

Filing the Emergency Connectivity Fund (ECF) Form 471 – 3rd Window

Lorrie Germann, State E-Rate Coordinator

What is the Emergency Connectivity Fund (ECF)

- \$7.171 passed by Congress passed the American Rescue Plan on 3/11/2021
- Provides funding to schools and libraries to enable remote (off-campus) learning for students, staff and library patrons who lack sufficient internet access and/or connected devices
- Funding not just for schools that are conducting virtual education
 - Intended to help solve Homework Gap as well
 - Anywhere that a student learns when not on school campus
 - Any library patron can benefit (not just students or remote learning)
- ECF Relationship to E-Rate:
 - E-Rate provides *discounts* between 20-90% for *on-campus* connections and *in-building* data transmission equipment
 - ECF covers 100% of cost up to cap for *off-campus* use
 - ECF uses same EPC log-in credentials, but has entirely different rules, eligible services/equipment and deadlines

ECF Windows 1 & 2

- Application Windows 1 & 2 covered unmet needs from July 1, 2021 –June 30, 2022
 - Equipment/services had to be received on/after July 1, 2021
 - Orders were permitted to be *placed* prior to July 1, 2021
- FCC extended this cycle through June 30, 2023
 - New FY 2021 eligible dates: 7/1/2021 –6/30/2023
 - Only 12 months of Internet access permitted during this 24-month period
- Reimbursement deadline for Windows 1 & 2 is August 29, 2023
- A total of \$5.8B was requested
 - \$4.7B committed to date
 - \$558M disbursed to date
- At least \$1B remains and will be available in **ECF Window 3**

ECF Window 3

- Window 3 Application Window:
 - **April 28, 2022 –May 13, 2022**
- Application Window 3 will cover unmet needs from:
 - **July 1, 2022 –December 31, 2023**
 - Equipment/services must be received on/after July 1, 2022
 - Orders may be placed prior to July 1, 2022
- Only 12 months of Internet access permitted during this 18-month period
 - Cannot overlap service months from Windows 1 & 2
- Applicants that received funding in Windows 1 & 2 can apply for additional funding **if unmet needs remain**
- Reimbursement deadline for Window 3 is **February 29, 2024**
- All other eligibility/rules remain the same as Windows 1 & 2
- Will likely be last ECF application window unless Congress appropriates more \$

Funding Process – Next Steps

Funding Priority:

- If the demand exceeds the amount of available funds, applications will be funded in order of priority based on:
 - Location (rural or urban)
 - Highest E-Rate discount rate funded first
 - Rural schools/libraries funded before urban
 - Rural locations will receive a 5% “bump” in priority

	Emergency Connectivity Fund Prioritization Matrix	
	Discount Level	
% of students eligible for National School Lunch Program	Urban	Rural
< 1.....	⑫ 20	⑪ 30
1-19.....	⑩ 40	⑨ 55
20-34.....	⑧ 50	⑦ 65
35-49.....	⑥ 60	⑤ 75
50-74.....	④ 80	③ 85
75-100.....	② 90	① 95

Who Is Eligible to Apply

- All schools and libraries eligible for E-Rate funding are eligible for ECF
 - Not required to currently participate in E-rate
- All ECF forms are filed in USAC's One Portal System (where EPC is housed)
- Organization must have up-to-date registration in federal SAM.gov system
 - Registration is not required to be completed at the ECF Form 471 application stage but must be done before an ECF reimbursement can be received
 - **If using the SPI method, this is not required by the school/library**
 - All ECF reimbursements will be made to bank account connected to SAM.gov account (not account listed on E-Rate Form 498)
 - All ECF reimbursement deposit notifications will be sent to SAM.gov contact (not ECF contact), so be sure this contact info is accurate
 - SAM.gov registration is free (don't pay a fee to someone to do it)

*All **E-Rate** and ECF applicants will need a SAM.gov registration in the near future, more to come on that down the road!!

Application Process

- No E-Rate bidding requirements
 - **NO** Form 470!!
 - May request a quote from vendor for new hardware and/or service to show cost, or use an existing bill for current recurring service
 - Contracts are not required under the ECF Program rules
 - You must follow any state/local procurement rules
- Vendors are not required to have a SPIN to participate (we'll talk about exceptions to this).

What is Eligible for ECF

Eligible Services/Locations:

- Anywhere education occurs off-campus (homes, Community centers, Churches, etc.)
- Includes school buses and bookmobiles
- Network buildout if no commercial service offered
 - Applicant must document need
 - Equipment/services **may not be purchased solely for use at school or library**; however, the devices may be brought to the school/library

Recipients:

- K-12 students, teachers, paraprofessionals with Unmet Needs
- Library patrons with Unmet Needs
- “Unmet Need” – the person who does not otherwise have “sufficient” internet access or access to a connected device to engage in remote learning when off campus

What is Eligible for ECF

Broadband Services:

- 1 hotspot/user
- 1 fixed connection/home
- Monthly recurring service costs
- No minimum standards for speeds/service
- **Recipients of Windows 1 & 2 ECF can apply for continuation of internet services in Window 3**
 - Cannot overlap months
 - ECF Windows 1 & 2 will pay for 12 months of service between 7/1/2021 –6/30/2023
 - Window 3 will pay for **12 months** of service between 7/1/2022 – 12/31/2023
- In Form 471 Narrative list:
 - Windows 1 and/or 2 FRN numbers and actual service delivery dates
 - Window 3 requested service delivery dates

What is Eligible for ECF

Equipment:

- Wi-Fi hotspots
 - \$250 cap on Wi-Fi hotspots (this does not apply to Wi-Fi hardware for buses)
 - Cap does not include monthly internet service costs
 - Cap does not apply if the hot spot is serving multiple users, such as a school bus location.
 - Explain in FRN narrative that X number of users are being served
- Modem/routers
- Laptops/tablets up to \$400
 - One device per student/staff allowed
 - No allowance for breakage or spares
 - No applicant budgets like Category 2
 - Chromebook licenses and manufacturer warranties are eligible but only if they are bundled with the cost of the laptop (cannot be a separate cost)

Reimbursement Options

BEAR Method:

- 100% reimbursement after purchase of eligible service/equipment
 - May purchase prior to ECF funding decision – but it's a gamble!
- **“Pre-reimbursement”** option – reimbursement prior to equipment purchase
 - Helpful so you're not carrying project cost
 - Requires waiting on ECF funding decision
 - Will be required to show purchasing decision/contract
 - Must send funds on to provider within 30 days

SPI Method:

- Service provider files for reimbursement
 - You will need to indicate on Form 471 your preference, **and**
 - Show service provider's willingness to filing the SPI
 - Service providers are not required to agree
 - Only providers with a SPIN will be able to file a SPI

FCC FAQ's



Eligible Equipment and Services:

Q: Is a license to use a connected device eligible for ECF support?

A: Licenses included in the base price of the connected devices are eligible for support and do not require cost allocation, but separately priced licenses are **ineligible** for ECF funding.

Q: Can a school or library seek ECF support to implement filtering services on their computers?

A: No. The costs of implementing CIPA compliance are not eligible for reimbursement through the ECF Program.

Q: Will the ECF Program support installation and configuration performed by a third-party vendor that is different from the vendor that sold the equipment to the applicant?

A: No. Installation and configuration costs will only be eligible for ECF support if they are provided by the same vendor that is providing the eligible equipment.

Q: Do eligible connected devices need to be capable of connecting to a cellular service (LTE or 5G)?

A: No. While laptop computers and tablet computers must be capable of connecting to broadband internet in order to be eligible for funding as a connected device, they do not need to be capable of connecting via a cellular service.

Q: Are Chromebooks and iPads eligible as connected devices?

A: Yes. Chromebooks may be requested under the laptop equipment category.

Ineligible ECF Items

- Desktops
- Smartphones
- Spare equipment/parts
- Software
- Filtering
- Firewalls/services
- Backup power equipment
- VPN licenses
- White Glove installation
- Microphones (stand-alone)
- Cameras (stand-alone)
- Accessories (bags, headsets, etc.)
- Technical support
- Accidental device protection or insurance-type warranties
 - Warranties up to 3 years that are bundled at no cost are eligible
- Remote learning subscriptions (Zoom)

Duplicate funding prohibition: Applicants cannot seek ECF funding for equipment or service that have already been or will be purchased with other targeted pandemic funding

Eligible Equipment and Services:

Q: Can applicants prepay and seek support for multi-year contracts?

A: No. Applicants may only seek support for up to 12 months of the monthly costs of services delivered between July 1, 2022, and December 31, 2023. Approved applicants may not seek reimbursement until after the services have been delivered.

Q: Can applicants pre-pay for a year of services and seek reimbursement as soon as they have a funding commitment?

A: No. Approved applicants cannot invoice for services that have not yet been received.

Q: Who owns the equipment purchased with ECF support?

A: Schools and libraries, as the applicants, will own the equipment purchased with ECF support.

FCC FAQs/Clarifications

Unmet Need:

Q: How should applicants determine their unmet needs?

A: The FCC has not prescribed a specific way for applicants to go about estimating what they will need to address unmet needs.

