

## Information for FY2020 and FY2021 RHC Program Applicants – HCF Program

If you applied for RHC program funding in funding year (FY) 2020, please read this document carefully to determine which forms you must submit and any additional steps you may need to take in your FY2021 application.

Please note that any applicants seeking funding in FY2021 must still submit a funding request. Be sure to submit during the FY2021 [filing window](#) (January 4 – June 1, 2021).

HCF Program				
Forms you need to submit for FY2021				
If you are....	FCC Form 460	FCC Form 461	FCC Form 462	FCC Form 463
Brand new to the HCF program	✓	✓	✓	✓
An individual HCP or consortium who has been deemed eligible and is seeking single year funding	X	✓	✓	✓
An individual HCP or consortium with an existing evergreen contract	X	X	✓	✓
An individual HCP or consortium awaiting FY2020 evergreen determination	X	✓*	✓*	✓
An individual HCP or consortium seeking evergreen determination for the first time in FY2020	X	✓	✓	✓
An individual HCP or consortium who had evergreen status denied for FY2020, but FY2020 contract itself approved as “non-evergreen”	X	✓	✓	✓
An individual HCP or consortium who had evergreen status denied for FY2020, but FY2020 funding approved	X	✓	✓	✓
An individual HCP or consortium using a competitive bidding exemption (other than an evergreen contract exemption)	X	X	✓	✓

\* FY2020 evergreen contract determination will be found in your FCL once it is issued. Until then, to ensure that you are eligible to receive funding in FY2021, submit a new FCC Form 461 and go through a new competitive bidding process for FY2021. Then, if you decide to submit an FCC Form 462 for FY2021, please provide a cover letter to USAC with an explanation of this process. Be sure to include:

- The HCP number associated with the funding requests,
- The FY2020 FRN associated with your FY2021 request,
- The Contract ID assigned in the system at the time you submitted your FY2020 application, and
- Whether the FY2020 FRN was a multi-year request.

**Important Note:** Submitting this information along with your supporting documentation will allow the RHC reviewers to have visibility about exactly what was done in FY2020 and how the process used in FY2020 relates to your funding request for FY2020. Without an explanation, your FY2020 funding request could be perceived as a duplicate request and denied as such. RHC reviewers will work directly with applicants on specific applications.

Please keep in mind that the filing window to submit Funding Requests Forms (FCC Forms 462 and 466) will open on January 4, 2021 and close on June 1, 2021 at 11:59 EST. **All applicants interested in applying for FY2021 funding should submit their forms within these deadlines, regardless of their FY2020 pending form status.**

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## Information for FY2020 and FY2020 RHC Program Applicants – Telecom Program

If you applied for RHC program funding in funding year (FY) 2020, please read this document carefully to determine which forms you must submit and any additional steps you may need to take in your FY2021 application.

Please note that any applicants seeking funding in FY2021 must still submit a funding request. Be sure to submit during the FY2021 [filing window](#) (January 4 – June 1, 2021).

Telecom Program			
Forms you need to submit for FY2021			
If you are....	FCC Form 465	FCC Form 466	FCC Form 467
Brand new to the Telecom program	✓	✓	✓
An HCP with an existing evergreen contract	X	✓	✓
An HCP awaiting FY2020 evergreen determination	✓	✓*	✓
An HCP who had evergreen status denied for FY2020, but FY2020 funding approved	✓	✓	✓
AN HCP who had their FY2020 funding request denied, even if they are currently under appeal	✓	✓	✓
An HCP using a competitive bidding exemption (other than an evergreen contract exemption)	X	✓	✓

\* FY2020 evergreen contract determination will be found in your FCL once it is issued. Until then, to ensure that you are eligible to receive funding in FY2021, submit a new FCC Form 465 and go through a new competitive bidding process for FY2021. Then when you submit your FCC Form 465 for FY2021, please provide a cover letter to USAC with an explanation of this process. Be sure to include:

- The FY2020 FRN associated with your FY2021 request,
- The HCP number associated with both requests, and
- The Contract ID assigned in the system at the time you submitted your FY2020 application.

**Important Note:** Submitting this information along with your supporting documentation will allow the reviewers to have visibility about exactly what was done in FY2020 and how the process used in FY2020 relates to your funding request for FY2021. Without an explanation, your FY2021 funding request could be perceived as a competitive bidding violation and denied as such. USAC reviewers will work directly with applicants on specific applications.

Please keep in mind that the filing window to submit Funding Requests Forms (FCC Forms 462 and 466) will open on January 4, 2021 and close on June 1, 2021 at 11:59 EST. **All applicants interested in applying for FY2021 funding should submit their forms within these deadlines, regardless of their FY2020 pending form status.**