

FY2025 E-Rate Form 471 Category 2 Workshop

Lorrie Germann, State E-Rate Coordinator

Training Agenda

- Filing Basics Slide 3
- Accessing the EPC Portal Slide 8
- Entering Contracts Slide 13
- Filing the Category 2 FCC Form 471 Slide 28
 - Internal Connections Slide 37
 - MIBS Slide 51
 - BMIC Slide 52
- Completing the Form 471 Slide 55
- Next Steps Slide 62

Filing Basics

Purpose of Form 471

The FCC Form 471

- is filed to request discounts on eligible services.
- must be filed every year.
- must reference services that were competitively bid with an FCC Form 470 for at least 28 days, or after a request for proposal (RFP) is made publicly available, whichever is later. (Verify Allowable Contract Date posted on Form 470)
- may reference an FCC Form 470 posted in a prior funding year where such a form resulted in a multi-year contract.
- must be filed after executing contracts for contracted services.

When to File FCC Form 471

- The FCC Form 471 must be filed during a specific application window each year.
- All materials associated with the FCC Form 471 must be filed by 11:59 PM ET on or before the last day of the FCC Form 471 application filing window for the request to be considered as inside the window.
 - Form 471 Filing window:
 - Opened January 15th, 2025 (Noon EST)
 - Closes March 26th, 2025 (11:59 pm EDT)
 - Last date to file a Form 470 February 26th, 2025
 (11:59 pm EST)

Filing FCC Form 471

- You must complete and submit the FCC Form 471 by filing the form online in EPC.
- You may file more than one FCC Form 471
 - Note: you must select Category Two for Internal Connections, Managed Internal Broadband Services, and/or Basic Maintenance of Internal Connections, as the category of service for the Form 471.
- You may have multiple funding requests on a single Form 471 application.

Prerequisites

Entity Profile

- The values in your applicant entity's profile had to be updated by Jan. 9th.
 If you find that a correction or change is needed, you may note the information on the Form 471 in the narrative of each funding request and make a RAL correction.
- The full-time enrollment and NLSP counts of the school district served by the main library location are used to calculate your discount in the EPC system.

Contracts

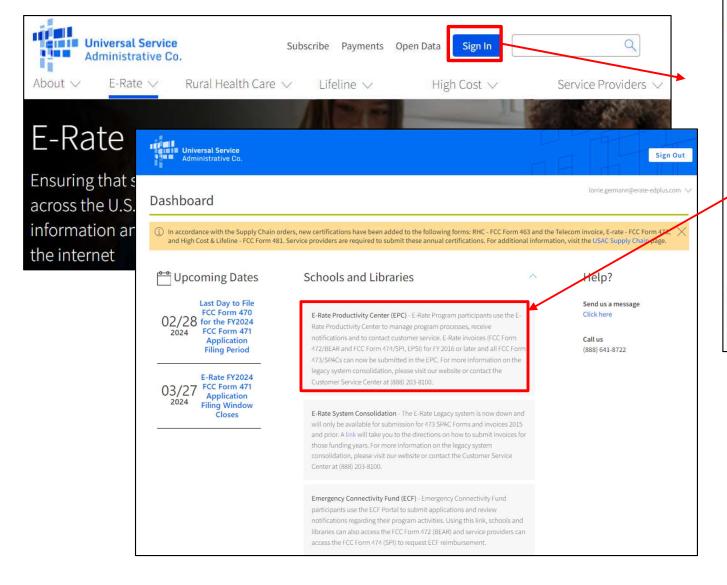
 Before you begin your application, upload contracts that you will be associating with Funding Request Numbers (FRNs) in your entity's profile, if not already in EPC.

Accessing the EPC Portal

USAC's One Portal

Log into One Portal to access the E-Rate Productivity Center (EPC) To access, go to https://www.usac.org/e-rate/ and click on "Sign In"

and then "Continue".



Usernan	ie .
Passwor	d
Forgot p	assword?
Service pr is provide purposes. of this sys the USAC with appli searched, use or mis and/or leg	items used to administer participation in the federal Universal ograms in compliance with 47 C.F.R. Part 54. Access to the systems 3 solely to USAC-authorized users for USAC-authorized business. By logging in, you represent that you are an authorized user. Use tem indicates acceptance of the terms and conditions governing systems. USAC monitors user access and content for compliance cable laws and policies. Use of the system may be recorded, read, copied and/or captured and is also subject to audit. Unauthorized use of this system is strictly prohibited and subject to disciplinary all action. It the box to accept
	g in, I accept the terms and conditions of the USAC
yacını	

Landing Page View

Click on "USAC" logo to return to Landing Page.

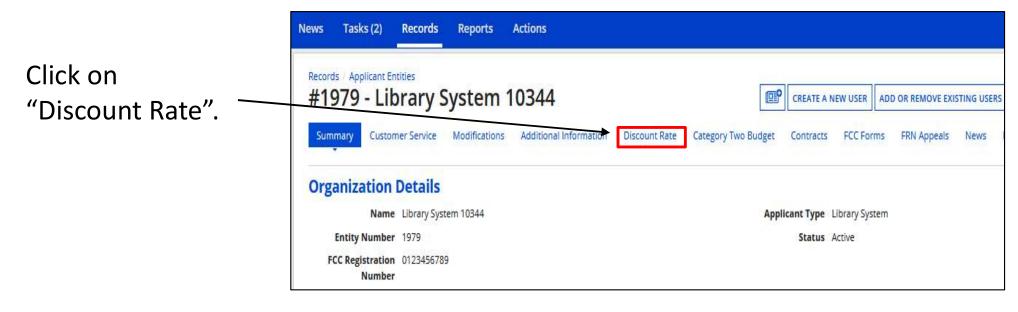
Make sure all your entities are listed*. The Library's Billed Entity Number will be listed first.

Click on the name of your Billed Entity to open the Organization Details page.

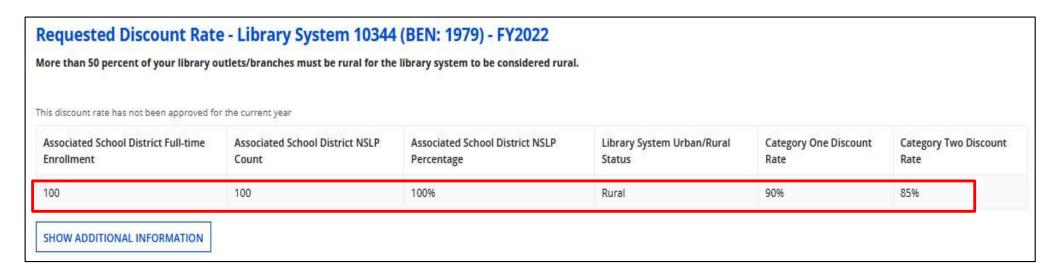
Adm	versal Service ninistrative Co				st Report FCC Form 470 I Change Service Subst act Us Help					
Welcome, Library System Pending Inquir										
Type	STATE OF THE STATE				Application/Request	Enter an Application/Request ID or Nickname				
Funding Year	Select a Funding Year	Vear •								
Pending COMAD Inquiries	<u>55</u> 7)							APPLY	FILTERS	CLEAR FILTERS
Application/Request N		Туре	Nickname	Inquiry Name	Outreach Type	Date Sent	Due Date	t	Extn.	Status
Notification Type Funding Year					Status ② ③ All					
Notification		Description		Issued Date	Generated	Ву		Genera	ted On	
My Entities				No items	available					
Entity			Entity	Number	City		State	Zip	Code	
Library System 10344		1979		Rockville		MD	208	50		
Library 1 In System 10344		3313		Rockville		MD	208	50		
Library 2 In System 10344		3314		Rockville		MD	208	EN		

*If there is an entity missing in the list, contact USAC to request an entity number. However, with the close of the Admin Window, the entity will not be listed in EPC until after the close of the Form 471 Window.

Seeing The Library's Discount %



Discount rates for Cat 1 and Cat 2 are listed.



Category 2 Budget

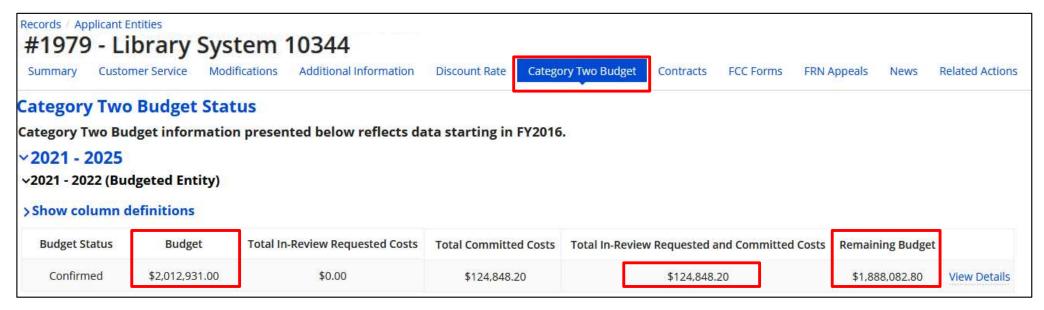
Displayed at the bottom of the "Summary" page is the total square footage that has been provided in the portal:

Category Two Budget Information

Sum of Square 62844

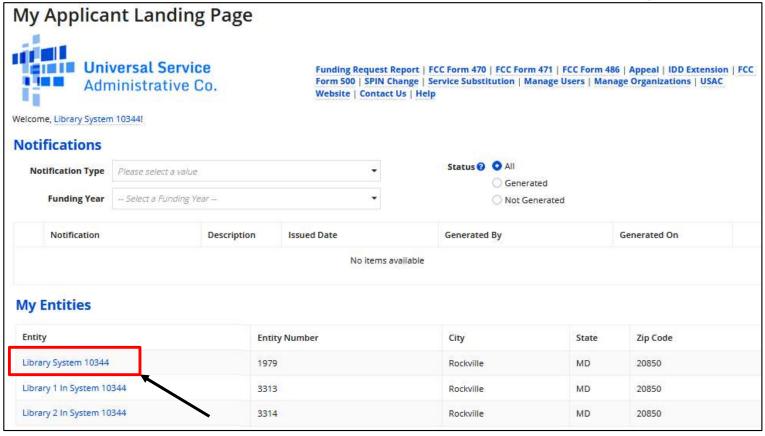
Footage of All
Libraries in the
System

Click on "Category Two Budget" to see what's been used to date, and the remaining balance.



Entering Contracts

Manage Contracts



When requesting a contracted service, you must associate contracts with each FRN. This includes hardware quotes received for a one-time purchase, which have been signed and dated to show your acceptance. **Complete this step before you begin the Form 471.**

From your Landing Page, click on your organization (Billed Entity) from the "My Entities" section to display the organization dashboard.

But First, Bid Evaluations!

Factor	Points Available	Company A	Company B	Company C
Price of the ELIGIBLE goods and services	50			
Equipment compatible with existing infrastructure	20			
All equipment quoted is new with min of 3-year hardware replacement warranty	10			
Cabling vendors is bonded/ insured	10			
Vendor is an authorized reseller	5			
Vendor will provide discounted billing	5			
Total	100			

Based on the above bid matrix criteria when comparing the quotes for Insert Service Type, we have chosen Insert Company Name as the service provider.