In the case of schools, applicants should provide their best estimates about the number of students who did not have access to adequate connected devices, broadband connections, or both when the pandemic began; the number of students who do not currently have adequate access; and how the applicant expects those numbers to change with the requested ECF Program support.

While the FCC has not dictated specific data collection requirements for estimating the unmet for students, schools must describe **how and when** they collected the information that they use for the estimates provided in their responses.

There is no such data collection requirement for libraries to estimate the unmet need for library patrons. However, both **schools and libraries must certify that they are seeking support for eligible equipment and/or services for students, school staff, and/or library patrons that would otherwise lack adequate access.**

Q: I don't know exactly how many students lack broadband access at home. What should I do?

A: At the application stage, schools just need best estimates of their unmet need to request funding.

When it is time to invoice, schools may only request ECF reimbursement for services that fulfilled an actual unmet need of a student or staff member, consistent with the application certification. Schools may also be asked to provide documentation to support actual costs of services to those students and staff after funds have been committed.

FCC FAQs/Clarifications

Unmet Need:

Q: Could a school district use the district's National School Lunch Program (NSLP) percentage, or other publicly available data to provide best estimates on its ECF FCC Form 471 application, and then collect a certification from students or staff before seeking reimbursement for the device or service?

A: Yes. Again, only best estimates of the unmet need are required for schools at the time they submit their application. It is up to the school to determine how to estimate need. Schools may also be asked to provide documentation to support actual costs of assigned equipment and/or services after funds have been committed. **A student or staff certification collected after the application but before receiving service/equipment may be an appropriate way to ensure the school is only seeking reimbursement for those students and staff with unmet need.**

Q: What will school applicants need related to unmet need at the different stages of the ECF Program process (e.g., application, invoicing, or audits)?

A: At the application stage, schools just need best estimates of their unmet need. They may use whatever method they deem appropriate for estimating unmet need and are not required to provide any documentation to support these estimates when they submit their ECF FCC Form 471 application.

When schools file for reimbursement, they should only request reimbursement for eligible equipment and services provided to students or staff who would otherwise lack broadband services and/or devices sufficient to engage in remote learning.

All applicants should also maintain documentation supporting their compliance with ECF Program rules.

Sample Needs Survey

1. Does each school-age child in the home have access to a device for learning online (this does not include a smartphone)?
 - ☐ Yes
 - ☐ No
 - If no, how many devices would be needed? _____
2. If a device is available, what type of technology is it? (check all that apply)
 - ☐ Desktop PC
 - ☐ Laptop
 - ☐ iPad
 - ☐ Android tablet
 - ☐ Chromebook
 - ☐ Other (please specify) _____
3. What type of Internet access do you have at home?
 - ☐ Broadband (fiber, cable modem, DSL, satellite, etc.)
 - ☐ Dial-up
 - ☐ Only have access to the Internet on my cell phone
 - ☐ Mobile hotspot
 - ☐ Do not have access to the Internet
4. If you have Internet access, is it adequate to allow remote learning for **all** students in the household concurrently?
 - ☐ Yes
 - ☐ No

Name of individual completing the survey: _____

Name of student: _____ Grade level: _____

Name of student: _____ Grade level: _____

Name of student: _____ Grade level: _____

Name of student: _____ Grade level: _____

Sample Library Hotspot Agreement

Hotspot Lending Agreement

Guidelines for Borrowing and Use Outside of the Library

Patrons must be **16 years of age or older** and must read, understand, and sign this agreement at the Circulation Desk in the presence of a library staff member **each time** a Mobile Hotspot is checked out.

Patrons under the age of 18 **MUST** have a **signature from a parent/guardian** to check out a Mobile Hotspot. A **valid library account** AND a **valid photo identification** must be presented at the time of checkout.

Patrons must be in good standing with the library, with a **current address** on file and **no fines above \$5**.

Mobile Hotspots may be checked out for **four weeks** with **no renewals**.

Hotspots **MUST BE RETURNED TO A STAFF MEMBER AT THE CIRCULATION DESK**, and **NOT** placed in the **book drop**.

Overdue Mobile Hotspots will be **deactivated** within **24 hours** of the due date.

Fines and Liability

- The overdue fine for the Hotspot and its components is **\$2.00 per day until returned**.
- **The patron is responsible for costs associated with loss, theft, or damage of the Mobile Hotspot and/or peripherals.**
- Abuse of the Mobile Hotspot program will result in a **loss of borrowing privileges**.

Mobile Hotspot Replacement Costs

Mobile Hotspot Unit...\$192

Power Adapter/Cord...\$25

Case... \$10

Total Replacement Cost: \$227

I agree to abide by the guidelines as stated above, and pay any overdue fines, \$2.00 per day until returned. I understand that if I return the Mobile Hotspot to a book drop, or to another library, I will be charged a \$25 fine, and I agree to pay full replacement costs should the Mobile Hotspot be lost, stolen, or damaged. I understand that abuse of the Mobile Hotspot program may result in the loss of my borrowing privileges. I have read this entire document and my signature below indicates my agreement to the terms and conditions outlined above **and my need of the hotspot is due**

to a lack of adequate Internet access I understand that the Mobile Hotspot does **not** provide content filtering and I accept the responsibility to monitor any minor who may access the Internet via this hotspot.:

Library Card # _____ Device Serial Number: _____

Phone# _____ Mailing Address: _____

Print Name _____ Signature _____

Parent /Guardian Print Name (For Patrons under 18) _____ Signature _____

FCC FAQs/Clarifications

Eligible Uses:

Q: Which school staff are eligible to receive equipment and services eligible for ECF support?

A: School staff that provide educational services to students, such as teachers and para-professionals that work with students in the classroom, **including the virtual classroom**, are eligible to receive ECF-funded equipment and services.

Q: For parked school buses or other multi-user locations, are other members of the community, besides students and school staff, permitted to use the internet access?

A: No, other members of the community are not permitted to use the services. Internet access must be primarily used for educational purposes and is limited to intended users.

Q: Can an applicant request funding for connected devices or Wi-Fi hotspots for all of its students as part of a 1:1 device initiative?

A: No. Applicants must certify, as part of their funding application, that they are only seeking support for eligible equipment and services provided to students and school staff who would otherwise lack access to connected devices or broadband services.

FCC FAQs/Clarifications

CIPA Requirements:

Q: Do the Children’s Internet Protection Act (CIPA) requirements apply for all equipment that is eligible for ECF support?

A: No. CIPA requirements apply **only to school- or library-owned computers** (e.g., tablets and laptops), and **only when the school or library receives ECF or E-Rate support** for internet access or internet services, or E-Rate support for internal connections.

We correct an earlier version of this FAQ to make clear that while CIPA does not impose any requirements on Wi-Fi hotspot devices, the purchase through ECF of such Wi-Fi hotspots would qualify as network equipment and would require CIPA compliance for the **school’s or library’s computers**.

Q: Do CIPA requirements apply if a school or library owns computers (regardless of how the computers were funded) and receives ECF or E-Rate support for internet service?

A: Yes. CIPA requirements apply to school- or library-owned computers when the school or library receives ECF or E-Rate support for internet access or internet services, or E-Rate support for internal connections—or network equipment for internet access, internet service, or internal connections.

Q: If a school or library that is not currently participating in the E-Rate program already owns computers when it applies for ECF funding for the broadband connections, should the school or library certify to CIPA compliance?

A: Yes. To receive ECF funding, an applicant must certify either that its devices are in compliance with CIPA requirements or, at a minimum, that it is undertaking the actions necessary to comply with CIPA requirements.

CIPA Requirements:

Q: Do CIPA requirements apply to a student-, school staff-, or library patron-owned computer if it uses an ECF-funded broadband connection?

A: No. CIPA does not apply to the use of third-party owned devices, even if the school or library receives ECF support for the broadband connection.

Q: If applicants have not yet certified to CIPA compliance for FY2021 in the E-Rate program, will they be required to certify their CIPA compliance status on their ECF application?

A: Yes. Applicants that have not certified their compliance in an FCC Form 486 or FCC Form 479 for the current funding year in the E-Rate program will be asked to certify their CIPA compliance status on the ECF FCC Form 471.

Q: Can a school or library seek ECF support to implement filtering services on their computers?

A: No. The costs of implementing CIPA compliance are not eligible for reimbursement through the ECF Program.

Record Retention Requirements :

Q: Do I need to modify my library inventory system to track all of the required recordkeeping data in a single report?

A: No. While a library is responsible for retaining all of the information required by the Commission's rules, it does not need to be managed or maintained in a particular format. Libraries can determine how they format, extract and save the required data.

Q: Do schools and libraries need to keep documentation of the specific students, school staff, or library patrons who receive ECF-supported service or equipment?

A: Applicants do need to document the students, school staff, and library patrons served at each location and must retain that information for at least 10 years from the last date of service or delivery of equipment. To the extent Commission or USAC staff needs access to this information, for example, for audit purposes, they will request and safeguard this information in accordance with the applicable privacy laws and guidance, including using de-identified and anonymized information whenever possible.

Q: Are applicants obligated to repair devices that break before the three-year mark?

