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Schools and Libraries Cybersecurity Pilot Program

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Funding Commitment Decision Letters

On December 17, 2025, the FCC released the first wave of Funding Commitment Decision Letters (FCDLs) for the Cybersecurity Pilot Program (Pilot Program or Pilot) for over \$18.7 million. Pilot participants who did not receive an FCDL will be included in future commitment waves.

Pilot FCC Form 471 Download Tool Now Available

The [Cybersecurity Pilot FCC Form 471 Download Tool](#) is now available on USAC's Open Data platform. This tool contains Pilot FCC Form 471 data including application statuses, participant details, and funding request and line-item details, such as equipment and services requested and associated costs. Participants and service providers can use this tool to view and export data and check Pilot FCC Form 471 information required to prepare for invoicing.

Invoicing Training and Resources

To assist Pilot participants and service providers with the invoicing process, USAC has published the following user guides and will hold a live training.

- [Pilot FCC Form 472 User Guide](#)
- [Pilot FCC Form 474 User Guide](#)

Invoicing (Pilot FCC Forms 472/474) Webinar

Tuesday, January 27 at 3 p.m. ET – [Register](#)

This webinar will explain the invoicing process for both the Billed Entity Applicant Reimbursement (BEAR) method, in which the participant files the Pilot FCC Form 472 seeking reimbursement from USAC, and the Service Provider Invoice (SPI) method, in which the service provider files the Pilot FCC Form 474 seeking reimbursement from USAC. The webinar will include a walkthrough of how to file these forms in the Cybersecurity Pilot Program Portal, and participants and service providers will have the opportunity to ask questions.

For more information about invoicing, see the [Invoice USAC](#) webpage.

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