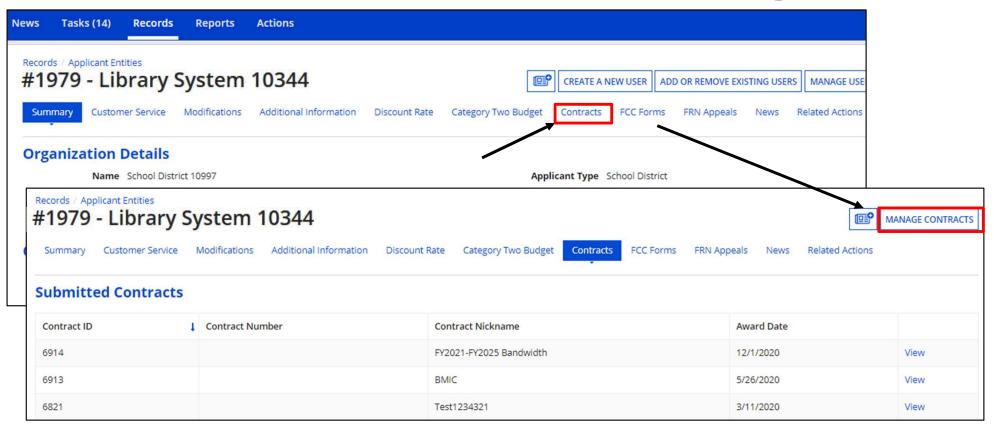
Insert Company Name was disqualified because they did not attend the mandatory walk-through.

Name:			
Signature: _			

- Remember!! Before you award a contract, be sure to construct a bid evaluation!
- Evaluate your bids with your bid factors listed and assigned points.
- Price must have the highest number of points
- If a vendor was disqualified, they would not be included in the bid matrix table but give an explanation as to why they were disqualified.
- Based on this example,
 Vendor 3 wins because they received the most points.

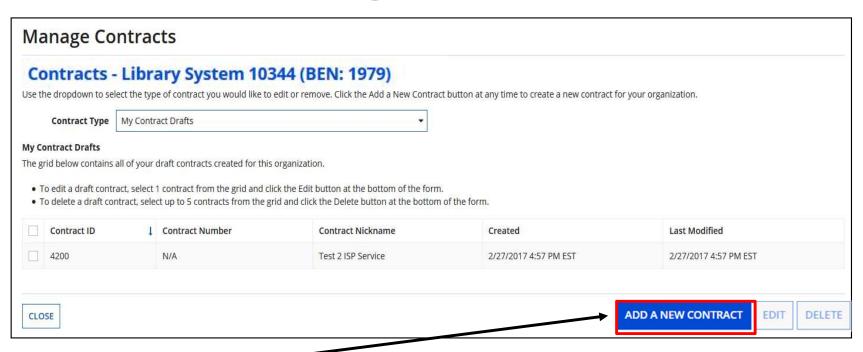
For a copy of a Category 1 and Category 2 bid matrix and acceptance letter, go to https://www.ohio-k12.help/erate/e-rate-resources/

Manage Contracts



Click on "Contracts", and then "Manage Contracts" to add new contracts. To see previously uploaded contracts, click on "View". **Note:** Once a contract has been added, you cannot edit the information, or delete it. If a mistake is found, you will have to add the contract again and reenter the accompanying information.

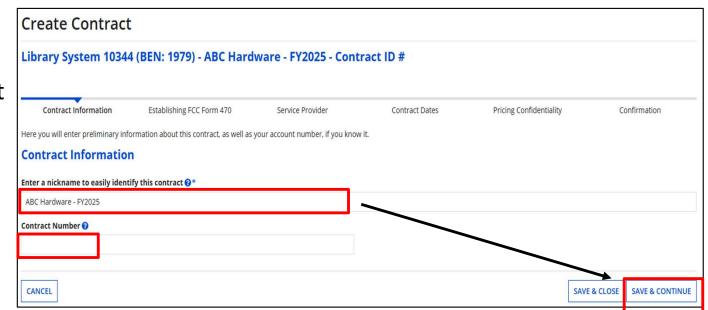
Manage Contracts – Add New Contract

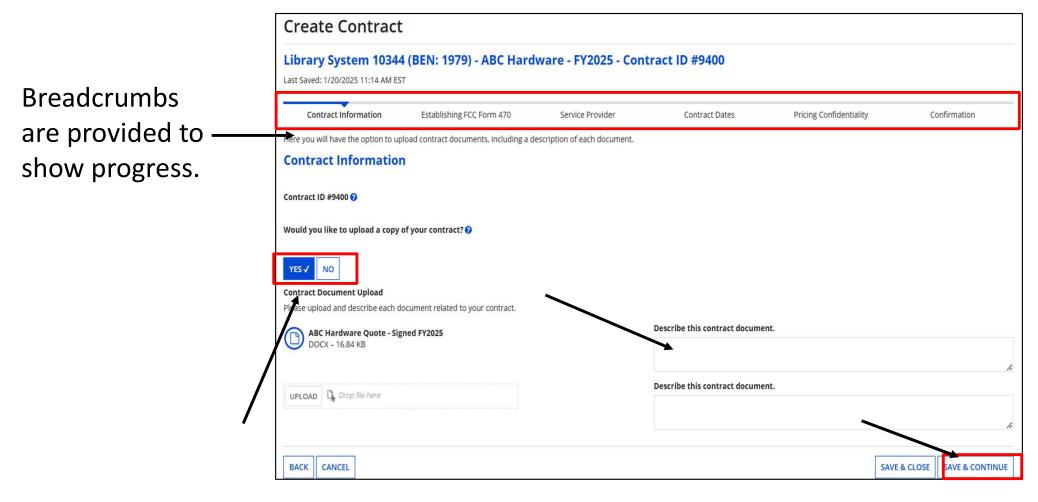


Begin by clicking on "Add New Contract".

Enter a nickname and contract number if known, and click on "Save & Continue".

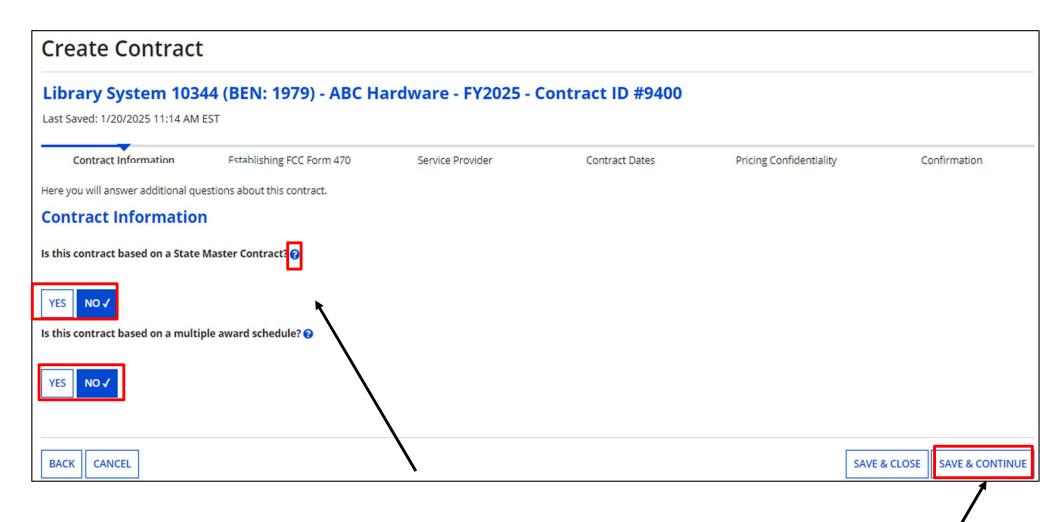
Note: if you need to stop before completing, click on "Save & Close".



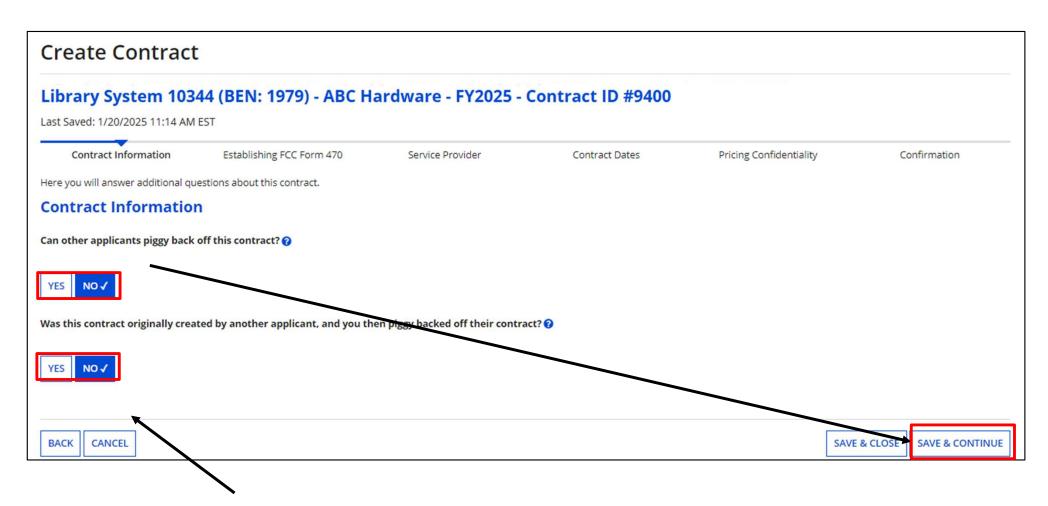


To upload a copy of the contract, choose "Yes" and upload the file. Enter a description of the document if you choose. You may add multiple documents if you choose. When done, click on "Save & Continue".

*Note: If you have an existing contract that has addendums, it is recommended that you include all items as a single document. This also includes letters memorializing a purchasing decision if the contract was signed at a later date.



Provide answers. If unsure of the question, hover over "?" for an explanation. Click on "Save & Continue".



Select the contract Piggy Back options. (The second question doesn't appear until you answer the 1st one.) Click on "Save & Continue".

Enter the number of bids received.

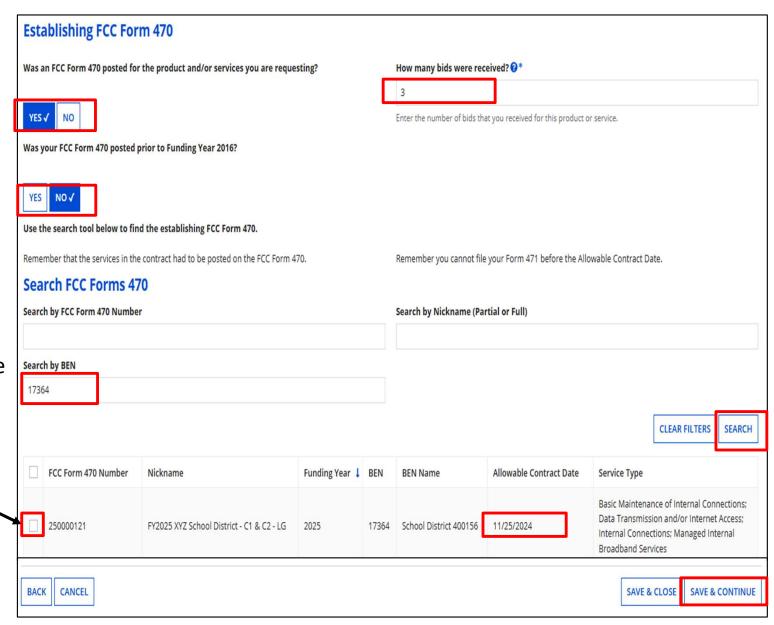
Choose "Yes" if a Form 470 was filed and indicate if it was done prior to FY2016.

