

Revised Funding Commitment Decision Letter

Funding Year 2018

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Totals

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| 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

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. **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).
2. **Invoice USAC**, if you or your service provider have not already done so. Work with your service provider(s) to determine if your bills will be discounted or if you will request reimbursement from USAC after paying your bills in full.
- **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.
 - **If your service provider(s) is invoicing USAC:** The service provider(s) must provide services, bill the applicant for the non-discounted share, and file the [FCC Form 474](#), the Service Provider Invoice (SPI) form, to invoice USAC for reimbursement for the discounted portion of costs. Every funding year, service providers must file an [FCC Form 473](#), the Service Provider Annual Certification Form, to be able to submit invoices and to receive disbursements.
 - **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.

How to Appeal or Request a Waiver of a Decision

You can appeal or request a waiver of a decision in this letter **within 60 calendar days** of the date of this letter. Failure to meet this deadline will result in an automatic dismissal of your appeal or waiver request.

Note: The Federal Communications Commission (FCC) will not accept appeals of USAC decisions that have not first been appealed to USAC. However, if you are seeking a waiver of E-rate program rules, you must submit your request to the FCC and not to USAC. USAC is not able to waive the E-rate program rules.

- **To submit your appeal to USAC**, visit the Appeals section in the [E-rate Productivity Center \(EPC\)](#) and provide the required information. USAC will reply to your appeal submissions to confirm receipt. Visit USAC's [website](#) for additional information on submitting an appeal to USAC, including step-by-step instructions.
- **To request a waiver of the FCC's rules or appeal USAC's appeal decision**, please submit it to the FCC in proceeding number CC Docket No. 02-6 using the [Electronic Comment Filing System](#) (ECFS). Include your contact information, a statement that your filing is a waiver request,



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identifying information, the FCC rule(s) for which you are seeking a waiver, a full description of the relevant facts that you believe support your waiver request and any related relief, and any supporting documentation.

For appeals to USAC or to the FCC, be sure to keep a copy of your entire appeal, including any correspondence and documentation, and provide a copy to the affected service provider(s).

Obligation to Pay Non-Discount Portion

Applicants are required to pay the non-discount portion of the cost of the eligible products and/or services to their service providers. Service providers are required to bill applicants for the non-discount portion of costs for the eligible products and/or services. The FCC stated that requiring applicants to pay the non-discounted share of costs ensures efficiency and accountability in the program. If using the BEAR invoicing method, the applicant must pay the service provider in full (the non-discount plus discount portion) **before** seeking reimbursement from USAC. If using the SPI invoicing method, the service provider must first bill the applicant **before** invoicing USAC.

Notice on Rules and Funds Availability

The applicants' receipt of funding commitments is contingent on their compliance with all statutory, regulatory, and procedural requirements of the Schools and Libraries Program and the FCC's rules. Applicants who have received funding commitments continue to be subject to audits and other reviews that USAC and/or the FCC may undertake periodically to assure that funds that have been committed are being used in accordance with such requirements. USAC may be required to reduce or cancel funding commitments that were not issued in accordance with such requirements, whether due to action or inaction, including but not limited to that by USAC, the applicant, or the service provider. USAC, and other appropriate authorities (including but not limited to the FCC), may pursue enforcement actions and other means of recourse to collect improperly disbursed funds.



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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 |
|------------------------------|--|--------------|-------------------|---------------|
| 1899008354 | The Southern New England Telephone Company | Appeals | \$0.00 | Denied |



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| Post Commitment Request Number: 123867 | Post Commitment Request Type: Appeals | Post Commitment Decision: Denied |
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| FRN: 1899008354 | Service Type: Internal Connections | Original Status: Denied | Revised Status: Denied |
| FCC Form 471: 181005582 | | | |

| Dollars Committed | | | |
|----------------------------------|--------|---------------------------------|-------------|
| Monthly Cost | | One-Time Cost | |
| Months of Service | 12 | | |
| Total Eligible Recurring Charges | \$0.00 | Total Eligible One Time Charges | \$41,931.24 |
| Total Pre-Discount Charges | | \$41,931.24 | |
| Discount Rate | | 50.00% | |
| Revised Committed Amount | | \$0.00 | |

| Dates | |
|----------------------------------|-----------|
| Service Start Date | 7/1/2018 |
| Contract Expiration Date | 9/30/2019 |
| Contract Award Date | 1/29/2018 |
| Service Delivery Deadline | |
| Expiration Date (All Extensions) | |

| Service Provider and Contract Information | |
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| Service Provider | The Southern New England Telephone Company |
| SPIN (498ID) | 143001305 |
| Contract Number | |
| Account Number | |
| Establishing FCC Form 470 | 180007223 |

| Consultant Information | |
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| Consultant Name | Amy Krom |
| Consultant's Employer | E-RATE ONLINE LLC |
| CRN | 16048791 |

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| Revised Funding Commitment Decision Comments: |
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| Post Commitment Rationale: |
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The entity 5632 - BRANFORD HIGH SCHOOL requested pre-discount funding amount for Category Two Services in excess of its Category Two budget of \$142,483.54. During PIA review of FCC Form 471# 181005582, you failed to respond to PIA Inquiry to bring the entity within its Category 2 Budget. As a result, however, USAC denied your funding request in FRN 1899008354 since you have not authorized sufficient modifications to the Category Two funding requests to bring this BEN within its allowable Category Two budget Accordingly, your request was denied. On appeal, you did not show that USAC's determination was incorrect. Consequently, your appeal is denied. Your funding request(s) for Category Two Services was/were denied because the entity associated with the funding



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request(s) has/have requested pre-discount Category Two funding that exceeds its Category Two Budget. FCC rules provide that each eligible school or library shall be eligible for a budgeted amount of support for Category Two services over a five-year funding cycle. Excluding support for internal connections received prior to FY 2015, each school or library shall be eligible for the total available budget less any support received for Category Two services in the prior four funding years. See 47 C.F.R. sec. 54.502 (b)(1). Each eligible school shall be eligible for support for Category Two services up to a pre-discount price of \$150 per student over a five-year funding cycle. Applicants shall provide the student count per school, calculated at the time that the discount is calculated each funding year. New schools may estimate the number of students, but shall repay any support provided in excess of the maximum budget based on student enrollment the following funding year. See 47 C.F.R. sec. 54.502 (b)(2). Each eligible library located within the Institute of Museum and Library Services locale codes of 11 – City, Large, defined as a territory inside an urbanized area and inside a principal city with a population of 250,000 or more, 12 – City, Midsize, defined as a territory inside an urbanized area and inside a principal city with a population less than 250,000 and greater than or equal to 100,000, or 21 – Suburb, Large, defined as a territory outside a principal city and inside an urbanized area with population of 250,000 or more, shall be eligible for support for Category Two services, up to a pre-discount price of \$5.00 per square foot over a five-year funding cycle. All other eligible libraries shall be eligible for support for Category Two services, up to a pre-discount price of \$2.30 per square foot over a five-year funding cycle. See 47 C.F.R. sec. 54.502 (b)(3). Each eligible school and library will be eligible for support for Category Two services up to at least a pre-discount price of \$9,200 over five funding years. See 47 C.F.R. sec. 54.502 (b)(4). Applicants shall request support for Category Two services for each school or library based on the number of students per school building or square footage per library building. See 47 C.F.R. sec. 54.502 (b)(5). When applying for Category Two support for eligible services to a non-instructional school building or library administrative building, the applicant shall allocate the cost of providing services to one or more of the eligible school or library buildings that benefit from those services being provided. See 47 C.F.R. sec. 54.502 (b)(6).