E-rate Funding Years – Dates to Remember

USAC Client Service Bureau: 888-203-8100	Application Process			Recurring Services		Non-Recurring Services	
	Form 470 – Competitive Bidding	Form 471 – Application to Request Discounts	Form 486 – Service Start Date + CIPA Certification	Service Dates for Category One or Two	Invoicing Deadline (BEAR/472)	Service Dates for Category Two Purchase/ Installation	Invoicing Deadline (BEAR/472)
Funding Year 2018 (FY 2018-19)	Closed	Closed	120 days from: FCDL or Service Start Date (whichever is later)	**July 1, 2018 to June 30, 2019**	October 28, 2019	April 1, 2018 to Sept. 30, 2019	January 28, 2020
Funding Year 2019 (FY 2019-20)	Closed	Closed	120 days from: FCDL or Service Start Date (whichever is later)	**July 1, 2019 to June 30, 2020**	October 28, 2020	April 1, 2019 to Sept. 30, 2020	January 28, 2021
Funding Year 2020 (FY 2020-21)	**February 26, 2020** Last date to open bidding	**January 15 to March 25, 2020** Form 471 filing window	120 days from: FCDL or Service Start Date (whichever is later)	**July 1, 2020 to June 30, 2021**	October 28, 2021	April 1, 2020 to Sept. 30, 2021	January 28, 2022
Notes	**Most libraries** open competitive bidding each year and must wait at least 28 calendar days to select vendor(s).	**All libraries** must file the Form 471 **every year** to receive a funding commitment.	**All libraries** must file the Form 486 to release funding for invoicing; FCDL = Funding Commitment Decision Letter	Both Category One and Two services may be recurring (ex: monthly internet)	May request one 120-day extension by the deadline	Non-recurring = one-time purchases such as network equipment	May request one 120-day extension by the deadline