If you are using FY2016 – FY2025 Form 470, you can search the portal for it. If you are not searching by BEN, enter your search criteria and click on "Search." The results will be listed below.

Check the box to select, and click on "Save & Continue"

Note: "Allowable Contract Date" is shown. If you choose a 470 that's before the allowable date, you will receive an error message

Manage Contracts – Create Contract



Create Contract Library System 10344 (BEN: 1979) - ABC Hardware - FY2025 - Contract ID #9400 Last Saved: 1/20/2025 11:14 AM EST Contract Information Establishing FCC Form 470 Service Provider Contract Dates Pricing Confidentiality Confirmation **Enter Account** Here you will associate the service provider listed on the contract. Number if known, Service Provider but not required Account Number (e.g., billed telephone number) If your service provider has given you one or more Account Numbers, please enter them. Please select the service provider for this contract using the search below. Enter search Search Service Providers criteria for Service Search by SPIN Search by Name (Full or Partial) Provider by SPIN or 14010001 name, click on CLEAR FILTERS SEARCH "Search". SPIN Doing Business As Name State 14010001 USAC Service Provider Organization 1 Check box to select. click on "Save & **SAVE & CONTINUE** Continue" BACK CANCEL SAVE & CLOSE



Indicate if this is a multi-year contract, such as MIBS or Basic Maintenance, and select "YES." If this is for a one-time hardware purchase, indicate "NO." Enter the date the contract was awarded, the date someone from your organization signed it, not the provider's signature date.

Remember, the date must be **on or after the Allowable Contract Date listed on the Form 470. The Contract Expiration Date will be entered later in the FRN on the Form 471. Click on "Save & Continue".



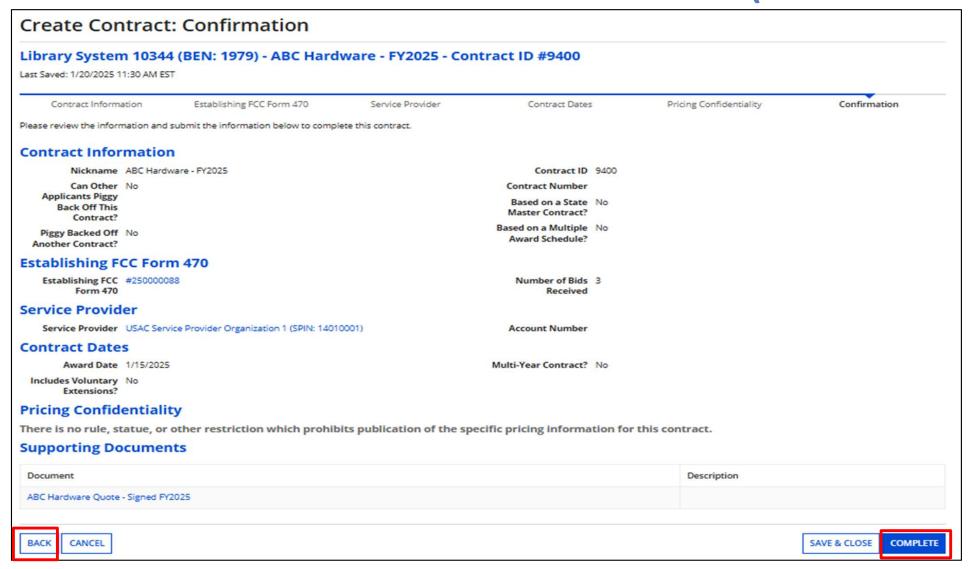
Indicate if voluntary extensions are allowed. If so, provide the contract expiration date if all extensions are exercised, the number of extensions left on the contract, and the total remaining length of the contract if you exercise all extensions. If this is for a one-time hardware purchase, indicate "NO."



Indicate if there is a restriction prohibiting publication of the pricing for this contract. If "Yes", you must state the type of restriction (State Law, Local Rule, Court Order, Contract with Restrictive Terms), and upload Restriction Document.

Click on "Save & Continue".

Manage Contracts – Create Contract (Confirmation)



If an error is found, click on "Back" and correct it.

If the information is correct, click on "Complete". Keep in mind that if a mistake is found after it's submitted, you can not edit it. You will have to create a new contract record.

Manage Contracts



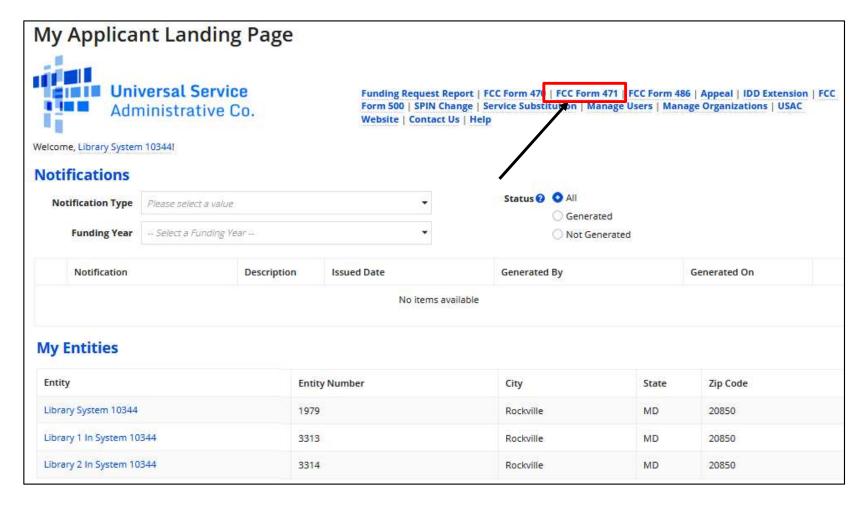
To see contracts you've added, go back to "Manage Contracts" as before. Click on the pull-down and choose "Submitted Contracts".

If you started adding a contract but had to "Save & Close" before completing it, click on "Manage Contracts", and choose "My Contract Drafts" as the contract type. Select the contract from the grid and click on "Edit" to continue.

Remember, you will need to complete the steps for each contracted service.

Filing the Category 2 Form 471

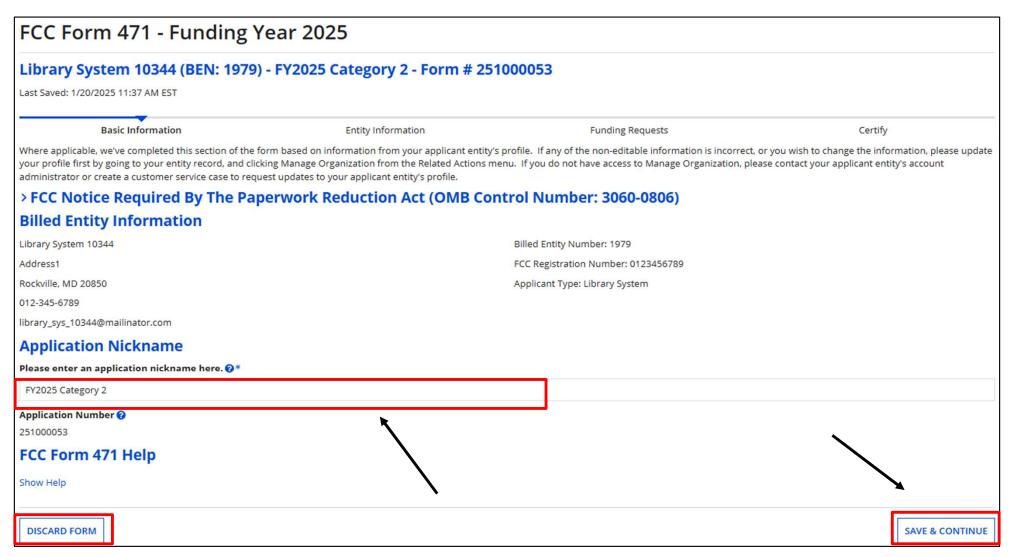
Creating the Form 471



From the Landing Page, click on "FCC Form 471".

Note: When you begin the FCC Form 471, the basic information about your Billed Entity will be automatically populated from your profile. If you did not update your entity profiles by the Jan. 9th deadline, your FY2024 data will be displayed.

Creating the Form 471

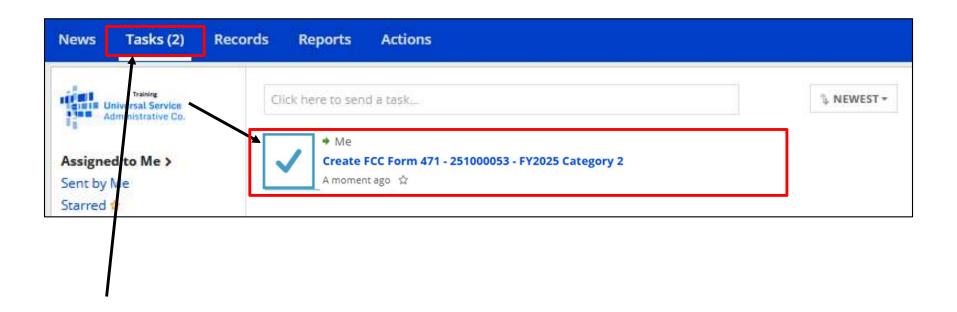


Enter an application nickname and click on "Save & Continue".

As before, breadcrumbs are listed at the top, and required fields are indicated by *.

You also have the option to "Discard Form" to discard your work. Once you confirm that you want to discard the form, it will no longer be available in the EPC system. 30

Continuing a Form 471



If, after completing part of the form, you need to stop and return to it later:

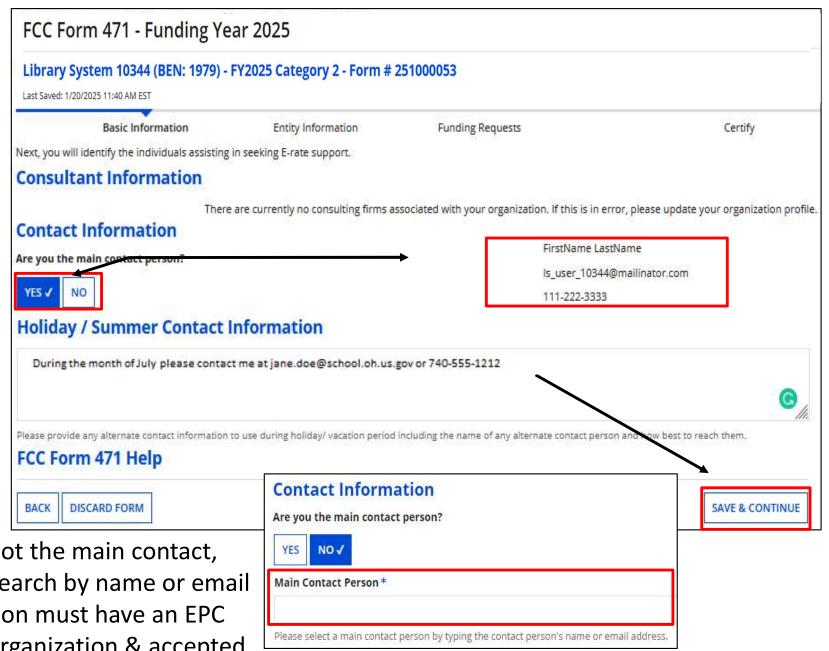
- Click the "Save & Continue" button to save the page and then log out of EPC or click on any menu option to exit.
- Click the "Task" tab to locate the in-process form when you return to EPC.

