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Schools and Libraries Cybersecurity Pilot Program

January 21, 2025

On January 17, 2025, the Federal Communications Commission (FCC) released a [Public Notice](#) announcing the participants selected for the Schools and Libraries Cybersecurity Pilot Program (Pilot or Pilot Program).

By now, you should have received notice from the Schools and Libraries Cybersecurity Pilot Program Portal (Cybersecurity Pilot Program Portal) detailing the acceptance of your application to participate in the Pilot Program. Please continue to check the Cybersecurity Pilot Program Portal throughout the program to complete forms, review and respond to any questions from USAC reviewers, and check the status of your program forms and requests.

USAC will provide ongoing resources and training to help all participants understand the Pilot Program requirements, complete necessary forms, and successfully participate in the program.

Pilot Program Overview

USAC will host a Pilot Program overview training on January 28, 2025, at 3 p.m. E.T. In this session, we will outline program processes, review the program timeline, and share program resources. Please [register](#) to participate in the training.

Competitive Bidding

Most Pilot Program participants must complete a competitive bidding process to identify and request the equipment and services they need for the Pilot, so that potential service providers can review those requests and submit bids in response to them. Participants begin the competitive bidding process by submitting and certifying the Pilot FCC Form 470 in the Cybersecurity Pilot Program Portal. Pilot Program participants must wait at least 28 from the date the Pilot FCC Form 470 is posted on USAC's website before entering into a legally binding agreement or contract with a service provider.

Pilot Program participants can begin the competitive bidding process now. For more information about the process, please visit the [Competitive Bidding webpage](#) on USAC's website.

USAC will host a training on February 4, 2025, at 3 p.m. E.T. to walk participants through the competitive bidding process and highlight key features of the Pilot FCC Form 470. Please [register](#) to participate in the training.

Pilot FCC Form 484 Part 2

All Pilot Program participants completed the Pilot FCC Form 484 Part 1 to indicate their interest in being selected for the Pilot Program. As a selected participant in the Pilot Program, you must complete the second portion of this information collection – the Pilot FCC Form 484 Part 2. The information collected on this form will help the FCC understand the need for cybersecurity support and assess the Pilot Program's effectiveness.

The Pilot FCC Form 484 Part 2 is available in the Cybersecurity Pilot Program Portal now and must be submitted by September 15, 2025, at 11:59 p.m. E.T. Pilot Participants cannot receive a funding commitment decision letter

(FCDL) until their Pilot FCC Form 484 Part 2 is submitted to USAC. Participants who fail to submit a Pilot FCC Form 484 Part 2 will be subject to removal from the Pilot Program.

For more information about the Pilot FCC Form 484 Part 2, please visit [USAC's website](#).

USAC will host a Pilot FCC Form 484 Part 2 training on February 13, 2025, at 3 p.m. E.T. Please [register](#) to participate.

Request Funding

After Pilot participants complete the competitive bidding process and select a service provider, they can request Pilot Program funding using the Pilot FCC Form 471. The application filing window to request funding will run from March 18 at 11:59 a.m. ET through September 15, 2025 at 11:59 p.m. ET. All program participants must submit a Pilot FCC Form 471 during that window to receive Pilot Program funding.

USAC will provide resources and training for the Pilot FCC Form 471 in early March 2025.

Key Dates

January 17, 2025: Pilot FCC Form 470 and Pilot FCC Form 484 Part 2 available in the Cybersecurity Pilot Program Portal.

March 18, 2025: Pilot FCC Form 471 application filing window opens.

September 15, 2025: Pilot FCC Form 471 application filing window closes and Pilot FCC Form 484 Part 2 deadline.

Stay Connected

USAC will share information, resources, and training opportunities throughout the Pilot Program. If you received this email, you are signed up for ongoing program outreach.

If you have additional contacts who you would like to receive information about trainings, program updates, and deadline reminders – or if this email was forwarded to you – please [sign up for program outreach](#). Please note that signing up for email outreach will not change your contact settings in the E-Rate Productivity Center (EPC) or the Cybersecurity Pilot Program Portal.

Need Help? Contact Us!

Call us at (888) 203-8100 Monday through Friday, 8 a.m. to 8 p.m. E.T. or submit a case in EPC.

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