts	71,944	72,155	67,667		211,766
		Invoice Dollars	$410,569,556	$611,432,776	$641,926,533		$1,663,928,865
	2025	Invoice Counts	71,981	68,206	69,731	69,196	279,114
		Invoice Dollars	$559,989,568	$568,298,612	$673,671,357	$596,508,426	$2,398,467,963

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Appendix B: Glossary of Terms

Term	Definition
EPC	E-Rate Productivity Center
FCC	Federal Communications Commission
FAQs	Frequently Asked Questions
FY	Funding Year
PIA	Program Integrity Assurance
SL	Schools and Libraries
USF	Universal Service Fund



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