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March 24, 2004

### APPEAL LETTER

#### VIA FACSIMILE (202-418-0187) AND REGISTERED US MAIL

Federal Communications Commissions  
Office of the Secretary  
445 12<sup>th</sup> Street SW  
Washington, DC 20554

Re: Form 471 Application number: 382513 and 382517  
Funding year: 07/01/2003 - 06/30/2004  
Billed Entity Number: 197816  
CC Docket No.: 02-6  
Your Correspondence Dated February 12, 2004  
FRN: 1053695, 1053696, 1053697. 1053698, 1053699, 1053714, 1053715, 1053716

#### To Whom It May Concern:

We have received a reply to our appeal dated October 2, 2003 regarding all of the above funding requests. All of our requests for both telecommunications and internal connections have been denied. You say that "there is no evidence in any SLD file that any information was ever received in response of ... three faxes" that you sent us requesting additional information. This is an appeal to request a review of the decision of the SLD as we have definitely provided all requested documentation.

We received three identical requests for additional documentation to support our 471. The first was a letter from Helene Reich dated June 23, 2003; the second was from Al Arauz on July 9, 2003; and the third was again from Al Arauz on July 22, 2003. We inquired of USAC whether we needed to resubmit the paperwork after having sent it to Helene Reich, and we were told that we should submit everything again. As such, all three faxes were responded to within the 7 requested days, as per program rules. We submitted all paperwork, bills, and letters, etc. that were requested from us. We were never questioned further or told that more documentation was needed. With our first appeal we enclosed copies of all that paperwork that we had previously submitted for your review. With this appeal, I am enclosing all the information again.

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We tried to confirm receipt of our documentation, but were unsuccessful in getting through to anyone. When we tried Helene Reich, we were told that she no longer works by you. Whenever we tried to call Al Arauz, we just received his voicemail. Our messages were never returned.

Therefore, on July 24, 2003, I called Mr. Keith Goldstein, a supervisor at USAC. He, too, tried to contact Al but was unsuccessful. Therefore, Keith called Al's supervisor. Al's supervisor told Keith that he would have Al return our call. Al never did. The USAC Case # where all my communication with Mr. Keith Goldstein is documented is 1-553507. Please review the case to see that we were unable to communicate with Al to verify receipt of our faxes. To the best of our knowledge, all of our faxes were received by you. As indicated, we were unable to confirm it.

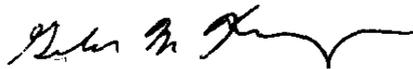
I tried again yesterday to contact Mr. Al Arauz, but he did not return my message.

In addition, the faxes from Mr. Al Arauz said that we can call, fax, or e-mail; however, there was no e-mail address anywhere on the fax. That was very negligent on his part. Had he included his e-mail address, I could have e-mailed the information to Al or e-mailed a request for confirmation that the faxes I sent were received. This too would have given us factual verification that he had received the faxes, simply because the e-mail would have the exact time and date stamp of each request. Due to Al's negligence, we did not have an e-mail address and could not use that as a means of communication.

Therefore, we fail to understand why our funding was denied. We tried our utmost to confirm that our faxes were received. We have the Case # of our communication with Mr. Keith Goldstein, proving that we tried to communicate with Mr. Al Arauz to confirm receipt of our faxes, and of our inability to get through. We are petitioning for our 471 to be reviewed again. If there is any further information that should be supplied by us, please explain to us exactly what it is you are looking for. You can reach me by phone at (718) 645-0028; by fax at (718) 627-8357 or by e-mail at ytl@email.com.

We thank you for your consideration in this matter and look forward to hearing from you soon.

