

Funding Commitment Decision Letter

Funding Year 2018

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FCC Form 471: 181003379**BEN:** 16055092**Wave:** 41**Application Nickname:** FY2018 DF MFC

Totals

Total Committed	\$0.00
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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.

The Universal Service Administrative Company (USAC) is providing this information to both the applicant(s) and the service provider(s) so that all parties are aware of the post-commitment changes related to their funding requests and can work together to complete the funding process for these requests.

Next Steps

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.
2. Review the [Children's Internet Protection Act \(CIPA\)](#) requirements and file the [FCC Form 486](#) (Service Confirmation and CIPA Certification Form). **The deadline to submit this form is 120 days from the date of this letter or from the service start date (whichever is later).**



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3. Invoice USAC

- **If you (the applicant) are invoicing USAC:** You must pay your service provider(s) the full cost for the services you receive and file the [FCC Form 472](#), the Billed Entity Applicant Reimbursement (BEAR) Form, to invoice USAC for reimbursement of the discounted amount.
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- **To receive an invoice deadline extension, the applicant or service provider must request an extension on or before the last date to invoice. If you anticipate, for any reason, that invoices cannot be filed on time,** USAC will grant a one-time, 120-day invoice deadline extension if timely requested.

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Obligation to Pay Non-Discount Portion

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Notice on Rules and Funds Availability

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Application Comments for FCC Form 471: #181003379

16023697 - MSAD # 9 FRANKLIN COUNTY ADULT EDUCATION/ALTERNATIVE EDUCATION SITE has been removed from the FCC Form 471 application due to the entity is ineligible to receive funding.

Funding Commitment Decision Overview

Funding Request Number (FRN)	Service Provider Name	Amount Requested	Amount Committed	Status
1899026540	Maine Fiber Company, LLC	\$941,715.12	\$0.00	Denied



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FRN 1899026540	Service Type Data Transmission and/or Internet Access	Status Denied
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Dollars Committed			
Monthly Cost		One-time Cost	
Months of Service	12		
Total Eligible Recurring Charges	\$888,588.00	Total Eligible One Time Charges	\$384,000.00
Total Pre-discount Charges		\$1,272,588.00	
Discount Rate		74.00%	
Committed Amount		\$0.00	

Dates	
Service Start Date	7/1/2018
Contract Expiration Date	6/30/2021
Contract Award Date	2/20/2018
Service Delivery Deadline	
Expiration Date (All Extensions)	6/30/2023

Service Provider and Contract Information	
Service Provider	Maine Fiber Company, LLC
SPIN (498ID)	143035885
Contract Number	
Account Number	
Establishing FCC Form 470	180001991

Consultant Information	
Consultant Name	
Consultant's Employer	
CRN	

Funding Commitment Decision Comments

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procedures require the FCC Form 470, RFP and any documentation providing the additional or modifying the original information in your FCC Form 470 and/or Request for Proposal be uploaded into the FCC Form 470 in E-rate Productivity Portal and made available for 28 days before selecting a service provider.

Revised Funding Commitment Decision Letter

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Totals

Original Commitment Amount	\$0.00
Revised Commitment Amount	\$0.00

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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Next Steps

1. **File the FCC Form 486**, Service Confirmation and Children's Internet Protection Act (CIPA) Certification Form, for any FRNs included in this RFCDL, if you have not already done so. Please review the CIPA requirements and file the form(s).



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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).
 - o **If a new FRN was created for this RFCDL or funding was not approved on an FRN in your original FCDL but is approved in this RFCDL**, the deadline to submit the FCC Form 486 is 120 days from the date of this RFCDL or from the service start date (whichever is later).
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Revised Funding Commitment Decision Overview

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1899026540	Maine Fiber Company, LLC	Appeals	\$0.00	Denied



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Post Commitment Request Number: 132213	Post Commitment Request Type: Appeals	Post Commitment Decision: Denied
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FRN: 1899026540	Service Type: Data Transmission and/or Internet Access	Original Status: Funded	Revised Status: Denied
FCC Form 471: 181003379			

Dollars Committed			
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Consultant Name	
Consultant's Employer	
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Revised Funding Commitment Decision Comments:
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Post Commitment Rationale:

Upon review of the documentation presented in your request for funding for Funding Request Number (FRN) 1899026540, USAC has determined that the documentation that contained information needed for potential bidders to respond to your RFP was not available for 28 days in the E-rate Productivity Portal before selecting your service provider. On 11/2/2017 you uploaded RFP addendum which modified list of recipients of service that contains significant information for the bidders to be able to respond to the FCC Form 470 and RFP. However, this documentation was not available in E-rate Productivity Portal for 28 days before the RFP due date on 11/22/2017. Program procedures require the FCC Form 470, RFP and any documentation providing the additional or modifying



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the original information in your FCC Form 470 and/or Request for Proposal be uploaded into the FCC Form 470 in E-rate Productivity Portal and made available for 28 days before selecting a service provider. On appeal, you did not show that USAC's determination was incorrect. Consequently, your appeal is denied.