A: No. However, it is the obligation of schools and libraries to keep track of and document the devices and other equipment that they distribute, and that includes documenting information about missing, lost, or damaged equipment.

Record Retention Requirements :

Q: What would a public library need to do if a patron moves and does not return an ECF-funded connected device?

A: The library must keep track of and document the devices and other equipment that they distribute, and that includes documenting information about missing, lost, or damaged equipment. Libraries can establish their own policies around missing, lost, or damaged equipment and patron responsibilities.

8.5 Q: What documents am I required to retain and for how long do I need to keep them?

As part of the record retention requirements established in the Order, we require applicants to retain for 10 years asset inventories for each connected device or other piece of equipment provided to an individual student, school staff member, or library patron. The asset inventory must identify: 1) the device or equipment type; 2) the device or equipment make/model; 3) the device or equipment serial number; 4) the full name of the person to whom the device or other piece of equipment was provided; and 5) the dates the device or other piece of equipment was loaned out and returned, or the date the school or library was notified that the device or other piece of equipment was missing, lost, or damaged.

Applicants must also retain a record of services purchased with ECF support. The record of services must include the following information: (a) type of service provided (i.e., DSL, cable, fiber, fixed wireless, satellite, mobile wireless); (b) broadband plan details, including: upload and download speeds and monthly data cap; (c) the name(s) of the person(s) to whom the service was provided; and for fixed broadband service; (d) the service address, and (e) the installation date of service: and (f) the last date of service (as applicable).

Invoicing Process:

Q: Do approved applicants that receive recurring monthly services need to submit invoices within 60 days of each monthly invoice?

A: No. For recurring services that are invoiced on a monthly or periodic basis, approved applicants may invoice within 60 days of the last date of service (i.e., they must invoice at least once by August 30, 2023, for services received through June 30, 2023).

Q: What should an applicant or service provider submit along with a request for reimbursement (ECF Form 472/474)?

A: Each request for reimbursement must be accompanied by a vendor invoice supporting the amount requested. Vendor invoices must include the level of detail needed for USAC to validate the following information during its review of this supporting documentation.

- A date of the service for non-recurring charges, or a bill date for recurring charges that is consistent with what was entered on the ECF Form 472/474.
- A date of the service or bill that is acceptable based on the relevant funding period.
- The equipment or services provided are the same as what was approved on the ECF Form 471 (unless modified pursuant to an approved post-commitment change) and are at or below the price approved on the ECF FCC Form 471.
- The service provider who provided the equipment or services is the same as the service provider approved on the ECF FCC Form 471

Application Process

1. Determine “unmet needs”
2. Obtain vendor quotes (contracts not required)
3. Submit ECF Form 471 in the One Portal system between **April 28 – May 13, 2022**
4. USAC will review all applications submitted “in-window” and size demand to determine which applications can be funded
 - Applicants may receive PIA inquiries, just like E-Rate
5. Funding Commitment Decision Letters (FCDL) will be issued in bi-weekly waves
 - No Form 486 required
6. Obtain signed Unmet Needs Statements
7. Deliver/loan equipment/services
8. Applicants or vendors seek reimbursement from ECF Fund
9. Funds deposited into school/library/vendor bank accounts connected to SAM.gov

Filing the ECF Form 471

The image shows a composite of two screenshots from the Universal Service Administrative Co. (USAC) website. The top screenshot shows the homepage with the 'Sign In' button highlighted by a red box and a red circle with the number '1'. The bottom screenshot shows the login form with the 'Sign In' button highlighted by a red box and a red circle with the number '2'. To the right, a 'Dashboard' section is shown with a red circle with the number '3' highlighting the 'Emergency Connectivity Fund (ECF)' option. The dashboard also includes a banner about supply chain orders, 'Upcoming Dates' for FY2022 FCC Form 470, and sections for 'Schools and Libraries' and 'Emergency Connectivity Fund (ECF)'.

Universal Service Administrative Co.

Subscribe Payments Open Data **Sign In**

About ▾ **E-rate ▾** Rural Health Care ▾ Lifeline ▾ High Cost ▾ Service Providers ▾

2

Username

Password

[Forgot password?](#)

You are accessing a portal to Universal Service Administrative Company (USAC) systems used to administer participation in the federal Universal Service programs in compliance with 47 C.F.R. Part 54. Access to the systems is provided solely to USAC-authorized users for USAC-authorized business purposes. By logging in, you represent that you are an authorized user. Use of this system indicates acceptance of the terms and conditions governing the USAC systems. USAC monitors user access and content for compliance with applicable laws and policies. Use of the system may be recorded, read, searched, copied and/or captured and is also subject to audit. Unauthorized use or misuse of this system is strictly prohibited and subject to disciplinary and/or legal action.

☐ Click the box to accept

By signing in, I accept the [terms and conditions](#) of the USAC system.

Sign In

Dashboard

1

In accordance with the Supply Chain orders, new certifications have been added to the following forms: RHC - FCC Form 463 and High Cost & Lifeline - FCC Form 481. Service providers are required to submit these annual certifications. For additional info

Upcoming Dates

07/01 2021

FY2022 FCC Form 470 Becomes Available

Schools and Libraries

E-rate Productivity Center (EPC) - E-rate Program participants use the E-rate Productivity Center to manage program processes, receive notifications and to contact customer service.

FCC Form 472 (BEAR) - Applicants file an FCC Form 472 (Billed Entity Applicant Reimbursement (BEAR) Form) to request reimbursement from USAC for the discount amount of the eligible products or services that the applicant has received and paid for in full.

3

Emergency Connectivity Fund (ECF) - Emergency Connectivity Fund participants use the ECF Portal to submit applications for reimbursement and review notifications regarding their program activities.

Go to <https://www.usac.org/e-rate/> and click on “Sign In” and log into OnePortal. You should now see the “Emergency Connectivity (ECF)” option listed. Click to select.

Filing the ECF Form 471

DASHBOARD

CUSTOMER SERVICE

Good Afternoon
Lorrie Smith

My Organizations

My Forms and Requests

My Pending Tasks

15:43

Window closes in 4 days 8 hours 16 minutes

Search Applicant Entities

SEARCH

BEN	BEN Name	City	State	Entity Type	ACTIONS
123456	ABC Local School District	WAVERLY	OH	School District	

To start an application, click on the “Actions” pull-down and then “File FCC Form 471”. Depending on your browser, the application may open in a new tab.

If you leave the application before completing it, click on “My Pending Tasks” and then on the “Create FCC Form 471” hyperlink.

My Organizations

My Applications

My Pending Tasks

Pending Task	BEN	BEN Name	Application Number	Application Nickname
Create FCC Form 471 (Ben: 125213) - ECF202100912	123456	ABC Local School District	ECF202100912	Test ECF Application

Filing the ECF Form 471

Summary ECF Forms **Related Actions**

FCC Form 471 - Emergency Connectivity Fund

ABC Local School District (BEN 123456) - FY2021 ECF Application

LAST SAVED

Basic Information Entity Information Funding Requests Certify

We've completed this section of the form based on information from your entity profile in the E-Rate Productivity Center (EPC). You cannot edit the information on this screen. If you wish to change the information, please use the Funding Request Number (FRN) narrative text field to inform us of your requested changes.

[FCC Notice Required By The Paperwork Reduction Act \(OMB Control Number: 3060-1286\)](#)

Billed Entity Information

ABC Local School District
123 Main St.
Waverly, OH 45609
740-555-1212

Billed Entity Number: 123456
FCC Registration Number: 0020716692
Applicant Type: School District

Application Nickname

Please enter an application nickname here. *

FY2021 ECF Application

Contact Information

Are you the main contact person?

YES ☒ NO ☐

Lorrie Smith
lorrie.smith@abcshool.org
740-555-1212

Holiday / Summer Contact Information

Please provide any alternate contact information to use during holiday/vacation period including the name of any alternate contact person and how best to reach them:

[DISCARD FORM](#) [SAVE & CONTINUE](#)

Start by entering a nickname, whatever you choose it to be.

Click “Yes” for main contact to populate your information. Provide alternate contact information so you can be reached over the holiday/summer break.

Click on “Save & Continue”.

Filing the ECF Form 471

Summary ECF Forms **Related Actions**

FCC Form 471 - Emergency Connectivity Fund

ABC Local School District (BEN 123456) - FY2021 ECF Application

Last Saved: 6/29/2021 3:48 PM EDT

Basic Information Entity Information Funding Requests Certify

We've completed this section of the form based on information from your entity profile in EPC. You cannot edit the information on this screen. If you wish to change the information, please use the FRN narrative text field to inform us of your requested changes.

Entity Information

Billed Entity Number	Billed Entity Name	Total Student Count	Urban or Rural
123456	ABC Local School District	1256	Rural

[BACK](#) [DISCARD FORM](#) **SAVE & CONTINUE**

The form will show a summary of the district/school, indicating Total Student Count and your Urban/Rural status. Click on “Save & Continue”.