Sincerely,



Gershon M. Kranczer  
Dean

Enclosures



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**Administrator's Decision on Appeal - Funding Year 2003-2004**

February 12, 2004

Gershon M. Kranczer  
The Mesorah School  
1714 East 17<sup>th</sup> Street  
Brooklyn, NY 11229

Re: Billed Entity Number: 197816  
471 Application Number: 382513  
Funding Request Number(s): 1053695, 1053696, 1053697, 1053698,  
1053699  
Your Correspondence Dated: October 2, 2003

After thorough review and investigation of all relevant facts, the Schools and Libraries Division ("SLD") of the Universal Service Administrative Company ("USAC") has made its decision in regard to your appeal of SLD's Year 2003 Funding Commitment Decision for the Application Number indicated above. This letter explains the basis of SLD's decision. The date of this letter begins the 60-day time period for appealing this decision to the Federal Communications Commission ("FCC"). If your letter of appeal included more than one Application Number, please note that for each application for which an appeal is submitted, a separate letter is sent.

Funding Request Numbers: 1053695, 1053696, 1053697, 1053698, 1053699  
Decision on Appeal: **Denied in full**  
Explanation:

- In your letter of appeal, you claim that you received three requests for the same information and a reply was sent by you each time within the required 7 days. You also state that you tried by telephone to confirm that SLD received this information but your voice mail messages were never returned. To the best of your knowledge, all of your faxes were received by SLD.
- After careful review of your letter of appeal, the attachments thereto, and other information and records of activity kept by SLD with respect to this application, we have concluded that SLD acted properly in denying each of the above FRNs based on the limited documentation available.
- The processing of this application required verification of the eligibility of the entity and the discount rate requested. In total, three nearly identical faxes were

sent to you requesting information on these issues as well as other matters. You acknowledge in your appeal letter that all three of these faxes were received. The requests are completely documented in SLD's files. There is no evidence in any SLD file that any information was ever received in response to the three faxes. You did not provide any form of confirmation, written or verbal, that your responses were received by SLD. Having received the same request three times, you acted no differently in your attempt to satisfy SLD's repeated requests, even though it was apparent that the faxes you claim to have sent in response to the first two requests, were not received by SLD. SLD's documentation shows phone conversations that occurred between 7/9/03 and 8/8/03, and no mention was made in those conversations of the faxes sent by the applicant. The procedures for processing an application with incomplete documentation were followed correctly.

- SLD reviews Form 471 applications and makes funding commitment decisions in compliance with FCC rules. See 47 C.F.R. sec. 54.500 et seq. To conduct these reviews, SLD has put in place administrative measures to ensure the prompt resolution of applications. See *In re Marshall County School District*, CC Docket 96-45, DA 03-764, para. 6 (rel. Mar. 13, 2003). One such measure is that applicants are required to respond to SLD's requests for the additional information necessary to complete their application within 7 days of being contacted. *Id.*; SLD Website, Reference Area, "Deadline for Information Requests," <http://www.sl.universalservice.org/reference/deadline.asp>. This procedure is necessary to prevent undue delays during the application review process. See *In re Marshall County School District*, para. 6. If applicants do not respond within this time period, SLD reviews the application based on the information before it.
- During the review of your Form 471 application, SLD sought additional information from you and notified you that this information needed to be provided within 7 days. You did not provide this information within 7 days, or the information that you provided was insufficient to complete your Form. Consequently, your appeal is denied.

If you believe there is a basis for further examination of your application, you may file an appeal with the Federal Communications Commission (FCC). You should refer to CC Docket No. 02-6 on the first page of your appeal to the FCC. Your appeal must be **POSTMARKED** within 60 days of the above date on this letter. Failure to meet this requirement will result in automatic dismissal of your appeal. If you are submitting your appeal via United States Postal Service, send to: FCC, Office of the Secretary, 445 12th Street SW, Washington, DC 20554. Further information and options for filing an appeal directly with the FCC can be found in the "Appeals Procedure" posted in the Reference Area of the SLD web site or by contacting the Client Service Bureau. We strongly recommend that you use either the e-mail or fax filing options.

