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RHC Program News for January

Here are all the latest news, timely resources, and helpful reminders for the month of January! Included below are updates on FY2017, announcements on modified filing window dates for FY2018, as well as reminders for important online training sessions geared towards helping applicants in the submission process.

[FCC Notice of Proposed Rule Making Published January 3, 2018](#)

The FCC published their proposed rule in the Federal Register on January 3, 2018. Anyone can

submit a comment to the FCC on this proposed rule. The comment period ends February 2, 2018. Please see [this link](#) for more information.

Update on FY2017 Commitments

FY2017 funding commitment decisions and letters have not yet been released; funding requests are still in review. [This page](#) will be updated when more information is available. Note: Any applicants seeking funding in FY2018 must submit funding requests. Be sure to submit during the FY2018 filing window (February 1 – May 31, 2018).

FY2018 Filing Window Period Update

The filing window period for FY2018 has been extended one month. The filing window period will now last **February 1, 2018 through May 31, 2018**, giving applicants more time to submit their FY2018 funding request forms. For more information please see our FY2018 Filing Window page [here](#).

Submit FY2018 Request for Services Forms Now!

Applicants applying for funding for FY2018 who are going through the competitive bidding process can submit their FCC Form 461 (HCF Program) and FCC Form 465 (Telecom Program) now! The first day to submit these forms is January 1, 2018-- six months before the start of the funding year, which begins July 1, 2018.

Prepare to submit your Request for Services form with the following resources:

- December 2017 Request for Services Best Practices Webinar [recording](#) and [slides](#)
- [RFP Checklist](#) (HCF Program only)
- [Network Plan Checklist](#) (HCF Program only)
- Search Posted Services tool: [HCF Program](#) and [Telecom Program](#)

Rollover of FY2017 HCF Program FCC Forms 461

This year's rollover functionality is a courtesy extended to HCF applicants who completed the Request for Services process, but did not meet the deadline to submit Funding Request forms.

This is a one-time courtesy that, as of now, has not been extended for future funding years. To take advantage of this, those requesting the FCC Form 461 from FY2017 rollover functionality must meet the below requirements. The FCC Form 461 must meet both criteria:

- **HAVE** been submitted for FY2017, and previously reviewed and approved by RHC in FY2017, and
- **NOT** have been used to generate an FCC Form 462 in FY2017

The rollover process will only be applied to the FCC Form 461, and not the FCC Form 462. If applying for HCF Program funding in FY2018, applicants will need to submit a new FCC Form 462 and will have to go through the RHC Program review process.

How to submit your request:

- **Send email to:** rhc-assist@usac.org
- **Subject line of email:** FCC Form 461 Rollover Request App #
- **Include within the email body:** HCP #, FCC Form 461 application #
- Once emailed, the rollover request may take 5-8 business days to review and process.
- If approved, your request will be confirmed via email from an RHC staff member.

Upcoming Trainings

We highly recommend attending the next installment of our online training series, specifically designed to prepare applicants for the FY2018 filing window. These trainings are filled with resources, useful information, best practices, what to expect from the USAC review process.

- **Funding Request Webinar:** Wednesday January 10, 2018 at 2 p.m. ET. Did you know that the first day to submit FY2018 funding request forms is February 1, 2018? Join us in preparation for the FY2018 filing window period. This webinar will focus on the FCC Forms 462 and 466: [Register here](#).

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