***Libraries do not see these questions!**

Demonstrating Need

FCC Form 471 - Emergency Connectivity Fund

ABC Local School District (BEN 123456) - FY2021 ECF Application

Last Saved: 6/29/2021 3:49 PM EDT

Basic Information

Entity Information

Funding Requests

Certify

Information for Unmet Student Needs

Based on whatever information you have available to you, please provide your best estimates in responses to the following questions.

At the start of the pandemic, how many students in your school or school district lacked access to:

▶ A connected device (laptop or tablet) that was sufficient to engage in remote learning *

0

▶ A broadband connection that was sufficient to engage in remote learning *

127

▶ Both a connected device and a broadband connection that were sufficient to engage in remote learning *

0

During the 2020-2021 school year, how many students in your school or school district did you provide:

▶ A connected device, because they otherwise would not have had a connected device that was sufficient to engage in remote learning? *

0

▶ A broadband connection, because they otherwise would not have had a broadband connection that was sufficient to engage in remote learning? *

127

▶ Both a connected device and a broadband connection, because they otherwise would not have had a connected device or a broadband connection that was sufficient to engage in remote learning? *

120

With the funding you are requesting from the Emergency Connectivity Fund Program, how many students in your school or school district will you provide with:

▶ A connected device, because they would otherwise not have a connected device that is sufficient to engage in remote learning? *

0

▶ A broadband connection, because they otherwise would not have had a broadband connection that was sufficient to engage in remote learning? *

127

▶ Both a connected device and a broadband connection, because they otherwise would not have had a connected device or a broadband connection that was sufficient to engage in remote learning? *

0

Include number of teachers if asking for device/service for them

To demonstrate “Need”, provide the number of connected devices, broadband connections, and combination of device/broadband connections for each scenario. Do not duplicate counts. Enter zeros if none, you can’t leave the fields blank.

Demonstrating Need

Even after receiving the funding that you are requesting from the Emergency Connectivity Fund Program, how many students in your school or school district will lack access to:

▶ A connected device that is sufficient to engage in remote learning *	230
▶ A broadband connection that is sufficient to engage in remote learning *	0
▶ Both a connected device and a broadband connection that is sufficient to engage in remote learning *	0

Please describe the steps you have taken to collect the data responsive to these questions and the timing of any data collections or needs assessments you conducted that inform your answers to these questions. If you have relevant documents, please upload them here. *

Families were surveyed prior to the start of the 2020-2021 school year when it was realized that due to the pandemic, we would not be able to return to school on-site. Based on that survey we provided 127 Chromebooks and hot spot devices to students qualifying for NSLP at our high school who lacked sufficient access. While there were other students that needed assistance outside of NSLP students at the high school, that was the maximum the district could afford at the time. Based on the last survey results and the ongoing demand from families in the district, we have estimated the quantity requested above.

Document	Uploaded On
No items available	

[Upload Document](#)

[BACK](#) [DISCARD FORM](#) [SAVE & CONTINUE](#)

Provide an explanation as to how and when you collected the data to determine need. If you applied in Window 1 and/or 2, explain who will be served by Window 3 requests

If you have documentation to support the need, click on “Upload Document”, but it’s not required. **Be sure to redact any personally identifiable information!!!**

Adding a Funding Request

FCC Form 471 - Emergency Connectivity Fund

ABC Local School District (BEN 123456) - FY2021 ECF Application

Last Saved: 6/29/2021 4:36 PM EDT

Basic Information Entity Information **Funding Requests** Certify

This page displays all of the funding requests for this application. From here you can create a new FRN, or edit or remove an existing FRN.

Funding Requests

FRN	Nickname	Service Type	FRN Calculation
You haven't created any Funding Requests (FRNs) yet. Click the "ADD FRN" button to start creating your first FRN.			

ADD FRN EDIT FRN REMOVE FRN

BACK DISCARD FORM REVIEW FCC FORM 471

To create a funding request, click on “Add FRN”

If you are requesting both broadband service and equipment, even if from the same provider, you will need to create separate funding requests.

Heads-Up: Because ECF does not require a Service Provider to have a SPIN (Identification Number), you can search for a company by name, and then manually enter their information. We'll see that on the Equipment request.

Adding a Services Funding Request

FCC Form 471 - Emergency Connectivity Fund

ABC Local School District (BEN 123456) - FY2021 ECF Application Form# ECF202100605

Last Saved: 6/29/2021 4:36 PM EDT

Basic Information

Entity Information

Funding Requests

Certify

Funding Request Key Information

Please enter a Funding Request Nickname here *

Cellular Data Plans/Hotspots

Enter a nickname for the funding request – whatever you choose

18/25

Service Type

What are the types of the products or services that you are requesting? *

Services

-- Please select a value --

Equipment

Services

Click on the pull-down to choose the Service Type (Equipment or Services)

FRN Contract

Please identify the type of purchasing agreement for the products and services you are requesting.

How are the services for this FRN being purchased?

CONTRACT ✓

TARIFF

NON-CONTRACTED

Choose method of purchase. **Note: you are not required to have a signed contract in order to request funding.** If the request is based on a quote, choose “Non-Contracted”.

Dates

What is the service start date? *

07/01/2022

When will the services end? *

6/30/2023

Service start and end dates are pre-populated, but adjust the dates if needed

CANCEL

CONTINUE

Click on “Continue”

Service Funding Request

FCC Form 471 - Emergency Connectivity Fund

ABC Local School District (BEN 123456) - FY2021 ECF Application Form# ECF202100605

Last Saved: 6/29/2021 4:36 PM EDT

Basic Information

Entity Information

Funding Requests

Certify

Next, you will associate a service provider to your purchasing agreement. Please search for a provider below and select one to associate it to the purchasing agreement.

Service Provider

Enter account number if known,
but it's not required

Account Number (e.g., billed telephone number)

If your service provider has given you one or more Account Numbers, please enter them.

Use the search tool below to find the establishing service provider

Search Service Provider

Enter the provider's SPIN or Name and click on "Search."

Search by SPIN

143026181

Search by Name (Full or Partial)

CLEAR FILTERS

SEARCH

Check the box to the left to select.



SPIN



Name

Doing Business As

State



143026181

T-Mobile USA, Inc.

T-Mobile

WA

Invoicing Method

Please indicate who will be submitting ECF reimbursement forms for this funding request. *

Applicant - FCC Form 472 (BEAR Form)

☒ Service Provider - FCC Form 474 (SPI Form)

Select who will be submitting for reimbursement, Applicant or Provider.

You have indicated that the service provider will be submitting the ECF reimbursement forms for this funding request. Please upload documentation verifying your service provider's agreement to file ECF reimbursement forms for the ECF eligible products or services included in this FRN.

Note: If you selected Service Provider, you must upload documentation such as a letter or a copy of an email stating the provider has agreed to this.

If that's the case, click on "Upload Document".

Upload Document

BACK

CANCEL

Click on "Continue"

CONTINUE

Service Funding Request

FCC Form 471 - Emergency Connectivity Fund

ABC Local School District (BEN 123456) - FY2021 ECF Application Form# ECF202100605

Last Saved: 6/29/2021 4:36 PM EDT

Basic Information

Entity Information

Funding Requests

Certify

Is this request related to New Construction, Self-Provisioned Networks, or Datacasting?

In the limited instance where there is no commercially available service for purchase available to reach students, school staff, or library patrons, eligible schools and libraries may seek support from the Emergency Connectivity Fund Program to construct a third-party or a self-provisioned broadband network, and/or to purchase customer premises equipment to receive datacasting services. To obtain funding, applicants must be able to demonstrate that there were no commercially available Internet access service options sufficient to support remote learning from one or a combination of providers.

Does this FRN include a request for funding for New Construction, a Self-Provisioned Network, and/or Datacasting equipment?

If you are only seeking support for monthly recurring costs for either a leased lit fiber service, or wireless services, please select "No".

YES

NO ✓

BACK

CANCEL

CONTINUE

Indicate if this request is for a broadband buildout because a commercial service is not available.

If you are only seeking the monthly recurring cost for a leased service such as fiber, DSL, or cellular data plans, select "No".

Click on "Continue"

Service Funding Request

Is this request related to New Construction, Self-Provisioned Networks, or Datacasting?

In the limited instance where there is no commercially available service for purchase available to reach students, school staff, or library patrons, eligible schools and libraries may seek support from the Emergency Connectivity Fund Program to construct a third-party or a self-provisioned broadband network, and/or to purchase customer premises equipment to receive datacasting services. To obtain funding, applicants must be able to demonstrate that there were no commercially available Internet access service options sufficient to support remote learning from one or a combination of providers.

Does this FRN include a request for funding for New Construction, a Self-Provisioned Network, and/or Datacasting equipment?

If you are only seeking support for monthly recurring costs for either a leased lit fiber service, or wireless services, please select "No".

YES ✓

NO

You have indicated that this FRN includes a request for support for one or more of the following eligible costs:

- **Special construction.** One-time, up-front costs associated with building out a new or self-provisioned network, including a wireless service (e.g., antennas, cell towers, Citizens Band Radio Service (CBRS), television white space (TVWS) base stations), or leased lit fiber (i.e., special construction charges).
- **Maintenance and operations.** Cost associated with the maintenance and operations for new or self-provisioned network that is being built or that was built and used during the pandemic.
- **Network equipment.** Cost associated with the purchase of Network Equipment needed to make a new or self-provisioned network functional (e.g., modulating electronics and other equipment) for the network that is being built, or that was built and used during the pandemic.
- **Datacasting Customer Premises Equipment.** Cost associated with the purchase of customer premises equipment necessary to receive datacasting services.

