

Funding Commitment Decision Letter

Funding Year 2018

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FCC Form 471: 181024166**BEN:** 133152**Wave:** 5**Application Nickname:** FIREWALL

Totals

Total Committed	\$2,000.06
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What is in this letter?

Thank you for submitting your application for Funding Year 2018 Schools and Libraries Program (E-rate) funding. Attached to this letter, you will find the funding statuses for the FCC Form(s) 471, Services Ordered and Certification Form, that you submitted and referenced above.

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1. Work with your service provider(s) to determine if your bills will be discounted or if you will request reimbursement from USAC after paying the full cost for the services you receive.
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3. Invoice USAC

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Application Comments for FCC Form 471: #181024166

The applicant did not submit any RAL corrections.

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Funding Request Number (FRN)	Service Provider Name	Amount Requested	Amount Committed	Status
1899043772	WiscNet	\$2,000.06	\$2,000.06	Funded



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FRN 1899043772	Service Type Basic Maintenance of Internal Connections	Status Funded
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Dollars Committed			
Monthly Cost		One-time Cost	
Months of Service	12		
Total Eligible Recurring Charges	\$2,500.08	Total Eligible One Time Charges	\$0.00
Total Pre-discount Charges		\$2,500.08	
Discount Rate		80.00%	
Committed Amount		\$2,000.06	

Dates	
Service Start Date	7/1/2018
Contract Expiration Date	6/30/2019
Contract Award Date	
Service Delivery Deadline	6/30/2019
Expiration Date (All Extensions)	

Service Provider and Contract Information	
Service Provider	WiscNet
SPIN (498ID)	143004351
Contract Number	
Account Number	
Establishing FCC Form 470	180010132

Consultant Information	
Consultant Name	
Consultant's Employer	
CRN	

Funding Commitment Decision Comments

MR1: The establishing FCC Form 470 Application Number was changed at the request of the applicant.



Oratch, Kerri <koratch@niagara.k12.wi.us>

FRN 1899043772

3 messages

Kameliya Dyakova <kdyakova@wiscnet.net>

Thu, Jun 6, 2019 at 1:26 PM

To: "dlindgren@niagara.k12.wi.us" <dlindgren@niagara.k12.wi.us>

Cc: "koratch@niagara.k12.wi.us" <koratch@niagara.k12.wi.us>, "techs@niagara.k12.wi.us" <techs@niagara.k12.wi.us>, WiscNet Billing <billing@wiscnet.net>

Greetings,

We are having issue with SLD paying us for the e-rate discount applied to your Firewall service invoices and it was communicated to us that your F471 is filed incorrectly which prevents SLD of issuing payment to WiscNet.

I have attached copy of the conversation we had with SLD with regards to this issue. Their advice for you is to file an Appeal and change the service type. Your current service category for this FRN is Basic Maintenance which is incorrect. If you have further questions on how this Appeal should be handled please contact SLD.

Further, as we are unable to collect the money from SLD and the end of our fiscal year is in 3 weeks, we'll proceed with invoicing you for the E-rate discount applied to your invoices for quarters 1,2, and 3. Quarter 4 billing begins next week and an invoice for the full quarterly amount will be sent to you.

After your SLD appeal is reviewed and approved you can invoice SLD directly and collect the eligible E-rate funds from them.

If there is anything we can do to help with this, please let us know.

Best,

-Kameliya

WiscNet

Note**Date**

As per our conversation Invoice# 2906118 & 2929182 FRN# 1899043772 was denied due to the applicant selecting the incorrect service type on there FCC Form 470. Firewall is not eligible under Basic Maintenance of Internal Connection. It is Internal Connect/Managed Internal Broadband Services. The applicant will need to submit an appeal to change the service type to IC/MIBS.

If you have any questions or believe this case was closed incorrectly, please re-open this case or contact us at (888)-203-8100.

6/6/2019 12:15 PM EDT

Thank you,
Sabrina Glover
Universal Service Administrative Company (USAC)
Client Service Bureau
(888) 203-8100

Good morning, It has been 30 days since my last update and I'm wondering if anyone is looking into it. Please provide an update on FRN1899043772 and you think the service is not eligible under Cat 2 services.

5/24/2019 12:57 PM EDT

Thank you,

-kameliya
WiscNet

Good morning,

The attached remittance statement, which we received a couple of days ago, shows payment for FRN1899043772 (mentioned below as one of the FRNs on Invoice 2906205) being denied due to service ineligibility. This is Managed Firewall Service utilizing Cisco ASA -5515 device which is eligible service under Category 2. Could you please provide more information of why you concluded that the service is ineligible?

Thank you.

Respectfully,

-Kameliya
WiscNet

4/24/2019 9:49 AM EDT

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Records / Appeals

WiscNet - #149153

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Associated FRNs

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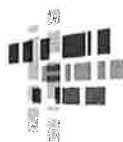
Funding Year 2018**Submitting Organization** NIAGARA SCHOOL DISTRICT (BEN: 133152)**Created By** Kerri Oratch**Created On** 6/10/2019 4:47 PM EDT**▼ Main Contact****Name** Kerri Oratch**Email** koratch@niagara.k12.wi.us**Phone Number** 715-251-4541**▼ Narrative**

The incorrect service category was chosen when this was entered. The service category that should have been chosen is Internal Connect/Managed Internal Broadband Services.
Thank you.

▼ Appeal Details**Decision appealed by applicant** Funding Commitment Decision Letter

If you wish to modify or cancel your appeal, or, if you have any questions about your appeal, please contact the E-rate Program's Client Service Bureau (CSB) at (888) 203-8100.

View Supporting Documentation (+)



Universal Service
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October 23, 2019

Revised Funding Commitment Decision Letter

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Revised Commitment Amount	\$2,000.06

What is in this letter?

Thank you for submitting your post-commitment request for Funding Year 2018 Schools and Libraries Program (E-rate) funding. Attached to this letter, you will find the revised funding statuses and/or post commitment changes to the original Funding Commitment Decision Letter (FCDL) you received. Below are the changes that were made:

- Appeals

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- o **If USAC approved funding on an FRN in your original FCDL**, the deadline to submit the FCC Form 486 is 120 days from the date of the original FCDL or from the service start date (whichever is later).
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Revised Funding Commitment Decision Overview

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Funding Request Number (FRN)	Service Provider Name	Request Type	Revised Committed	Review Status
1899043772	WiscNet	Appeals	\$2,000.06	Denied



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Post Commitment Request Number: 149153	Post Commitment Request Type: Appeals	Post Commitment Decision: Denied
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FRN: 1899043772	Service Type: Basic Maintenance of Internal Connections	Original Status: Funded	Revised Status: Funded
FCC Form 471: 181024166			

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Revised Funding Commitment Decision Comments:
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Post Commitment Rationale:

Our records show that your appeal was filed more than 60 days after the date your decision letter was issued. Your appeal was filed on 06/10/2019. The Funding Commitment Decision Letter was issued on 5/11/2018. Federal Communications Commission (FCC) rules require appeals to be filed within 60 days of the date on the decision letter being appealed. FCC rules do not permit the Universal Service Administrative Company (USAC) to consider your appeal.