Please note: the task is named "Create Form 471" instead of "Continue". However, you will be taken to the screen in the application where you left off.

Creating the Form 471

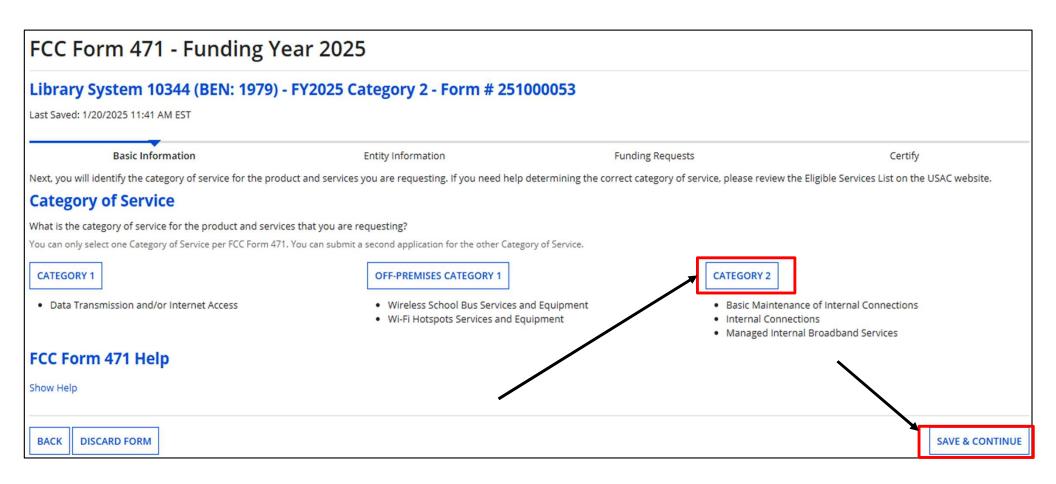
Choose "Yes" if you are the main contact, and your information will be displayed.

Provide "Holiday / Summer" contact information if appropriate, and click on "Save & Continue"



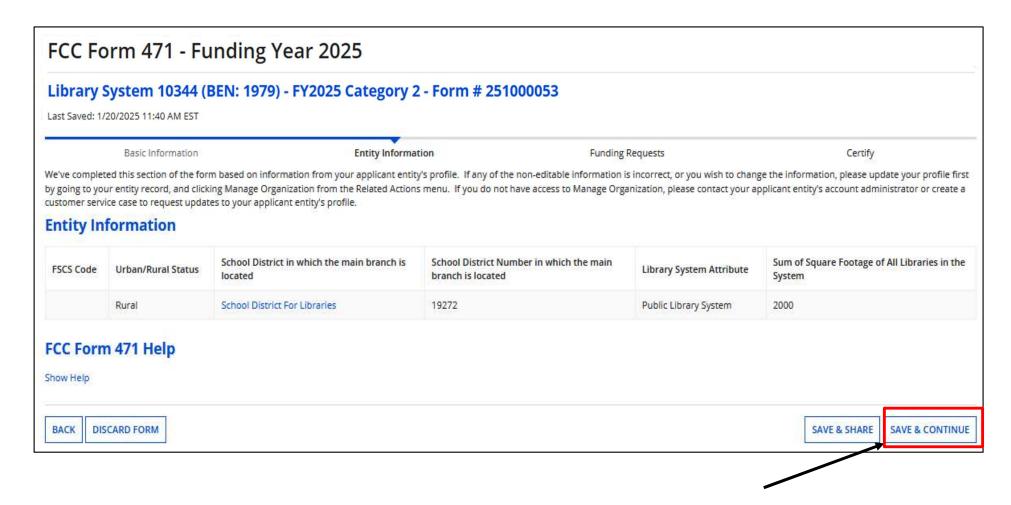
Note: If you are not the main contact, select "No" and search by name or email address. The person must have an EPC account for this organization & accepted the Terms & Conditions to be added.

Category 2 Form 471



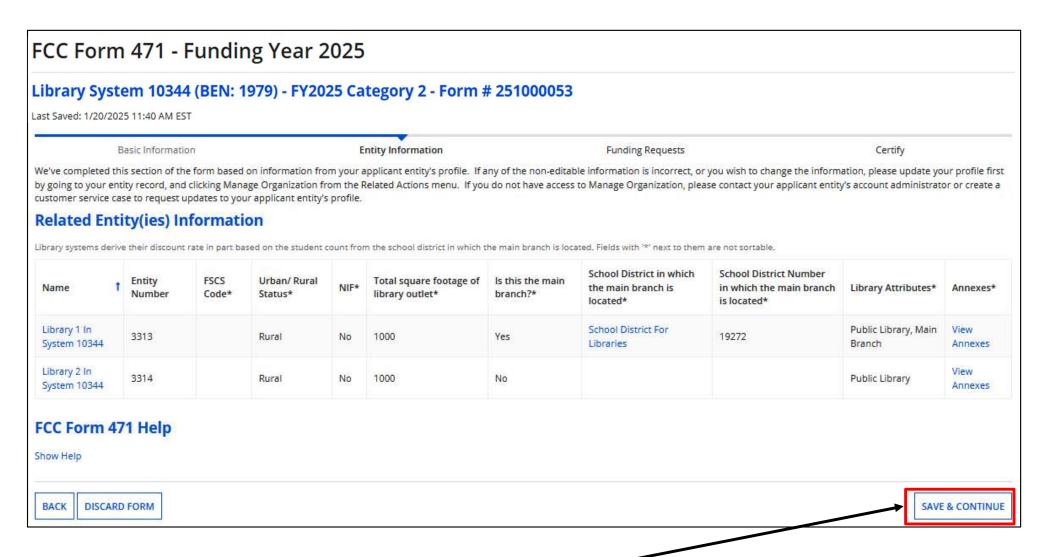
At "Category of Service", click on "Category 2", and "Save & Continue".

Entity Information



This portion of the form populates, and displays information based on your entity's profile. Click on "Save & Continue"

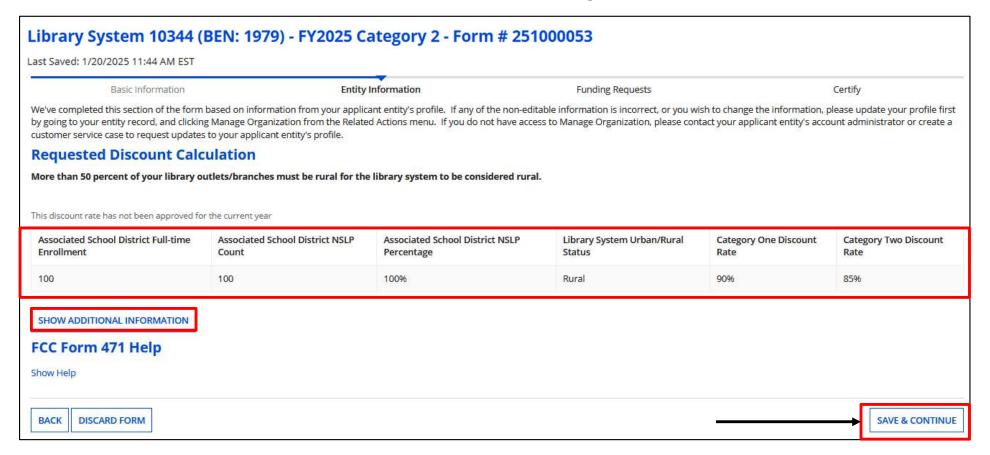
Related Entity Information



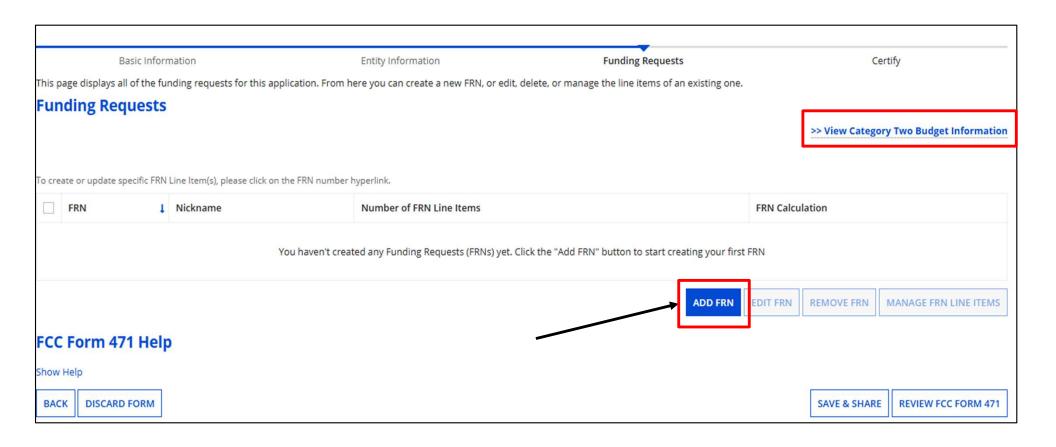
View "Related Entity Information".

Click on "Save & Continue".

Requested Discount Calculation

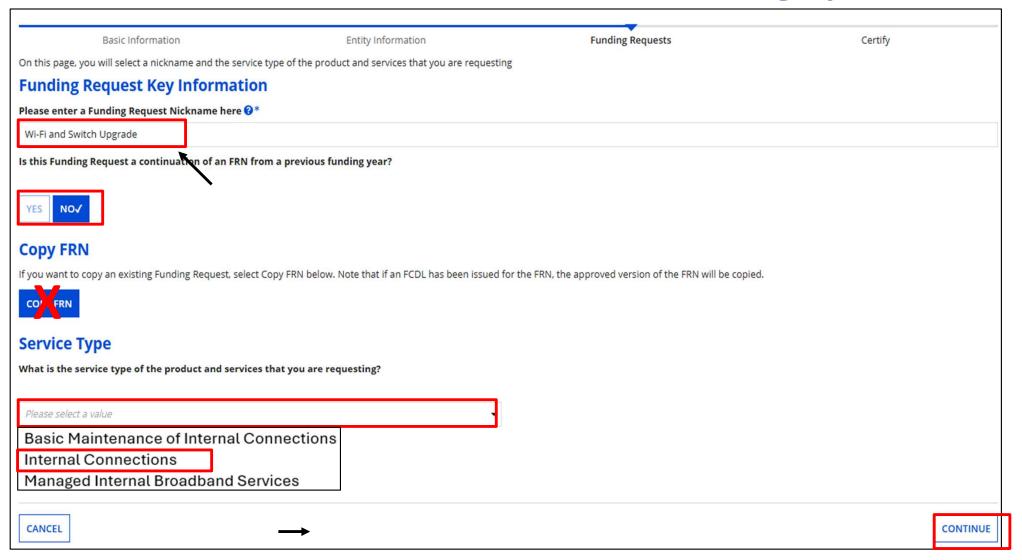


Discount Calculation shown based on your entity's profile. To see a list of all entities, click on "Show Additional Information". When done, click on "Save & Continue" to start adding funding requests.