Notes:

- If you are seeking support for both the Special Construction, Maintenance and Operations (M&O), and/or Network Equipment as well as support for recurring costs associated with a wireless service or leased lit fiber, then you should create multiple FRNs. In each case, you will select a different answer to the Yes/No question above based the specific services that are included in that FRN.
- If you selected "Yes" above, you should also create separate FRNs for special construction charges, M&O charges, and Network Equipment charges. If charges for M&O and Network Equipment are bundled pursuant to a single contract for those product / services, you may use the Network Equipment / M&O FRN option.

BACK

CANCEL

CONTINUE

View if you answered "Yes" to a build-out.

Be prepared to explain in the narrative section how it was determined that commercial service was not available.

Service Funding Request

FCC Form 471 - Emergency Connectivity Fund

ABC Local School District (BEN 123456) - FY2021 ECF Application Form# ECF202100605

Last Saved: 6/29/2021 4:36 PM EDT

Basic Information

Entity Information

Funding Requests

Certify

Narrative

Provide a brief explanation of the products and services that you are requesting, or provide any other relevant information regarding this Funding Request. *

We are requesting the monthly recurring cellular data plan cost for 200 hotspots to serve students that otherwise would not have sufficient access.

Supporting Documentation

If you would like to upload supporting documentation for this funding request, such as a price quote, invoice or other price documentation you may do so below.

Document

Uploaded On

No items available

⬇ Upload Document

BACK

CANCEL

CONTINUE

Provide an explanation of the service you're requesting. If you'd like to upload a copy of a quote, current bill, or contract, click on "Upload Document". If not, be prepared to provide the information during review.

When done, click on "Continue"

Service Funding Request

FCC Form 471 - Emergency Connectivity Fund

ABC Local School District (BEN 123456) - FY2021 ECF Application Form# ECF202100605

Last Saved: 6/29/2021 4:36 PM EDT

Basic Information

Entity Information

Funding Requests

Certify

This page displays all of the funding request line items for this FRN. From here you can create a new FRN line item, or edit or remove an existing FRN line item.

Service Detail and Cost Calculation for FRN # ECF2190000594

Summary

<input type="checkbox"/>	ID ↑	Type of Connection	Bandwidth Download Speed	Bandwidth Download Unit	Bandwidth Upload Speed	Bandwidth Upload Unit	Firewall Included	Total Quantity	Total Cost
You haven't created an FRN Line Items yet. Click "Add" to start creating your first FRN Line Item.									

BACK

CANCEL

ADD

EDIT

REMOVE

SAVE & CONTINUE

Click on “Add” to start adding the Line Item details (bandwidth speed, cost, quantity, etc.) Unlike the E-Rate Form 471, you will not have to associate Recipients of Service.

Service Funding Request

Service Detail and Cost Calculation for FRN # ECF2190001048

Summary

ID ↑	Type of Connection	Bandwidth Download Speed	Bandwidth Download Unit	Bandwidth Upload Speed	Bandwidth Upload Unit	Firewall Included	Total Quantity	Total Cost
You haven't created an FRN Line Items yet. Click "Add" to start creating your first FRN Line Item.								

Please enter the details for the products and services included in your request.

Type of Connection * **Mobile Broadband** Bandwidth Download Speed * **4** Bandwidth Download Unit * **Gbps**

Firewall Included * **No** Bandwidth Upload Speed * **4** Bandwidth Upload Unit * **Gbps**

Monthly Cost

Monthly Recurring Unit Cost **\$40.20** One-Time Cost

Monthly Quantity **200** One-Time Unit Cost **\$0.00**

Months of Service **12** One-Time Quantity **0**

Total Recurring Cost **\$96,480.00** Total One-Time Cost **= \$0.00**

Summary

Total Cost **= \$96,480.00**

BACK **CANCEL** **CANCEL** **SAVE** **SAVE & CONTINUE**

Dropdown Menu:

- Cable Modem
- DSL
- Installation, Activation, and Initial Configuration
- Leased Lit Fiber
- Microwave
- Mobile Broadband
- Other
- Private Line Circuits
- Satellite
- Taxes and Reasonable Charges

- Provide connection type from the pull-down and indicate if firewall service is included.
- Enter the bandwidth upload/download speeds, and if Mbps or Gbps
- Enter monthly recurring costs, quantity, and how many months you are seeking (12 is the max). Enter any one-time costs, if none, enter zero.
- Click on "Save"

Service Funding Request

ABC Local School District (BEN 123456) - FY2021 ECF Application Form# ECF202100605

Last Saved: 6/29/2021 4:36 PM EDT

Basic Information

Entity Information

Funding Requests

Certify

This page displays all of the funding request line items for this FRN. From here you can create a new FRN line item, or edit or remove an existing FRN line item.

Service Detail and Cost Calculation for FRN # ECF2190000594

Summary

ID	Type of Connection	Bandwidth Download Speed	Bandwidth Download Unit	Bandwidth Upload Speed	Bandwidth Upload Unit	Firewall Included	Total Quantity	Total Cost
1	Mobile Broadband	4	Gbps	4	Gbps	No	200	\$96,480.00

We see the summary of the first line item.

ADD

EDIT

REMOVE

BACK

CANCEL

Click on "Add" if there are additional line-item costs, such as installation/setup

SAVE & CONTINUE

Choose the service Connection Type and answer the firewall and speed questions again.

Provide the cost, monthly or one-time, and quantity.

Click on "Save"

Service Detail and Cost Calculation for FRN # ECF2190000594

Summary

ID	Type of Connection	Bandwidth Download Speed	Bandwidth Download Unit	Bandwidth Upload Speed	Bandwidth Upload Unit	Firewall Included	Total Quantity	Total Cost
1	Mobile Broadband	4	Gbps	4	Gbps	No	200	\$96,480.00

Please enter the details for the products and services included in your request.

Type of Connection *

Installation, Activation, and Initial Configuration

Bandwidth Download Speed *

4

Bandwidth Download Unit *

Gbps

Firewall Included *

No

Bandwidth Upload Speed *

4

Bandwidth Upload Unit *

Gbps

Monthly Cost

Monthly Recurring Unit Cost

\$0.00

Monthly Quantity

0

Months of Service

0

Total Recurring Cost

= \$0.00

One-Time Cost

One-Time Unit Cost

\$15.00

One-Time Quantity

200

Total One-Time Cost

= \$3,000.00

Summary

Total Cost

= \$3,000.00

Click on "Save"

CANCEL

SAVE

Service Funding Request

FCC Form 471 - Emergency Connectivity Fund

ABC Local School District (BEN 123456) - FY2021 ECF Application Form# ECF202100605

Last Saved: 6/29/2021 4:36 PM EDT

Basic Information

Entity Information

Funding Requests

Certify

This page displays all of the funding request line items for this FRN. From here you can create a new FRN line item, or edit or remove an existing FRN line item.

Service Detail and Cost Calculation for FRN # ECF2190000594

Summary

<input type="checkbox"/>	ID ↑	Type of Connection	Bandwidth Download Speed	Bandwidth Download Unit	Bandwidth Upload Speed	Bandwidth Upload Unit	Firewall Included	Total Quantity	Total Cost
<input type="checkbox"/>	1	Mobile Broadband	4	Gbps	4	Gbps	No	200	\$96,480.00
<input type="checkbox"/>	2	Installation, Activation, and Initial Configuration	4	Gbps	4	Gbps	No	200	\$3,000.00

ADD

EDIT

REMOVE

BACK

CANCEL

SAVE & CONTINUE

Once completed adding line-items, click on "Save & Continue"

Equipment Funding Request

ABC Local School District (BEN 123456) - FY2021 ECF Application Form# ECF202100605

Last Saved: 6/29/2021 5:21 PM EDT

Basic Information

Entity Information

Funding Requests

Certify

This page displays all of the funding requests for this application. From here you can create a new FRN, or edit or remove an existing FRN.

Funding Requests

<input type="checkbox"/>	FRN	↑	Nickname	Service Type	FRN Calculation
<input type="checkbox"/>	ECF2190000594		Cellular Data Plans/Hotspots	Services	\$99,480.00

ADD FRN

EDIT FRN

REMOVE FRN

BACK

DISCARD FORM

REVIEW FCC FORM 471

To add another request, such as equipment, click on “Add FRN” as before.

Funding Request Key Information

Please enter a Funding Request Nickname here *

Chromebook Request

Enter the Nickname

18/255

Service Type

What are the types of the products or services that you are requesting? *

Equipment

Choose “Equipment” under Service Type.

FRN Contract

Please identify the type of purchasing agreement for the products and services you are requesting.

How are the services for this FRN being purchased?

CONTRACT

TARIFF

NON-CONTRACTED ✓

As before, indicate how the service will be purchased. If there is no contract, but based on a quote, choose “Non-Contracted”.