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

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October 2, 2003

**APPEAL LETTER****Via Facsimile (973) 599-6542 & Certified US Mail**

USAC

Schools and Libraries Division  
Box 125-Correspondence Unit  
80 South Jefferson Road  
Whippany, NJ 07981  
Phone: (973) 428-7334

Re: Form 471 Application number: 382513 and 382517  
Funding year: 07/01/2003 - 06/30/2004  
Billed Entity Number: 197816  
Your Correspondence Dated August 25 2003  
FRN: 1053695, 1053696, 1053697, 1053698, 1053699, 1053714, 1053715, 1053716

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**FUNDING COMMITMENT DECISION LETTER**

(Funding Year 2003: 07/01/2003 - 06/30/2004)

August 25, 2003

THE MESORAH SCHOOL  
GERSHON M. KRANCZER  
1714 EAST 17TH STREET  
BROOKLYN, NY 11229

Case #  
1-1974901

Re: Form 471 Application Number: 382517  
Funding Year 2003: 07/01/2003 - 06/30/2004  
Billed Entity Number: 197816  
Applicant's Form Identifier: None entered

Thank you for your Funding Year 2003 E-rate application and for any assistance you provided throughout our review. Here is the current status of the funding request(s) featured in the Funding Commitment Report at the end of this letter.

- The amount, \$46,029.60 is "Denied".

Please refer to the Funding Commitment Report on the page following this letter for specific funding request decisions and explanations.

**NEW FOR FUNDING YEAR 2003**

The Important Reminders and Deadlines immediately preceding this letter are provided to assist you throughout the application process.

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- Review CIPA Requirements
- File Form 486
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2. State outright that your letter is an appeal. Identify which Funding Commitment

Decision(s) you are appealing. Indicate the relevant funding year and the date of the FCDL. Your letter of appeal must also include the Billed Entity Name, the Form 471 Application Number, and the Billed Entity Number from the top of your letter.

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4. Provide an authorized signature on your letter of appeal.

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Schools and Libraries Division  
Universal Service Administrative Company

## A GUIDE TO THE FUNDING COMMITMENT REPORT

A report for each E-rate funding request from your application is attached to this letter. We are providing the following definitions for the items in that report.

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**FUNDING REQUEST NUMBER (FRN):** A Funding Request Number is assigned by the SLD to each Block 5 of your Form 471 once an application has been processed. This number is used to report to Applicants and Service Providers the status of individual discount funding requests submitted on a Form 471.

**FUNDING STATUS:** Each FRN will have one of the following definitions:

1. An FRN that is "Funded" will be approved at the level that the SLD determined is appropriate for that item. The funding level will generally be the level requested unless the SLD determines during the application review process that some adjustment is appropriate.
2. An FRN that is "Not Funded" is one for which no funds will be committed. The reason for the decision will be briefly explained in the "Funding Commitment Decision," and amplification of that explanation may be offered in the section, "Funding Commitment Decision Explanation." An FRN may be "Not Funded" because the request does not comply with program rules, or because the total amount of funding available for this Funding Year was insufficient to fund all requests.
3. An FRN that is "As Yet Unfunded" reflects a temporary status that is assigned to an FRN when the SLD is uncertain at the time the letter is generated whether there will be sufficient funds to make commitments for requests for Internal Connections at a particular discount level. For example, if your application included requests for discounts on both Telecommunications Services and Internal Connections, you might receive a letter with funding commitments for your Telecommunications Services funding requests and a message that your Internal Connections requests are "As Yet Unfunded." You would receive one or more subsequent letters regarding the funding decision on your Internal Connections requests.

**SERVICES ORDERED:** The type of service ordered from the service provider, as shown on Form 471.

**SPIN (Service Provider Identification Number):** A unique number assigned by the Universal Service Administrative Company to service providers seeking payment from the Universal Service Fund for participating in the universal service support mechanisms. A SPIN is also used to verify delivery of services and to arrange for payment.

**SERVICE PROVIDER NAME:** The legal name of the service provider.

**CONTRACT NUMBER:** The number of the contract between the eligible party and the service provider. This will be present only if a contract number was provided on Form 471.