Click on "Add FRN" to begin.

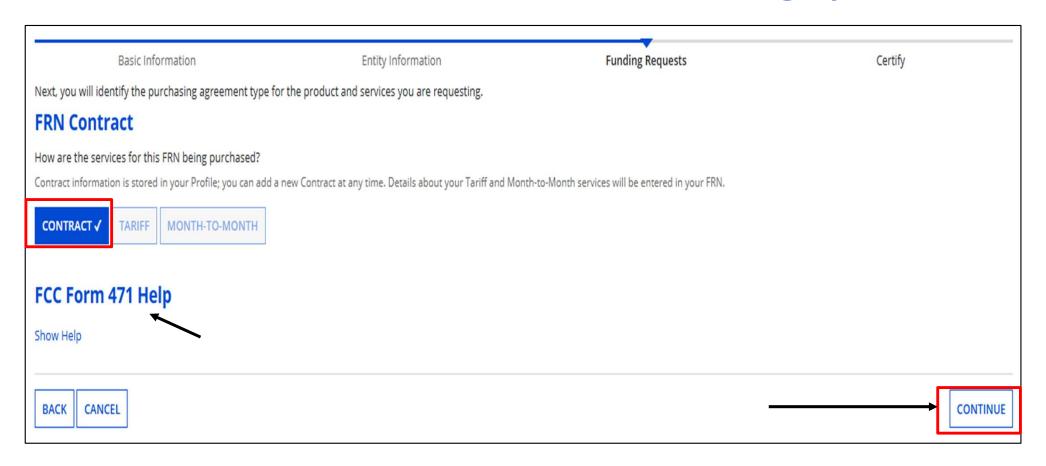
Note: You'll also see the Category Two Budget Information option to see your current budget. If you drill down to the information, click on the "Back" button to continue your application.



Enter the Funding Request Nickname and answer the continuation question. For Internal Connections, this will be "No". Do not click on "Copy FRN"

Click on the pull down to select "Service Type". Click on "Continue" when do

Click on the pull-down to select "Service Type". Click on "Continue" when done.



Indicate how the service will be purchased. Click on "Continue."

For Internal Connection items, a copy of a quote and evidence of acceptance (e.g., a Signed bid matrix or signing off on a quote) may be uploaded.

If choosing "Contract," complete the steps under "Manage Contract" previously discussed before starting the Form 471.

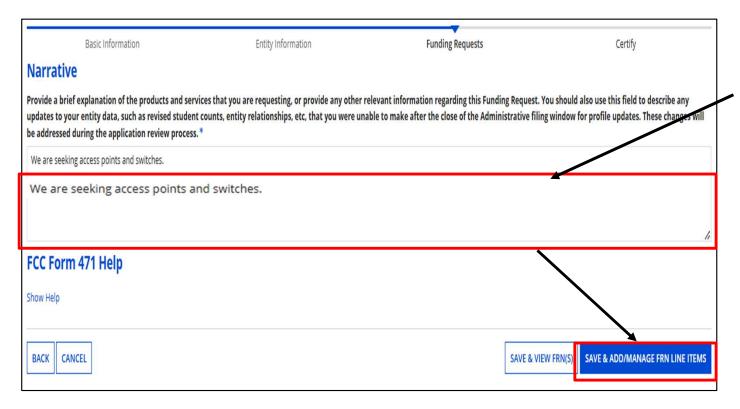
		zation BEN		Search by Nickname (All or Partial) Search by Contract No.				
Coarch I	note that BEN is a requ	red field and you can use other search	th fields to narrow down your result.					
search t	by Contract ID							
							CLEAR FILTERS	SEARCH
	Contract ID	Contract Number	Nickname		Award Date 1	Creating Organization BEN		
2 9	9400		ABC Hardware - FY2025	ABC Hardware - FY2025 1/15/2025		1979		
_ 7	7540		Spectrum FY2023-FY2027		2/16/2023	1979		
_ 7	7505		My Provider - 5 Year Bandwidth Co	ontract	1/6/2023	1979		
Expira	Extensions)			Remaining Voluntary Extensions Total Remaining Contract Length				
Pricir	ng Confiden	tiality						
			ts publication of the specific pricing infor	mation for this contract.				
Cont	ract Informa	ation (Additional)						
What is the service start date? ⊖ *			What is the date your contract expires for the current term of the contract? 🔞 •					
	/2025 📾			09/30/2026				
07/01/2		viii start for this Funding Year						_
07/01/2	e date when services v							
07/01/2	e date when services v							
unter the	Form 471 He	lp						
what is	/2025 簡				ntract expires for the currer	it term of the contra	act: 🔞 *	_

Associate a Contract, and enter the Service Start and End dates.

Click on "Continue"

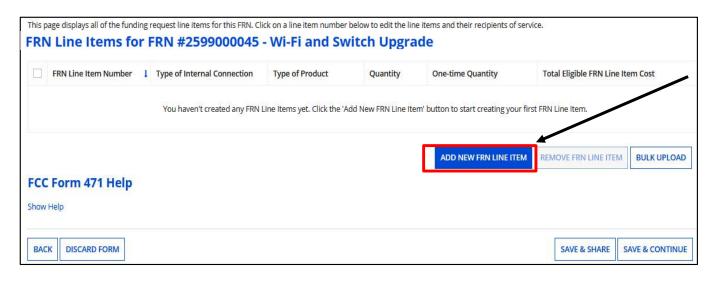
Remember, you can purchase Internal Connection hardware as early as **April 1**st, once choosing a vendor. However, the **Service Start Date will be July 1**st.

In addition, we're given an additional 90 days after the close of the funding year to complete the project, which for FY2025 is **9/30/2026**.



Provide a narrative of the products or services. Include updated enrollment and NLSP is necessary

Click on "Save & Add/ Manage FRN Line Items".



Click on "Add New FRN Line Item".

Note: If you have a quote with multiple types of IC products, you will need to add each as line items to the funding request.

Adding Line Items

	ITEM	QTY	UNIT PRICE	EXT. PRICE
1.	Cisco Catalyst 9120AXE - wireless access point - 802.15.4, Bluetooth, Wi-Fi Mfg. Part#: C9120AXE-B	60	\$1,141.49	\$68,489.40
2.	Cisco antenna Mfg. Part#: AIR-ANT2535SDW-RS=	240	\$47.32	\$11,356.80
3.	Cisco Digital Network Architecture Essentials - Term License (3 Years) Mfg. Part#: AIR-DNA-E-3Y	60	\$133.08	\$7,984.80
4.	Cisco Catalyst 9200 - switch - 24 ports - smart - rack-mountable Mfg, Part#: C9200-24P-EDU	4	\$2,069.80	\$8,279.20
5.	Cisco - network stacking module Mfg. Part#: C9200-STACK-KIT	4	\$881.92	\$3,527.68
6.	Cisco Catalyst 9200 - switch - 48 ports - managed - rack-mountable Mfg. Part#: C9200-48P-EDU	2	\$4,348.14	\$8,696.28
7.	APC Smart-UPS X 3000VA Sinewave 4U Rackmount Extended Run, LCD, 120V Mfg. Part#: SMX3000LVNC	8	\$2,408.24	\$19,265.92
8.	APC Smart-UPS X 750VA SmartConnect Port Tower Network Card, LCD, 120V Mfg. Part#: SMX750CNC	4	\$1,198.41	\$4,793.64
9.	Proline 3ft RJ-45 (M) RJ-45 (M) Straight Blue Cat6 UTP PVC Patch Cable Mfg. Part#: PRO-3FCAT6-BE	500	\$1.84	\$920.00
10.	Proline 5ft RJ-45 (M) RJ-45 (M) Straight Blue Cat6 UTP PVC Patch Cable Mfg. Part#: PRO-5FCAT6-BE	500	\$3.67	\$1,835.00
11.	Leviton 24-Port QuickPort Patch Panel with Cable Management Bar - Black Mfg. Part#: 49255-H24	10	\$43.61	\$436.10
12.	Leviton QuickPort patch panel - 1U Mfg. Part#: 49255-Q48	10	\$94.63	\$946.3

Any item listed on the proposal you want to be funded must also be listed as a line item in the funding request.

Looking at a sample quote, this funding request will need twelve line items.

Adding Line Items

	ITEM	QTY	UNIT PRICE	EXT. PRICE
1.	Cisco Catalyst 9120AXE - wireless access point - 802.15.4, Bluetooth, Wi-Fi Mfg. Part#: C9120AXE-B	60	\$1,141.49	\$68,489.40
2.	Cisco antenna Mfg. Part#: AIR-ANT2535SDW-RS=	240	\$47.32	\$11,356.80
3.	Cisco Digital Network Architecture Essentials - Term License (3 Years) Mfg. Part#: AIR-DNA-E-3Y	60	\$133.08	\$7,984.80
4.	Cisco Catalyst 9200 - switch - 24 ports - smart - rack-mountable	4	\$2,069.80	\$8,279.20
	Mfg. Part#: C9200-24P-EDU ABC VENDOR QUOTE - West School/Library	77-11		
	Mfg. Part#: C9200-24P-EDU	QTY	UNIT PRICE	EXT. PRICE
1.	Mfg. Part#: C9200-24P-EDU ABC VENDOR QUOTE - West School/Library	QTY 40	UNIT PRICE \$1,141.49	
1.	Mfg. Part#: C9200-24P-EDU ABC VENDOR QUOTE - West School/Library ITEM Cisco Catalyst 9120AXE - wireless access point - 802.15.4, Bluetooth, Wi-Fi	-702		
_	Mfg. Part#: C9200-24P-EDU ABC VENDOR QUOTE - West School/Library ITEM Cisco Catalyst 9120AXE - wireless access point - 802.15.4, Bluetooth, Wi-Fi Mfg. Part#: C9120AXE-B Cisco antenna	40	\$1, <mark>14</mark> 1.49	\$45,659.60 \$6,624.80 \$5,323.20

If there are identical items, such as a quote broken out by school or library site, you can add the quantities together.

In this example, you would have four line items.