Dates

What is the service start date? *

7/1/2022

When will the services end? *

6/30/2023

Click on “Continue”

CANCEL

CONTINUE

Equipment Funding Request

Service Provider

Account Number (e.g., billed telephone number)

If your service provider has given you one or more Account Numbers, please enter them.

Use the search tool below to find the establishing service provider

Search Service Provider

Search by SPIN

Search by Name (Full or Partial)

Amazon

CLEAR FILTERS SEARCH

SPIN Name Doing Business As State

No items available

Unable to find your service provider? Please enter their name and address below

Service Provider Name *

Address Line 1 *

Address Line 2

City *

State *

Zip code *

Zip code Extension

Phone

Invoicing Method

Please indicate who will be submitting ECF reimbursement forms for this funding request. *

☒ Applicant - FCC Form 472 (BEAR Form)

☐ Service Provider - FCC Form 474 (SPI Form)

Document

Uploaded On

No items available

Upload Document

BACK CANCEL CONTINUE

Enter account number if known, but not required.

Search for the Service Provider as before. If they are not in the database, you will need to enter the company information.

Select who will file for reimbursement. Again, if Provider, upload proof to show they agree.

Click on "Continue"

Equipment Funding Request

ABC Local School District (BEN 123456) - FY2021 ECF Application Form# ECF202100605

Last Saved: 6/29/2021 5:21 PM EDT

Basic Information

Entity Information

Funding Requests

Certify

Narrative

Provide a brief explanation of the products and services that you are requesting, or provide any other relevant information regarding this Funding Request. *

We are seeking 320 Chromebooks to serve students that do not have sufficient access to a device.

96/4000

Supporting Documentation

If you would like to upload supporting documentation for this funding request, such as a price quote, invoice or other price documentation you may do so below.

Document	Uploaded On
No items available	
+ Upload Document	

BACK

CANCEL

CONTINUE

Provide an explanation of the products you're requesting. If you'd like to upload a copy of a quote, click on "Upload Document".

When done, click on "Continue"

Equipment Funding Request

Basic Information

Entity Information

Funding Requests

Certify

This page displays all of the funding request line items for this FRN. From here you can create a new FRN line item, or edit or remove an existing FRN line item.

Equipment Detail and Cost Calculation for FRN # ECF2190000618

Summary

<input type="checkbox"/>	ID	Type of Product	Make	Model	Total Quantity	Total Cost
You haven't created an FRN Line Items yet. Click "Add" to start creating your first FRN Line Item.						

Click on "Add" to create line items

ADD

EDIT

REMOVE

Equipment Detail and Cost Calculation for FRN # ECF2190000618

Summary

<input type="checkbox"/>	ID	Type of Product	Make	Model	Total Quantity	Total Cost
Please enter the details for the products included in your request.						
Type of Product *		<div>Laptops</div> <div>Please select the product</div> <div>Laptops</div> <div>Tablets</div> <div>Modem/Router combined</div> <div>Modems</div> <div>Routers</div> <div>Taxes and Reasonable Charges</div> <div>Wi-Fi hotspots</div>	Make *	<div>Samsung</div> <div>7/23/25</div>	Model *	<div>Chromebook 4+, 15.6", 128GB, 4GB RAM</div> <div>3/6/25/3</div>
		Monthly Cost		One-Time Cost		
		Monthly Recurring Unit Cost		One-Time Unit Cost		\$350.00
		Monthly Quantity		One-Time Quantity		320
		Months of Service		Total One-Time Cost		= \$112,000.00
		Total Recurring Cost		Summary		
		= \$0.00		Total Cost		= \$112,000.00
				CANCEL		SAVE
BACK		CANCEL				SAVE & CONTINUE

Enter zero's if no monthly costs, then enter per unit one-time cost and quantity, click on "Save"

Equipment Funding Request

Basic Information Entity Information **Funding Requests** Certify

This page displays all of the funding request line items for this FRN. From here you can create a new FRN line item, or edit or remove an existing FRN line item.

Equipment Detail and Cost Calculation for FRN # ECF2190000618

Summary

<input type="checkbox"/>	ID ↑	Type of Product	Make	Model	Total Quantity	Total Cost
<input type="checkbox"/>	1	Laptops	Samsung	Chromebook 4+, 15.6", 128GB, 4GB RAM	320	\$112,000.00

ADD **EDIT** **REMOVE**

BACK **CANCEL** **SAVE & CONTINUE**

If there are additional line items for this funding request, click on "Add". If done, click on "Save & Continue"

Funding Request Summary

ABC Local School District (BEN 123456) - FY2021 ECF Application Form# ECF202100605

Basic Information Entity Information **Funding Requests** Certify

This page displays all of the funding requests for this application. From here you can create a new FRN, or edit or remove an existing FRN.

Funding Requests

<input type="checkbox"/>	FRN ↑	Nickname	Service Type	FRN Calculation
<input type="checkbox"/>	ECF2190000594	Cellular Data Plans/Hotspots	Services	\$99,480.00
<input type="checkbox"/>	ECF2190000618	Chromebook Request	Equipment	\$112,000.00

ADD FRN **EDIT FRN** **REMOVE FRN**

BACK **DISCARD FORM** **REVIEW FCC FORM 471**

If you need to edit a funding request, check the box to the left of the row, and then "Edit FRN", or if done adding requests, click on "Review FCC Form 471"

Editing Request

Funding Requests				
<input type="checkbox"/>	FRN	Nickname	Service Type	FRN Calculation
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	ECF2190001048	Cellular Data Plans/Hotspots	Services	\$96,480.00
<input type="checkbox"/>	ECF2190001078	Chromebook Request	Equipment	\$79,600.00
<div>ADD FRN EDIT FRN REMOVE FRN</div>				

If you need to make a correction, check the box to the left of the FRN, and then “Edit FRN”. The system will step you through each form section (Key Info, Service Provider, Narrative, etc.) as you click on “Continue” allowing you to make any necessary changes (except Service Type). This will then take you to the “Service Detail and Cost Calculation” section.

Service Detail and Cost Calculation for FRN # ECF2190001048									
Summary									
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	ID ↑	Type of Connection	Bandwidth Download Speed	Bandwidth Download Unit	Bandwidth Upload Speed	Bandwidth Upload Unit	Firewall Included	Total Quantity	Total Cost
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	1	Mobile Broadband	4	Gbps	4	Gbps	No	200	\$96,480.00
<div>ADD EDIT REMOVE</div>									
<div>BACK CANCEL</div>		<div>SAVE & CONTINUE</div>							

Check the box to the left of the line-item you'd like to change, and then “Edit” to correct service details (connection type/speeds) and cost/quantities. When done, click on “Save”. After saving the changes, click on “Save & Continue” to return to the Funding Request table and the option to “Review FCC Form 471”

Reviewing ECF Form 471

ABC Local School District (BEN 123456) - FY2021 ECF Application Form# ECF202100605
Last Saved: 6/29/2021 6:19 PM EDT

Basic Information Entity Information Funding Requests **Certify**

Please review the FCC Form 471 by clicking on the link below to ensure that all services and equipment being requested are correct before sending or going to the certification page regarding this FCC Form 471.

[FCC Form 471 Record - ECF202100605](#)

[EDIT FORM](#) [SEND FOR CERTIFICATION](#) [CONTINUE TO CERTIFICATION](#)

Once at the Review page, click on the “Form 471 Record” hyperlink. It may open in a new browser tab. If after reviewing you discover something needs to be changed, click on “Edit Form”.

When done reviewing, click on “Continue to Certification”. If you click on “Send for Certification”, your Form 471 will be sent to the full-right user/s in the portal to complete that step.

Form Review (currently, there is no option to print the application):

FY2021 ECF Application - #ECF202100605

[Summary](#) [Funding Requests](#) [Unmet Needs](#) [Related Actions](#)

To review application, click on each section's hyperlink

Application Information >	Nickname FY2021 ECF Application	Created Date 6/29/2021 5:28 PM EDT
Billed Entity Information	Application Number ECF202100605	Created By Lorrie Smith
Consultant Information	Funding Year 2021	Certified Date
Contact Information	Application Status Incomplete	Certified By
Entity Details		Last Modified Date 6/29/2021 6:07 PM EDT
		Last Modified By Lorrie Smith

Certifying the ECF Form 471

View after clicking on
"Continue to Certification"

ABC Local School District (BEN 123456) - FY2021 ECF Application Form# ECF202100605
Last Saved: 6/25/2021 8:19 PM EDT

Basic Information Entity Information Funding Requests **Certify**

Please review the FCC Form 471 by clicking on the link below to ensure that all services and equipment being requested are correct before sending or going to the certification page regarding this FCC Form 471.

FCC Form 471 Record - ECF202100605

[EDIT FORM](#) [SEND FOR CERTIFICATION](#) [CONTINUE TO CERTIFICATION](#)

The certifications are
specific to ECF.
In order to certify, all
boxes must be checked.
Read them over
carefully!!

When done, click on
"Certify"

But let's take a closer
look!

