



Universal Service Administrative Company
Schools & Libraries Division

Administrator's Decision on Appeal – Funding Year 2015-2016

April 15, 2016

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14504 Bent Creek Court
Midlothian, VA 23112

Re: Applicant Name: SALEM CITY SCHOOL DISTRICT
Billed Entity Number: 126590
Form 471 Application Number: 1002528
Funding Request Number(s): 2860670
Your Correspondence Dated: April 11, 2016

After review of the information and documentation provided, the Schools and Libraries Division (SLD) of the Universal Service Administrative Company (USAC) has made its decision in regard to your appeal of USAC's decision to adjust the funding commitment amount for the FCC Form 471 Application and funding request number(s) (FRN(s)) referenced above. This letter provides an explanation for USAC's decision. The date of this letter also begins the sixty (60) day time period for appealing this decision. If your Letter of Appeal included more than one FCC Form 471 Application Number, please note that you will receive a separate decision for each funding application.

Funding Request Number(s): 2860670
Decision on Appeal: **Denied**
Explanation:

- During a review it was determined that the funding commitment for this request must be reduced by \$4,400. Funding was provided for the an ineligible Wireless Controller AIR-CT5508-HA-K9. The pre-discount cost associated with this item is \$8,800. At the applicants 50 percent discount rate, this resulted in an improper commitment of \$4,400. FCC rules provide that funding may be approved only for eligible products and/or services. In your appeal, you did not show that USAC's determination was incorrect. Consequently, your appeal is denied.
- FCC rules provide that funding may be approved only for eligible products and services. See 47 C.F.R. secs. 54.502. The USAC website contains a list of eligible products and services. See Eligible Services List posted in the Reference

Area of the SLD section of the USAC website. FCC rules further require that if 30% or more of the applicant's funding request includes ineligible products and/or services, then the funding request must be denied, otherwise the funding request will be reduced accordingly. *See* 47 C.F.R. sec. 54.504(b). The FCC's Aiken County Public Schools Order directed USAC to permit the applicant 15 calendar days from the date of receipt of notice in writing by USAC to revise its funding request to remove the ineligible services or allow the applicant to provide additional documentation to show why the services are eligible. *See* Requests for Review of the Decisions of the Universal Service Administrator by Aiken County Public Schools, Aiken, South Carolina, et al., Schools and Libraries Universal Service Support Mechanism, File Nos. SLD-397612, et al., CC Docket No. 02-6, Order, 22 FCC Rcd 8735, FCC 07-61 para. 11 (May 8, 2007).

If you wish to appeal this decision, you may file an appeal pursuant to 47 C.F.R. Part 54, Subpart I. Detailed instructions for filing appeals are available at:
<http://www.usac.org/sl/about/program-integrity/appeals.aspx>.

We thank you for your continued support, patience and cooperation during the appeal process.

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cc: Jim Rieflin