- 1. 100 Access Points
- 2. 380 Antennas
- 3. 100 Licenses
- 4. 8 Switches

First choose "Type of Internal Connection"

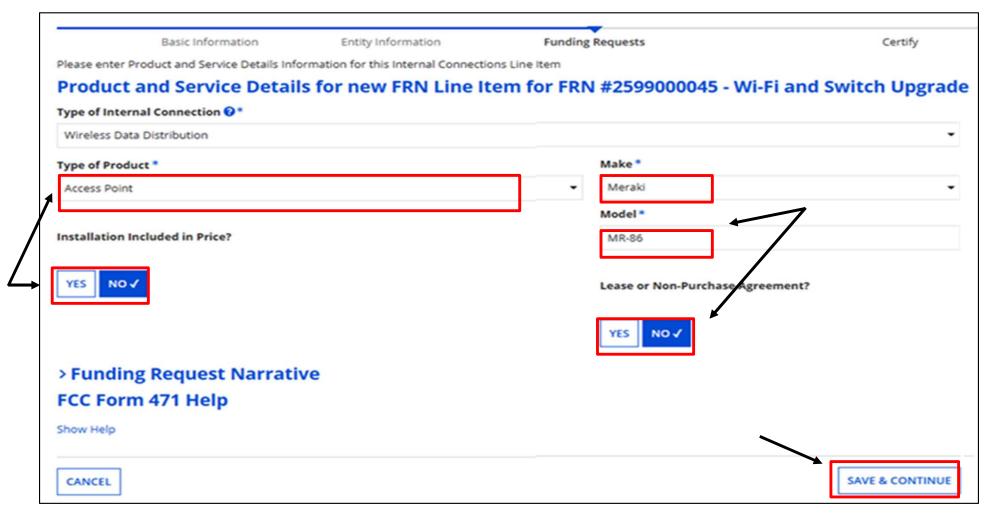
Then choose "Type of Product"

Type of Internal Connection Pull Down Options

 Cabling Cabling / Connectors Connectors . Caching Equipment Caching · Caching Service Router Data Distribution Switch Firewall Services & Components Data Protection UPS/Battery Backup Racks Racks & Cabinets · Operating System Software of Eligible Software Equipment Access Points Wireless Data Antenna Distribution LAN Controller Wireless Controller • Installantion, Activation, & Initial Configuration Miscellaneous Training · Fees, Taxes, etc. License License Transceiver Transceiver Module Module

Any item listed on the proposal must also be listed as a line item in the funding request.

Note: These options are included in the pull-down as choices even though not on the Form 470, or lumped together with equipment such as software and licenses

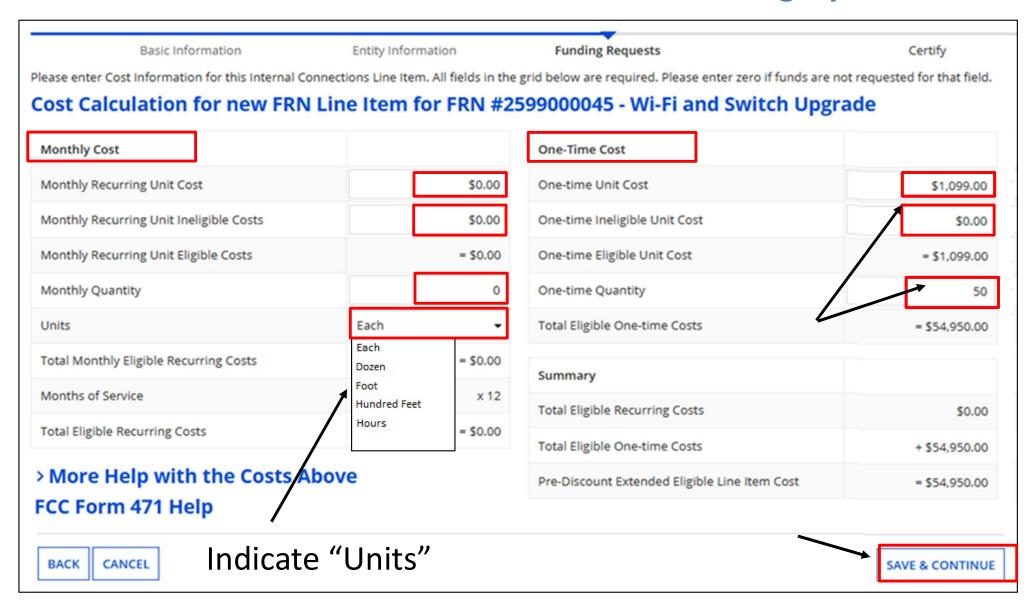


Click on pull-downs to indicate <u>Type</u> of Internal Connection, and then Type of Product, Make, and then manually enter the Model.

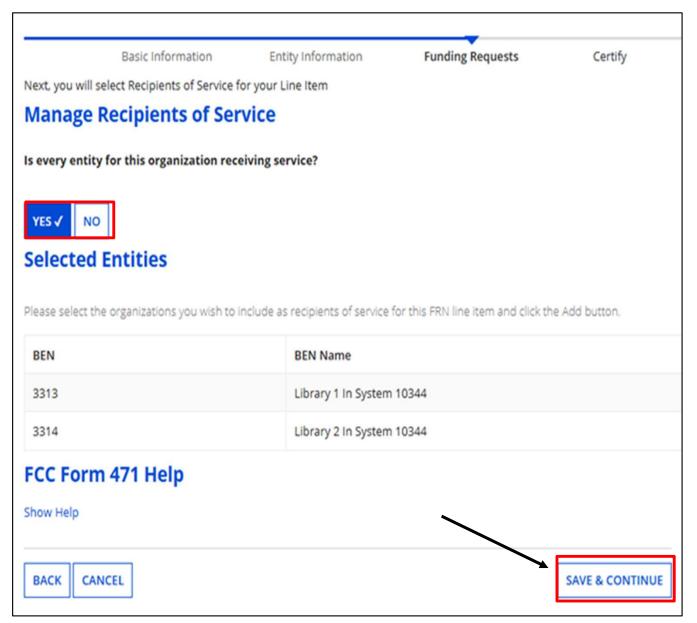
Is Installation included? Select "Yes" or "No"

Will the hardware be leased? Select "Yes" or "No"

When completed, click on "Save & Continue"



Enter the per unit cost and quantity under **One-Time Cost**. For Monthly Cost, enter zeros. When done, click on "Save & Continue."



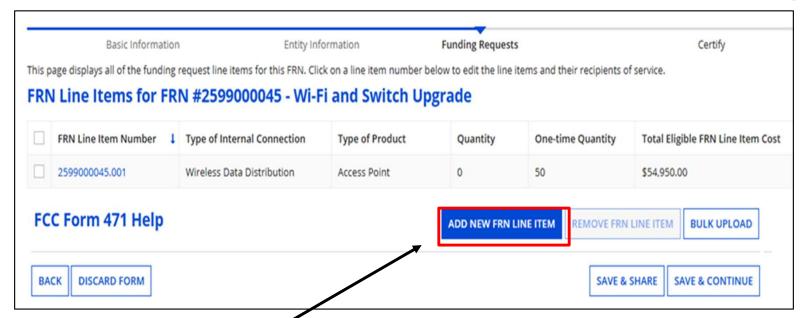
Click on "Save & Continue" to select the entities and then again to confirm.

Category 2 Form 471

At "Manage Recipients of Service", indicate if all entities will receive service. If not, select "No" and check which ones will, and click on "Add".

Indicate which buildings you intend to purchase C2 equipment for, but if that changes, you do not have to inform USAC.

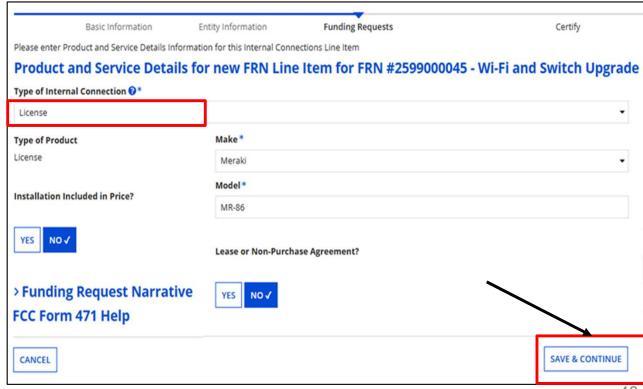
Just keep track in your inventory system.

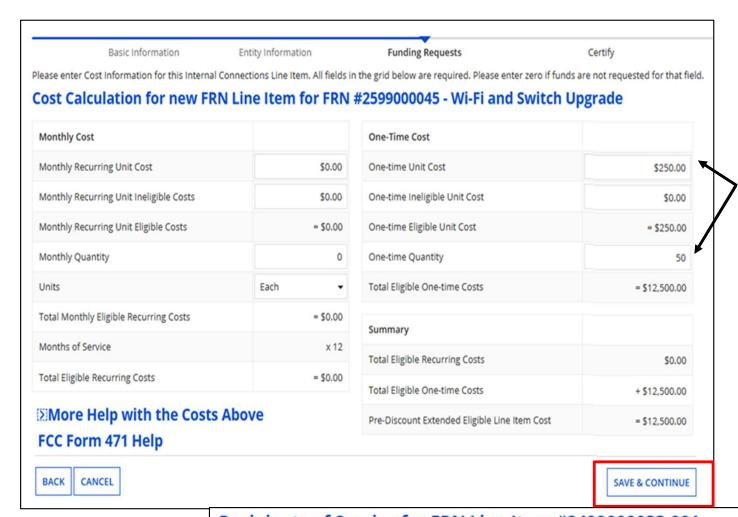


To add additional line items, click "Add New FRN Line Item".

In this case we are adding the license portion of the cost. *If you listed the license on the Form 470 under both IC & BMIC, list them under IC on the 471. Let the reviewer tell you if that needs to change.

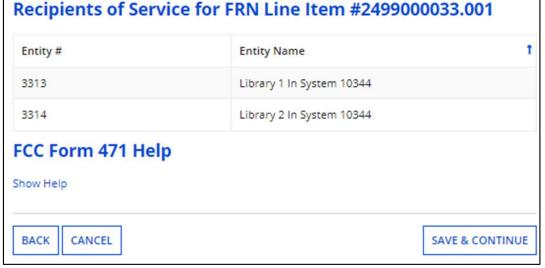
Provide information, and click on "Save & Continue"

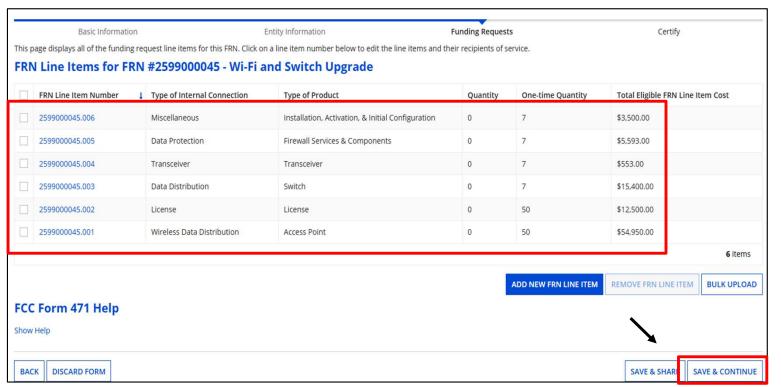




Provide cost and quantity.