Certify ECF FCC Form 471 - Emergency Connectivity Fund
ABC Local School District (BEN 123456) - FY2021 ECF Application Form# ECF202100605
Last Saved: 7/1/2021 1:47 PM EDT

Basic Information Entity Information Funding Requests **Certify**

Total funding commitment request amount on this FCC Form 471
\$176,280.00

Certifications

- ☐ I am authorized to submit this application on behalf of the above-named applicant and that based on information known to me or provided to me by employees responsible for the data being submitted, I hereby certify that the data set forth in this application has been examined and is true, accurate and complete. I acknowledge that any false statement on this application or on other documents submitted by this applicant can be punished by fine or forfeiture under the Communications Act (47 U.S.C. §§ 502, 503 (b)), or fine or imprisonment under Title 18 of the United States Code (18 U.S.C. § 1001), or can lead to liability under the False Claims Act (31 U.S.C. §§ 3729 - 3733).
- ☐ In addition to the foregoing, this applicant is in compliance with the rules and orders governing the Emergency Connectivity Fund Program, and I acknowledge that failure to be in compliance and remain in compliance with those rules and orders may result in the denial of funding, cancellation of funding commitments, and/or recoupment of past disbursements. I acknowledge that failure to comply with the rules and orders governing the Emergency Connectivity Fund Program could result in civil or criminal prosecution by law enforcement authorities.
- ☐ By signing this application, I certify that the information contained in this application is true, complete, and accurate, and the projected expenditures, disbursements and cash receipts are for the purposes and objectives set forth in the terms and conditions of the Federal award. I am aware that any false, fictitious, or fraudulent information, or the omission of any material fact, may subject me to criminal, civil or administrative penalties for fraud, false statements, false claims or otherwise. (U.S. Code Title 18, sections 1001, 286-287 and 1341 and Title 31, sections 3729-3730 and 3801-3812).
- ☐ The school meets the statutory definition of "elementary school" or "secondary school" as defined in § 54.1700 of this subpart, does not operate as for-profit businesses, and does not have endowments exceeding \$50 million.
- ☐ The school, library, or consortia listed on the FCC Form 471 application has complied with all applicable state, local, or Tribal local laws regarding procurement of services for which support is being sought.
- ☐ The school or school consortium listed on the FCC Form 471 application is only seeking support for eligible equipment and/or services provided to students and school staff who would otherwise lack connected devices and/or broadband services sufficient to engage in remote learning.
- ☐ The school, library, or consortia is not seeking Emergency Connectivity Fund support or reimbursement for eligible equipment or services that have been purchased and reimbursed in full with other federal pandemic-relief funding, targeted state funding, other external sources of targeted funding or targeted gifts, or eligible for discounts from the schools and libraries universal service support mechanism or other universal service support mechanism.
- ☐ The applicant or the relevant student, school staff member, or library patron has received, or the applicant has ordered the equipment and services for which funding is sought.
- ☐ The equipment and services the school, library, or consortium purchases or will purchase using Emergency Connectivity Fund support will be used primarily for educational purposes and will not be sold, resold, or transferred in consideration for money or any other thing of value, except as allowed by §§ 54.1713.
- ☐ The school, library, or consortium has created and will maintain an equipment and service inventory as required by § 54.1715.
- ☐ The school, library, or consortium has complied with all program rules and acknowledge that failure to do so may result in denial of discount funding and/or recovery of funding.
- ☐ The applicant recognizes that it may be audited pursuant to its application, that it will retain for ten years any and all records related to its application, and that, if audited, it shall produce such records at the request of any representative (including any auditor) appointed by a state education department, the Administrator, the Commission and its Office of Inspector General, or any local, state, or federal agency with jurisdiction over the entity.
- ☐ No kickbacks, as defined in 41 U.S.C. § 8701 and/or 42 U.S.C. § 1320a-7b, were paid or received by the applicant to anyone in connection with the Emergency Connectivity Fund.

Have you already certified your status of compliance with the Children's Internet Protection Act (CIPA) on an FCC Form 486 or FCC Form 479 for the relevant funding year? *

☐ Yes
☐ No

[BACK](#) [CERTIFY](#)

Certifying the ECF Form 471

Certifications

- ☐ I am authorized to submit this application on behalf of the above-named applicant and that based on information known to me or provided to me by employees responsible for the data being submitted, I hereby certify that the data set forth in this application has been examined and is true, accurate and complete. I acknowledge that any false statement on this application or on other documents submitted by this applicant can be punished by fine or forfeiture under the Communications Act (47 U.S.C. §§ 502, 503 (b)), or fine or imprisonment under Title 18 of the United States Code (18 U.S.C. § 1001), or can lead to liability under the False Claims Act (31 U.S.C. §§ 3729 – 3733).
- ☐ In addition to the foregoing, this applicant is in compliance with the rules and orders governing the Emergency Connectivity Fund Program, and I acknowledge that failure to be in compliance and remain in compliance with those rules and orders may result in the denial of funding, cancellation of funding commitments, and/or recoupment of past disbursements. I acknowledge that failure to comply with the rules and orders governing the Emergency Connectivity Fund Program could result in civil or criminal prosecution by law enforcement authorities.
- ☐ By signing this application, I certify that the information contained in this application is true, complete, and accurate, and the projected expenditures, disbursements and cash receipts are for the purposes and objectives set forth in the terms and conditions of the Federal award. I am aware that any false, fictitious, or fraudulent information, or the omission of any material fact, may subject me to criminal, civil or administrative penalties for fraud, false statements, false claims or otherwise. (U.S. Code Title 18, sections 1001, 286-287 and 1341 and Title 31, sections 3729-3730 and 3801-3812).
- ☐ The school meets the statutory definition of “elementary school” or “secondary school” as defined in § 54.1700 of this subpart, does not operate as for-profit businesses, and does not have endowments exceeding \$50 million.
- ☐ The school, library, or consortia listed on the FCC Form 471 application has complied with all applicable state, local, or Tribal local laws regarding procurement of services for which support is being sought.
- ☐ The school or school consortium listed on the FCC Form 471 application is only seeking support for eligible equipment and/or services provided to students and school staff who would otherwise lack connected devices and/or broadband services sufficient to engage in remote learning.
- ☐ The school, library, or consortia is not seeking Emergency Connectivity Fund support or reimbursement for eligible equipment or services that have been purchased and reimbursed in full with other federal pandemic-relief funding, targeted state funding, other external sources of targeted funding or targeted gifts, or eligible for discounts from the schools and libraries universal service support mechanism or other universal service support mechanism.
- ☐ The applicant or the relevant student, school staff member, or library patron has received, or the applicant has ordered the equipment and services for which funding is sought.
- ☐ The equipment and services the school, library, or consortium purchases or will purchase using Emergency Connectivity Fund support will be used primarily for educational purposes and will not be sold, resold, or transferred in consideration for money or any other thing of value, except as allowed by § 54.1713.
- ☐ The school, library, or consortium has created and will maintain an equipment and service inventory as required by § 54.1715.
- ☐ The school, library, or consortium has complied with all program rules and acknowledge that failure to do so may result in denial of discount funding and/or recovery of funding.
- ☐ The applicant recognizes that it may be audited pursuant to its application, that it will retain for ten years any and all records related to its application, and that, if audited, it shall produce such records at the request of any representative (including any auditor) appointed by a state education department, the Administrator, the Commission and its Office of Inspector General, or any local, state, or federal agency with jurisdiction over the entity.
- ☐ No kickbacks, as defined in 41 U.S.C. § 8701 and/or 42 U.S.C. § 1320a-7b, were paid or received by the applicant to anyone in connection with the Emergency Connectivity Fund.

Have you already certified your status of compliance with the Children’s Internet Protection Act (CIPA) on an FCC Form 486 or FCC Form 479 for the relevant funding year? *

- ☐ Yes
- ☐ No

- If you’ve file a FY2021 Form 486 to certify your CIPA compliance, select “Yes”.
- If not, select “No” and you will be able to certify on the ECF Form 471.
- You will not file a Form 486 as part of the ECF application process.
- When done, click on “Certify”

BACK

CERTIFY

Certifying the ECF Form 471

View if you selected “No”.

Have you already certified your status of compliance with the Children's Internet Protection Act (CIPA) on an FCC Form 486 or FCC Form 479 for the relevant funding year? *

☐ Yes

☒ No

CIPA Certifications

I certify that as of the date of the start of Emergency Connectivity Fund program supported services:

☐ The recipient(s) of service represented in the Funding Request Number(s) on this Form 471 has (have) complied with the requirements of the Children's Internet Protection Act (CIPA), as codified at 47 U.S.C. § 254(h) and (l).

☐ The recipient(s) of service represented in the Funding Request Number(s) on this Form 471 is (are) undertaking such actions, including any necessary procurement procedures, to comply with the requirements of CIPA for the next funding year, but has (have) not completed all requirements of CIPA for this funding year.

☐ The Children's Internet Protection Act, as codified at 47 U.S.C. § 254(h) and (l), does not apply because the recipient(s) of service represented in the Funding Request Number(s) on this Form 471 is (are) not receiving support for Internet access, Internet service, or internal connections under the universal service support mechanism for schools and libraries or Internet access or Internet service through the Emergency Connectivity Fund, or connected devices do not use Internet access or Internet service funded through the universal service support mechanism for schools and libraries or the Emergency Connectivity Fund Program.

