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Sent: Monday, January 22, 2018 9:47 AM
To: Michael A. Combs
Cc: carolyn.mccornac@usac.org
Subject: FW: Form 500 issue with VA Beach City Public Schools BEN 126526

Carolyn-

Thanks for the response and the good news.

Michael, just let Carolyn know how you want to proceed with this outcome.

From: Carolyn McCornac [mailto:Carolyn.McCornac@usac.org]
Sent: Friday, January 19, 2018 4:24 PM
To: Clair, Susan (DOE) <Susan.Claire@doe.virginia.gov>
Subject: RE: Form 500 issue with VA Beach City Public Schools BEN 126526

Hi Susan,

I'm sorry for the confusion.

After review of these forms, we agree that the Form 500 related denials were done in error.

The CSB manager is correct in that the only way to correct the denials is through an appeal. The school is welcome to submit appeals, but the appeal can also get initiated by us. The processing of the email is the same, regardless of the method in which it was initiated.

Again, I'm sorry for the confusion here. Please let me know how you'd like to move forward with the appeals.

Thanks,

Carolyn
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From: Clair, Susan (DOE) [mailto:Susan.Claire@doe.virginia.gov]
Sent: Thursday, January 11, 2018 11:59 AM
To: Carolyn McCornac <Carolyn.McCornac@usac.org>
Subject: FW: Form 500 issue with VA Beach City Public Schools BEN 126526

Hello Carolyn-

I have an applicant, Virginia Beach City Public Schools, BEN #126526, that was recently informed of 11 denials after submitting a Form 500. The interesting thing is that 15 FRNs were previously approved given the same reason for the request in the first place:

VBPS indicated on their Form 500 that " the project got started late spring due to getting funding in line and the need to not interrupt instruction during testing period in the spring. There were a number of projects going on in the schools over the summer and there were failures with the hardware provided by the manufacturer. "

Va Beach City Public Schools was told by CSB and a manager that he had to Appeal the 11 denials. We are concerned about the denials since 15 had been approved for the same reasons on the Forms. The only difference is in the locations of where the equipment was installed. He filed all Forms before the Sept 30 deadline. I would be grateful if you could review the denials and approvals and respond. Thank you, Michael Combs is the contact for VBCPS at 757-263-6800, Michael.combs@vbschools.com

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Subject: Form 500 issue

Dr. Clair,

Was wondering if there was anything you could do to help me with the following issue.

Back in September, I filed a few form 500s. I needed an extension due to the following reason:

"This project got started late spring due to getting funding in line and the need to not interrupt instruction during our testing period in the spring. There were a number of projects going on at the schools over the summer and there were some failures with the hardware provided by the manufacturer that caused the need for replacement gear and some work to be redone. "

This reason was entered into all of the 500s that were submitted. I received the first approvals in early December and I just received 11 denials this morning. All of them were for the same products and services just at different locations and they all had the exact same reason listed above. I am being told that I have to submit an appeal now for the denials which I do not believe I should be forced to submit seeing as they already stated that the reason given was with-in the guidelines for an approval. I am including the form 500s and the RFCDL for each.

Thanks,

Michael A. Combs

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