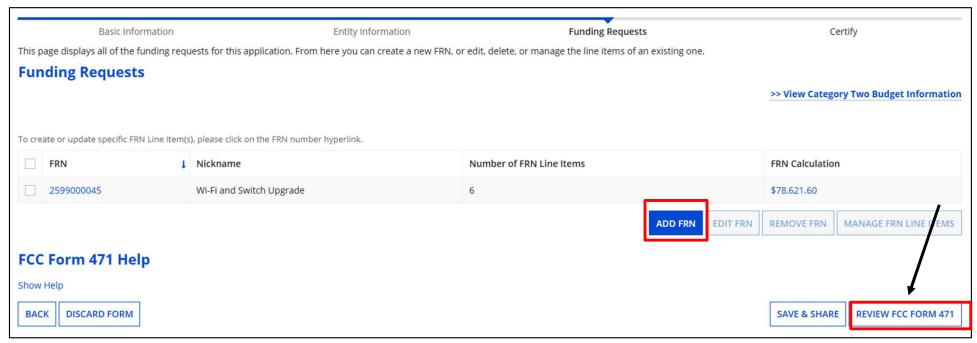
After clicking on "Save & Continue", you will indicate the Recipients of Service.



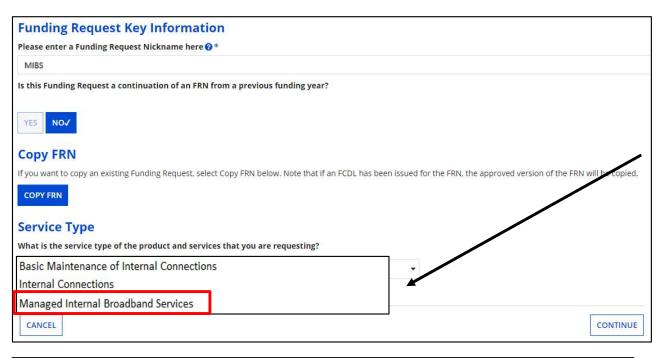


Continue adding items if needed and verify the information. If correct, click on "Save & Continue"

Add additional FRNs if needed. If done, click on "Review FCC Form 471".



Category 2 MIBS



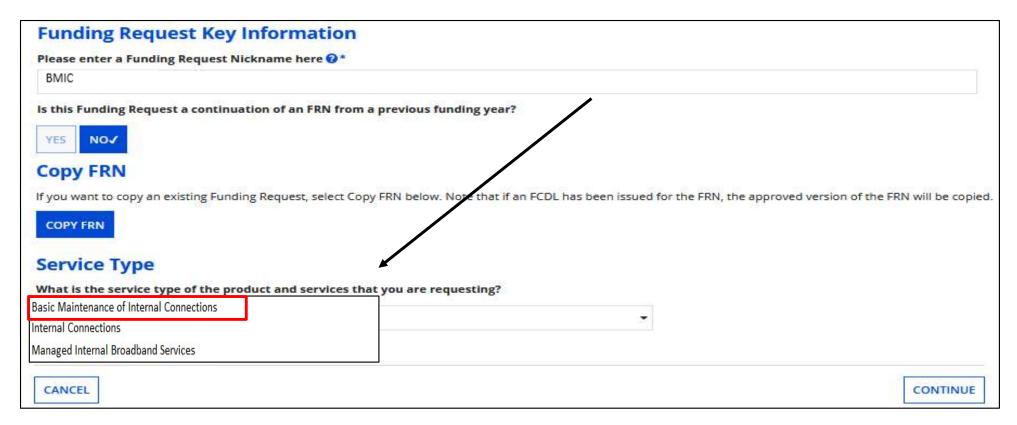
If requesting MIBS, create the FRN like before, associating a contract, and clicking on "Save & Add/Manage FRN Line Items."

Choose "Managed Internal Broadband Service" as the Service Type. Complete the Contract, service dates, and narrative sections.



Choose the type of "Managed Service Agreement" in the FRN Line Item detail. Click "Save & Continue" and provide the cost per your contract. These are typically quoted as monthly recurring costs. Select Recipients of Service.

Category 2 BMIC



If requesting Basic Maintenance, create the FRN like before, choosing "Basic Maintenance of Internal Connections" as the Service Type. Associate a contract, provide dates if this is a multi-year request and information in the narrative.

Click on "Save & Add/ Manage FRN Line Items" and then "Add New FRN Line Item."

Please remember that if you are requesting a license renewal for a multi-year term, that includes maintenance, you should treat it as a multi-year contract.

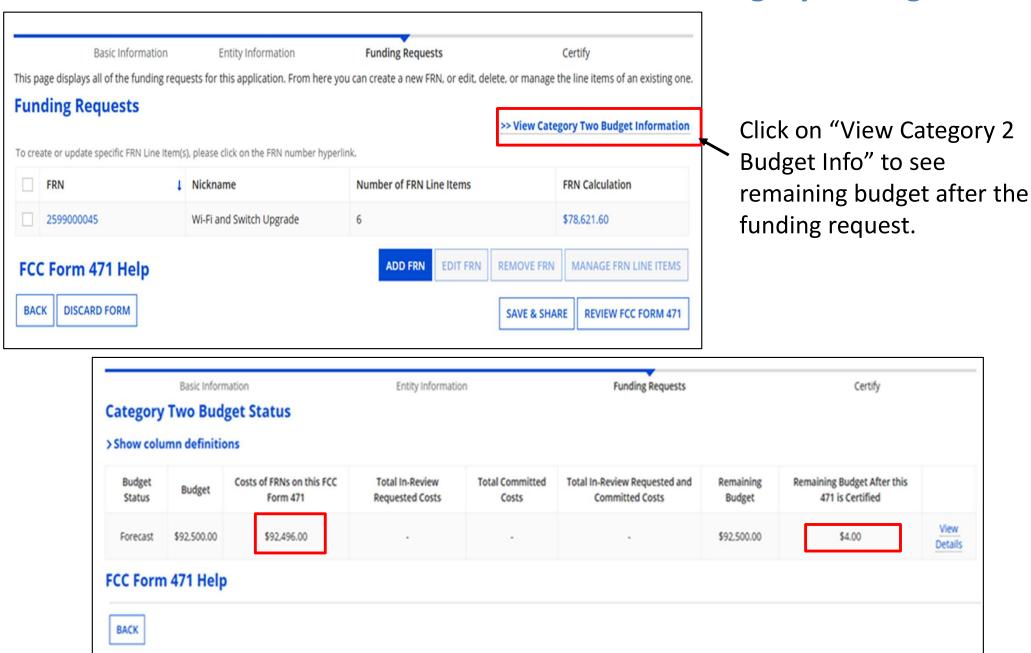
Category 2 BMIC

Product and Service Details for new FRN Lin Type of Product Being Maintained Basic Maintenance of Internal Connections Total Quantity of Equipment Maintained ©*	ne Item for IBMIC		Category 2	DIVIIC	
Provide the total quantity for all equipment types being covered at the entity	Cost Calculation for new FRN Line Item for BMIC				
> Funding Request Narrative	Monthly Cost		One-Time Cost		
-7 a 16 - 15 - 15 - 15 - 15 - 15 - 15 - 15 -	Monthly Recurring Cost	\$0.00	One-time Cost	\$1,000.00	
FCC Form 471 Help	Monthly Recurring Ineligible Costs	\$0.00	One-time Ineligible Cost	\$0.00	
CANCEL	Monthly Recurring Eligible Costs	= \$0.00	One-time Eligible Cost	= \$1,000.00	
Contect	Months of Service	x 12	Summary		
	Total Eligible Recurring Costs	= \$0.00	Total Eligible Recurring Costs	\$0.00	
	> More Help with the Cos	ts Above	One-time Eligible Cost	+ \$1,000.00	
	FCC Form 471 Help		Pre-Discount Extended Eligible Line Item Cost	= \$1,000.00	
	BACK CANCEL		SAVE	& CONTINUE	

Simply enter the total quantity of all equipment types being covered. You do not indicate the "Type" of equipment on the form. Click on "Save & Continue" and provide the total one-time or monthly cost, and then Recipients of Service.

If this is for license renewal for a multi-year term, enter one year's cost, even if you must pay for the full term upfront.

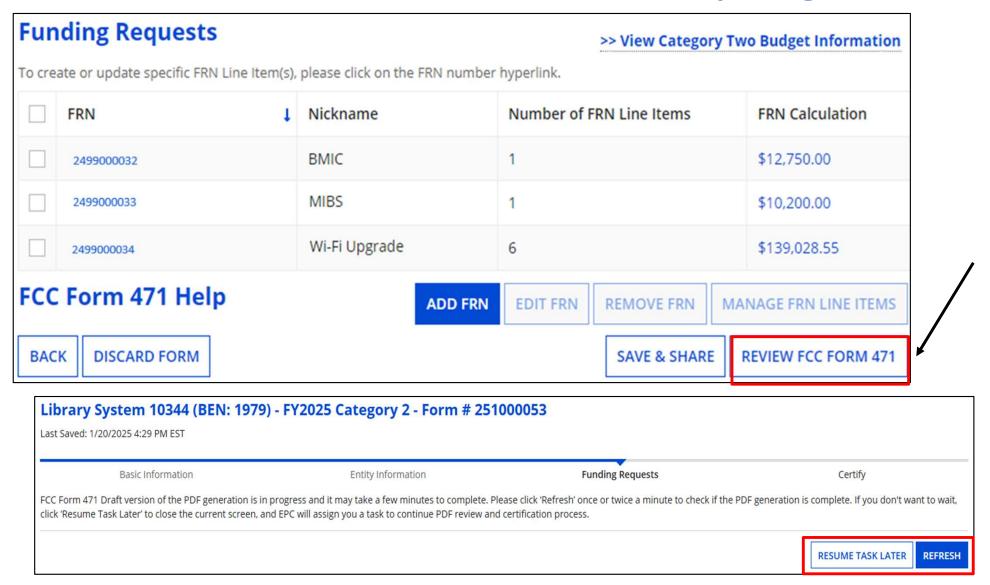
Category 2 Budget Info



The total pre-discount cost is shown, and the remaining budget with the new funding request subtracted from the total. Click on "Back" to continue your application.

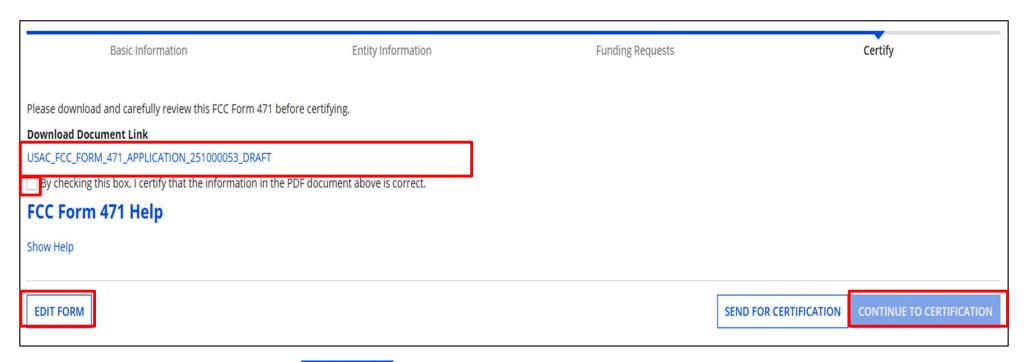
Completing the Form 471

Completing the Form 471



If done adding FRNs, click on "Review FCC Form 471" and "Yes" to the popup. Click on "REFRESH" to receive the draft version and complete the form. Be patient; it may take a little while to display. You can also click on "RESUME TASKLATER" if you 56 prefer to complete the form later.