[BACK](#) [CERTIFY](#)

To certify you are CIPA compliant, select the first option.

The second option indicates you're working at becoming CIPA compliant.

The third option indicates CIPA doesn't apply because the entity is not receiving ECF or E-Rate discounted internet access or internet services, or E-Rate discounted internal connections—or network equipment for internet access, internet service, or internal connections.

ECF Portal Housekeeping

If at any time you want to return to your ECF “Landing Page”, click on “Dashboard”

To log out, click on the silhouette, and then “Sign Out”

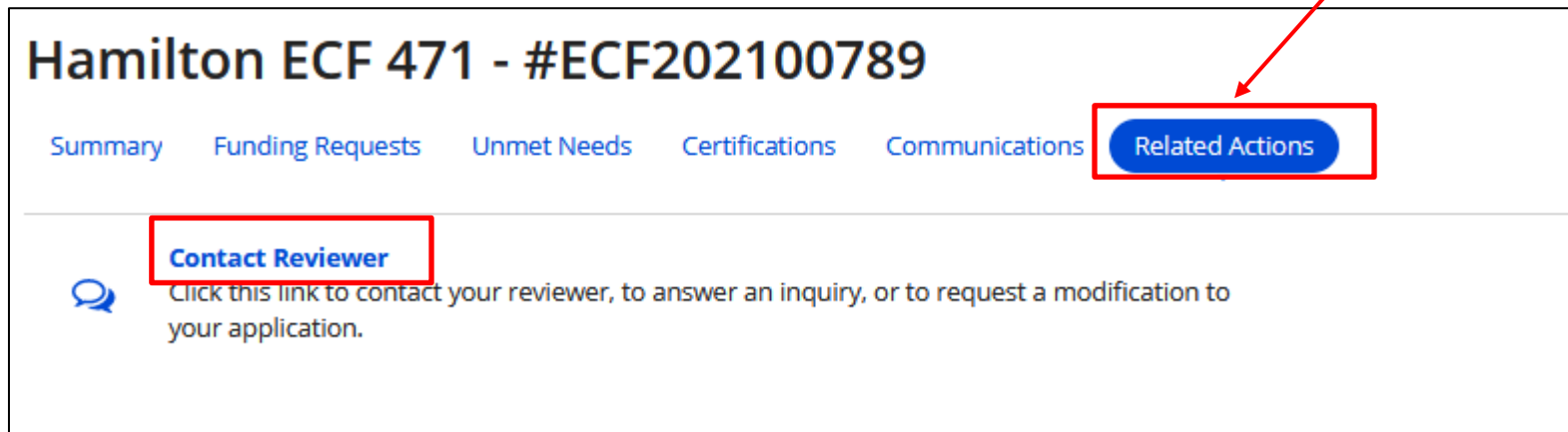
The screenshot shows the ECF Portal interface. At the top, there is a blue navigation bar with 'DASHBOARD' and 'CUSTOMER SERVICE' links. A red box highlights the 'DASHBOARD' link, with an arrow pointing to the text above. On the right side of the navigation bar, there is a user silhouette icon. A red box highlights this icon, with an arrow pointing to the text above. Below the navigation bar, the user is signed in as 'Lorrie'. A dropdown menu is open, showing 'PROFILE', 'SETTINGS', and 'SIGN OUT'. A red box highlights the 'SIGN OUT' link, with an arrow pointing to the text above. Below the user information, there are three tabs: 'My Organizations', 'My Forms and Requests', and 'My Pending Tasks'. A red box highlights the 'My Forms and Requests' tab, with an arrow pointing to the text above. Below the tabs, there is a search bar and a table of ECF Forms 471. A red box highlights the 'ECF Form 471 Number' column header, with an arrow pointing to the text above. Another red box highlights the 'ECF202100589' link in the first row of the table, with an arrow pointing to the text below.

Funding Year	ECF Form 471 Number	Nickname	BEN	Name	Status	Certified Date	State
2021	ECF202100589	AWEFC062021	129309	ABC School District	Certified	7/1/2021	OH

To see your Form 471 once certified, click on “My Forms and Requests” and then on the “ECF Form 471 Number” hyperlink.

Modifying an Application

After clicking on the application number, click on “Related Actions”, and then “Contact Reviewer”

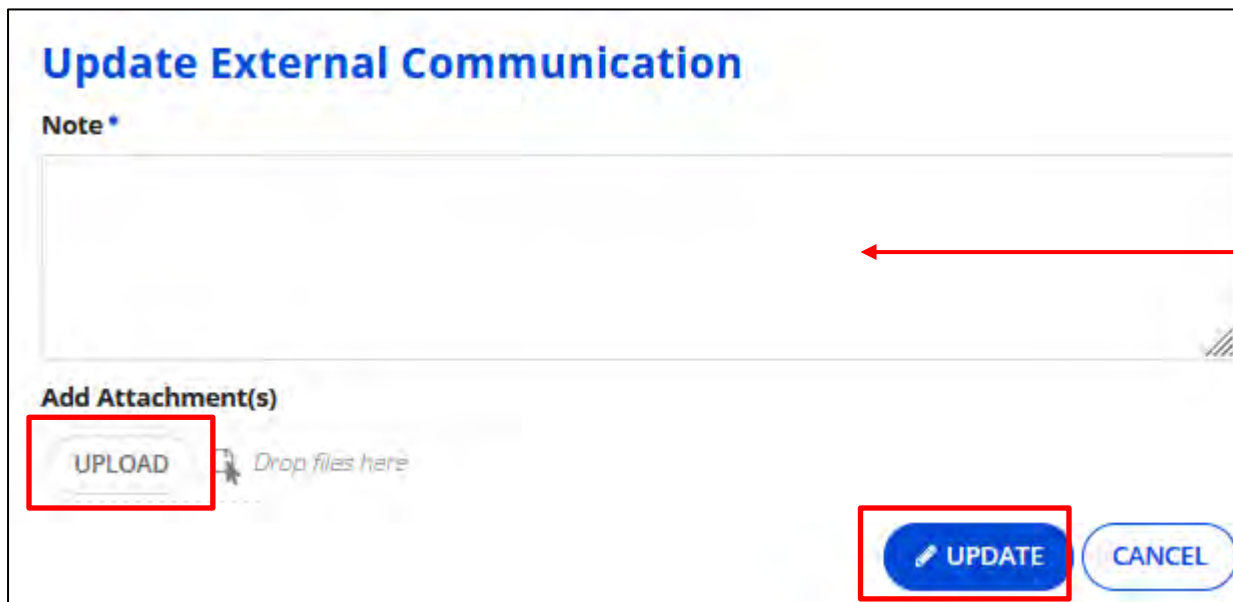


Hamilton ECF 471 - #ECF202100789

Summary Funding Requests Unmet Needs Certifications Communications **Related Actions**

Contact Reviewer

Click this link to contact your reviewer, to answer an inquiry, or to request a modification to your application.



Update External Communication

Note *

Add Attachment(s)

UPLOAD Drop files here

UPDATE CANCEL

Explain any changes or corrections in the text box provided. If you have supporting documentation, click on “Upload” and then “Update”.

Application Review

After clicking on the application number, click on “Communications” for details. There may be a Word doc with review details. Click on “Contact Reviewer” to respond and upload the Word doc with requested information

Hamilton ECF 471 - #ECF202100789

Summary Funding Requests Unmet Needs Certifications **Communications** Related Actions

search for updates Sort By Newest Oldest Showing 1 - 3 of 3

Shian Simms (USAC)
10/10/2021 1:15 PM EDT

Dear Applicant,
The Program Integrity Assurance (PIA) team has completed its review of your application. We are modifying your FRN(s). The reason(s) for modification is explained in the attachment.
If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me via the phone number or e-mail address provided below. Please do not use e-mail to submit your responses to the PIA review inquiries.
USAC will not review responses to PIA review inquiries sent to the reviewer's email address. All PIA responses must be submitted in ECF.

Shian Simms
ECF Reviewer
18332051185 EXT 83302
Shian.Simms@USAC.org

FCC Form 471 ECF202107060 Outreach (2).docx (36.97 KB)

Contact Reviewer

Note *

Add Attachment(s)

UPLOAD Drop files here

UPDATE CANCEL

Provide a brief explanation and upload the Word doc with the requested information by clicking on “Upload” and then “Update”.

Q: Can applicants change their service providers after they file their applications?

A: Yes, applicants may change service providers.

Q: Can applicants change the make or model of their equipment after they file their applications?

A: Yes, applicants may make service and equipment substitutions after getting a funding commitment.

Q: Will USAC wait to approve applications until the application filing window closes?

A: Yes. In order to assess the demand for funds, USAC will wait until an application filing window is closed before issuing funding commitment decision notifications.

Questions



For E-Rate Support and Information Contact



Lorrie Germann:

lgermann@ohiocsc.org or

lorrie.germann@education.ohio.gov

www.ohio-k12.help/erate

Office: 740-223-2420

Cell: 740-253-1153