



Schools and Libraries Program News Brief

June 21, 2019

TIP OF THE WEEK: June 30, 2019 is the last day to receive recurring services for Funding Year (FY) 2018. Even if the same service provider will continue to provide your recurring service after June 30, you must use the Funding Request Number (FRN) approved for FY2019 when you are invoicing for recurring services that start July 1, 2019.

Commitments for Funding Year 2019

Funding Year 2019. USAC released FY2019 Wave 9 Funding Commitment Decision Letters (FCDLs) on June 20. As of June 21, FY2019 commitments total over \$967 million.

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).

Eighth Applicant Training Session Confirmed

We have now confirmed the date and location for this fall's final applicant training session. This session will be held on November 13-14 in Atlanta, Georgia.

Applicants can register for this or any other of the training sessions on the <u>2019 Training</u> page on the USAC website. Remember that, if registration for a training session is full, participants can register for the waitlist for that event. The sold-out session will still be listed under the **Event Registration** heading, but will be preceded by the word "Waitlist." We will accept people who are waitlisted as slots open up due to cancellations.

Update on Summer 2019 Service Provider Training

Registration for <u>service provider training</u> in August is now full. Participants can still register for the waitlist on the registration page. This year, the training will take place at USAC's offices in Washington, DC. There will be two training sessions – August 5-6 and August 8-9 – each covering the same material.

Training and other informational sessions for the High Cost, Lifeline, and Rural Health Care Programs and the Contributors section will be held on Wednesday, August 7, between 10:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m. EDT. For those service providers who would like to take advantage of these sessions, following is a list of the sessions that will be offered. To register for one or more of these sessions, <u>click here</u>.

RURAL HEALTH CARE (RHC)

1. Healthcare Connect Fund (HCF) Program Overview – 10:00 - 11:00 a.m.

• The RHC team will share tips and best practices to successfully navigate the HCF Program (FCC Forms 461, 462, and 463).

2. Telecommunications (Telecom) Program Overview – 11:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.

• The RHC team will share tips and best practices to successfully navigate the Telecom Program (FCC Forms 465, 466, 467, and Urban/Rural Rate).

3. RHC Feedback Sessions – 12:00 - 1:00 p.m. (two 15-person sessions)

• These sessions are intended for existing RHC participants. The RHC team will gather feedback on tools, resources, information, and training that would help RHC participants throughout the program. Each session is limited to 15 participants each, with no more than two participants per service provider.

LIFELINE

Lifeline 101 – 1:00 - 2:00 p.m.

• An overview of the Lifeline Program and rules. This session will include tips and best practices to use Lifeline tools including the National Verifier, NLAD, and RAD.

CONTRIBUTORS

Contributors Overview – 2:00 - 3:00 p.m.

• An overview of the FCC Form 499, including true-ups, invoicing, filling out contributor forms, and making payments.

HIGH COST

High Cost Program Overview – 3:00 - 4:00 p.m.

• A high level overview of the High Cost Program, including information on the transition from the legacy funds to the modern funds, an explanation of the funds, background on the HUBB and Connect America Fund map, High Cost verification and performance measures, and annual filings.

Last week, we sent the above information out by email to everyone who registered for training along with a link to register for the session(s) they would like to attend. If you have not already done so, please <u>register</u> as soon as possible so that we can plan accordingly.

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