Funding Requests

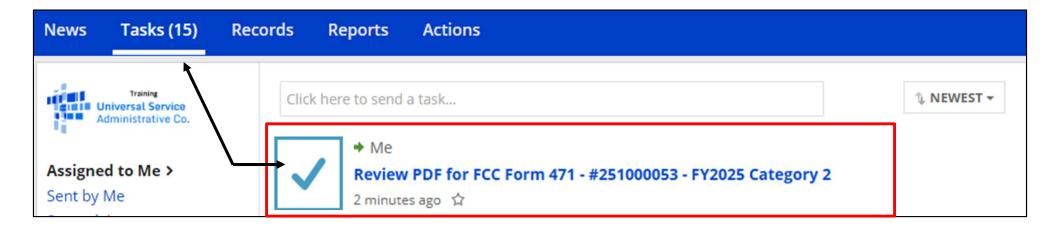


If you chose the "REFRESH "option, click on the draft document to view the PDF. If necessary, click on "Edit Form" to make corrections.

Click the box just below the document to certify if correct. You can then click on "Continue to Certification" or "Send for Certification" to complete the application.

57

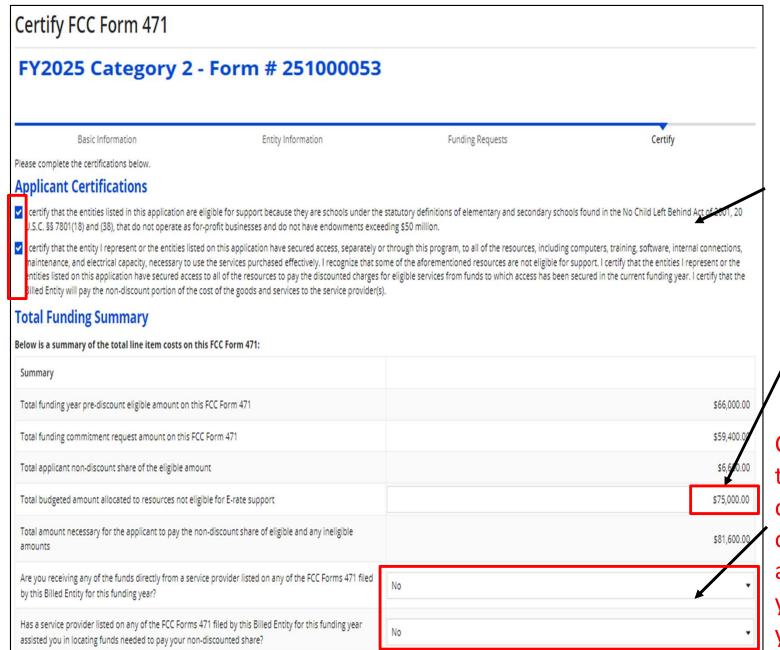
Funding Requests



If you clicked on "RESUME TASKLATER", you will need to click on "Tasks" on the blue menu bar to find the newly created task.

Click on the "Review PDF for FCC Form 471" to continue.

Certifying the Form 471



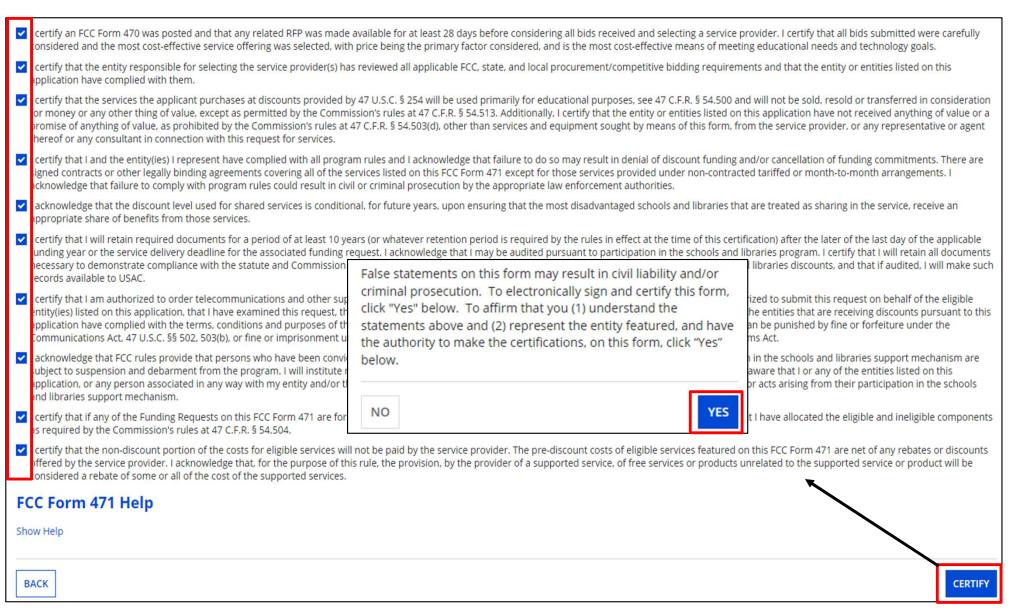
After reading the certifications, check the hoxes

Enter your budget amount.

Click on the pull-downs to answer the "gotcha" questions. Be very careful!! Remember, it's a program violation if you receive funds from your service provider!!

Just say no!! 50

Certifying the Form 471



Continue checking all boxes.

When done, click on "Certify", and then "Yes" in the pop-up.

Certification Information

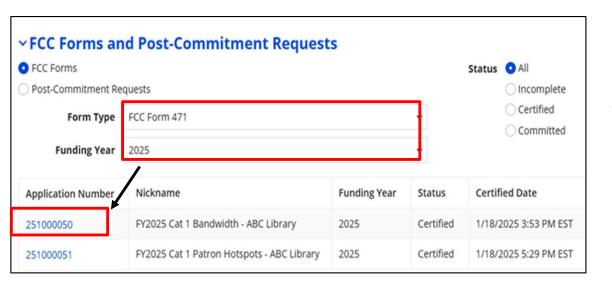
61

You will receive confirmation that the form was certified.



Click the link to access a PDF copy of your certified Form 471. Click on "Close" when done.

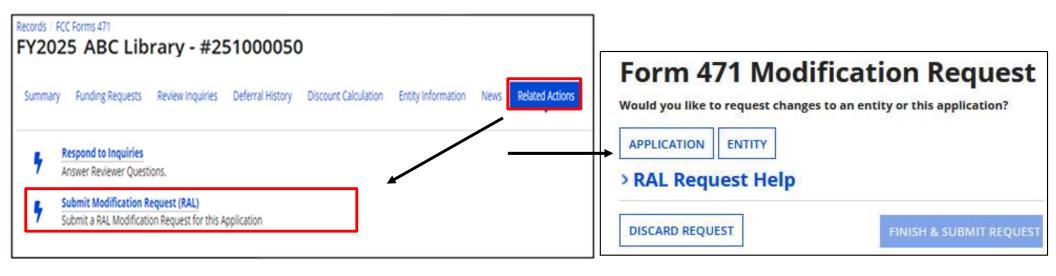
After the Form 471 - Next Steps



Finding Your 471 & Making Corrections

To find a submitted Form 471, scroll down to the bottom of the Landing Page, select 471 as "Type" and 2025 for "Funding Year".

Click on the Application Number.

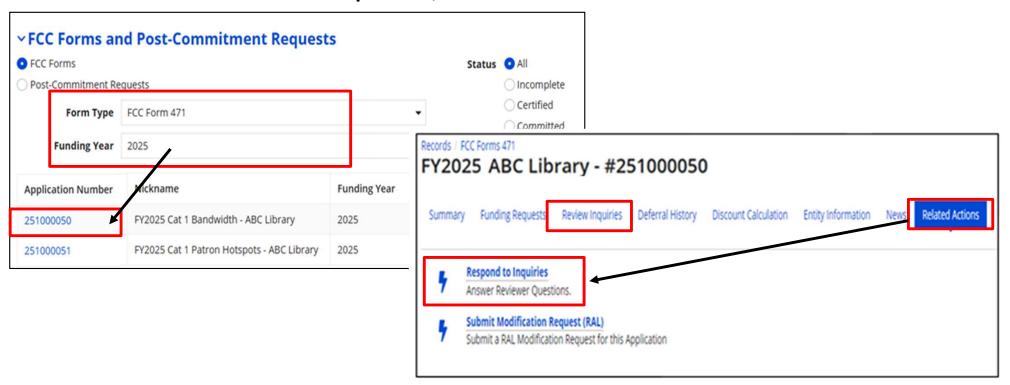


To make corrections after your Form 471 has been certified, submit a RAL Modification Request. For details on how to submit, see "Submitting Form 471 RAL Corrections" on my website for a step-by-step guide covering various scenarios at https://www.ohio-k12.help/erate/e-rate-resources/.

Application Review - PIA

Program Integrity Assurance (PIA) will review your application after it is submitted and communicate with you through EPC.

To look for Review Inquires, search for 471 as before:



Click on "Review Inquires" **or** "Related Actions" and then "Respond to Inquires".

Application Review - PIA

Reviewers

- verify the eligibility of the schools and libraries and their discount levels.
- verify that the services requested are eligible for E-Rate discounts.
- communicate with you with requests for additional documentation.
- may ask for additional verification of your compliance with program rules.
- You are given an opportunity to make allowable corrections to your form.

Application Review - PIA

- Have documentation ready
- Respond to inquiries and provide information promptly, by the deadline (usually 15 days)
- Ask for clarification if you are unsure what is needed
- Ask early for an extension if you need it
- Put responses in writing
- Document all responses

Funding Decision

The Funding Commitment Decision Letter (FCDL) is a letter issued by USAC to both the applicant and the service provider that contains decisions on their funding requests. You'll receive an email when it is issued. The letter states which funding requests of the Form 471 are approved or denied.

Applicants and service providers should carefully review their FCDL for details on approved or denied requests and any adjustments made to the original requests, as well as next steps (such as the deadline for filing an appeal which is 60 days for the date of the FCDL).

Change Options To Be Aware Of

Funding Request Report | FCC Form 470 | FCC Form 471 | FCC Form 486 | Appeal | IDD Extension | FCC Form 500 | SPIN Change | Service Substitution | Manage Users | Manage Organizations | EPC E-Rate Invoicing | USAC Website | Contact Us | Help

SPIN Changes

 If you enter the wrong SPIN, the company merges with another, or your chosen vendor can't provide the service.

Service Substitutions

 If you entered incorrect service information, or you are making an allowed change to the service, use this to notify USAC of the change.

FCC Form 500 - Use this form if you need to do the following:

- Change service start date
- Change contract expiration date
- Cancel funding request
- Reduce funding request
- Submit service delivery extension request (non-recurring)



Questions?!!

Contact Information

E-Rate Support and Information



lgermann@ohiocsc.org or lorrie.germann@education.ohio.gov

www.ohio-k12.help/erate

Call: 740-253-1153

