

## Schools and Libraries Program News Brief

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TIP OF THE WEEK: If you missed this week's E-rate Program 101 webinar, you can watch a recording <a href="https://example.com/here">here</a>. The webinar recording is also available in our <a href="https://example.com/online\_Learning\_Library">Online\_Learning\_Library</a>.

## **Commitments for Funding Year 2018**

**Funding Year 2018.** USAC released Funding Year (FY) 2018 Wave 15 Funding Commitment Decision Letters (FCDLs) on July 20. As of July 20, FY2018 commitments total over \$1.42 billion.

On the date that FCDLs are issued, you can access your FCDL notification from the **Notifications** section of your landing page in the E-rate Productivity Center (EPC).

## **Service Provider Reminder: File Your FY2018 SPAC Form**

The <u>FCC Form 473</u>, Service Provider Annual Certification (SPAC) Form, must be filed each year by service providers that participate in the E-rate Program. This form must be certified and on file with USAC before USAC can pay invoices – <u>FCC Form 472</u>, Billed Entity Applicant Reimbursement (BEAR) Form and <u>FCC Form 474</u>, Service Provider Invoice (SPI) Form – for a funding year.

- Service providers who have more than one Service Provider Identification Number (SPIN) must file a SPAC Form for each SPIN.
- Note that applicants can only include Funding Request Numbers (FRNs) for one funding year on a single BEAR Form, but service providers can include FRNs from multiple funding years on a single SPI Form.
- It is never too late to file a SPAC Form. If USAC issues an FCDL for an earlier funding year for which a SPAC Form is missing, the service provider can file a SPAC Form for that funding year now.

USAC has added FY2018 as an option to the online SPAC Form. We encourage service providers to log in to the <u>E-File System</u> and complete and certify the SPAC Form for FY2018.

## **How to file your SPAC Form**

To complete and certify your SPAC Form, first log in to the E-File System.

- If you have multiple SPINs, you must choose one of them ("set your SPIN") from the list of your SPINs.
- After you set your SPIN, you will see SPAC Form as an option in the left-hand menu.
- The form will pre-populate much of the information required based on your identity as a user. If you notice that the contact information in your E-File System profile (not your EPC profile) does not populate correctly, you can exit the FCC Form 473, correct your E-File profile information, and then re-enter your form. If you need help with correcting your E-File profile, contact us as described below.
- The dropdown in the form that lists funding years will only show funding years for which a SPAC Form has not yet been filed, making your choice(s) easier.
- Immediately after the SPAC Form is certified for any funding year including FY2018 the appropriate funding year will appear in the <u>Search for SPIN Information tool</u>.

For step-by-step assistance with filing the FCC Form 473, you can refer to the FCC Form 473 User Guide.

- For instructions on resetting your E-File password or help with filing your FCC Form 473, you can open a customer service case in EPC or call the Client Service Bureau (CSB) at 888-203-8100.
- If you are locked out of E-File or are otherwise having trouble logging in, you can call USAC Customer Support at 888-641-8722 and choose option 4 (contributors).

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