**BILLING ACCOUNT NUMBER:** The account number that your service provider has established with you for billing purposes. This will be present only if a Billing Account Number was provided on Form 471.

**EARLIEST POSSIBLE EFFECTIVE DATE OF DISCOUNT:** The first possible date of service for which the SLD will reimburse service providers for the discounts for the service.

**CONTRACT EXPIRATION DATE:** The date the contract expires. This will be present only if a contract expiration date was provided on Form 471.

**SITE IDENTIFIER:** The Entity Number listed in Form 471, Block 5, Item 22a will be listed. This will appear only for "site specific" FRNs.

**ANNUAL PRE-DISCOUNT AMOUNT FOR ELIGIBLE RECURRING CHARGES:** Eligible monthly pre-discount amount approved for recurring charges multiplied by number of months of recurring service provided in the funding year.

**ANNUAL PRE-DISCOUNT AMOUNT FOR ELIGIBLE NON-RECURRING CHARGES:** Annual eligible non-recurring charges approved for the funding year.

**PRE-DISCOUNT AMOUNT:** Amount in Form 471, Block 5, Item 23I, as determined through the application review process.

DISCOUNT PERCENTAGE APPROVED BY THE SLD: This is the discount rate that the SLD has approved for this service.

FUNDING COMMITMENT DECISION: This represents the total amount of funding that the SLD has reserved to reimburse service providers for the approved discounts for this service for this funding year. It is important that you and the service provider both recognize that the SLD should be invoiced and the SLD may direct disbursement of discounts only for eligible, approved services actually rendered.

FUNDING COMMITMENT DECISION EXPLANATION: This entry may amplify the comments in the "Funding Commitment Decision" area.

FUNDING COMMITMENT REPORT

Form 471 Application Number: 382517  
Funding Request Number: 1053714 Funding Status: Not Funded  
Services Ordered: Internal Connections  
SPIN: 143024710 Service Provider Name: Ready Voice & Data, Inc.  
Contract Number: 2592-108  
Billing Account Number: 2592  
Earliest Possible Effective Date of Discount: 07/01/2003  
Contract Expiration Date: 06/30/2008  
Site Identifier: 197816  
Annual Pre-discount Amount for Eligible Recurring Charges: \$.00  
Annual Pre-discount Amount for Eligible Non-recurring Charges: \$5,104.00  
Pre-discount Amount: \$5,104.00  
Discount Percentage Approved by the SLD: N/A  
Funding Commitment Decision: \$0.00 - Insufficient documentation  
Funding Commitment Decision Explanation: Applicant has not provided sufficient documentation to determine the eligibility of this item.

Funding Request Number: 1053715 Funding Status: Not Funded  
Services Ordered: Internal Connections  
SPIN: 143024710 Service Provider Name: Ready Voice & Data, Inc.  
Contract Number: 2592-109  
Billing Account Number: 2592  
Earliest Possible Effective Date of Discount: 07/01/2003  
Contract Expiration Date: 06/30/2008  
Site Identifier: 197816  
Annual Pre-discount Amount for Eligible Recurring Charges: \$.00  
Annual Pre-discount Amount for Eligible Non-recurring Charges: \$2,460.00  
Pre-discount Amount: \$2,460.00  
Discount Percentage Approved by the SLD: N/A  
Funding Commitment Decision: \$0.00 - Insufficient documentation  
Funding Commitment Decision Explanation: Applicant has not provided sufficient documentation to determine the eligibility of this item.

Funding Request Number: 1053716 Funding Status: Not Funded  
Services Ordered: Internal Connections  
SPIN: 143024710 Service Provider Name: Ready Voice & Data, Inc.  
Contract Number: 2592-110  
Billing Account Number: 2592  
Earliest Possible Effective Date of Discount: 07/01/2003  
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Site Identifier: 197816  
Annual Pre-discount Amount for Eligible Recurring Charges: \$.00  
Annual Pre-discount Amount for Eligible Non-recurring Charges: \$43,580.00  
Pre-discount Amount: \$43,580.00  
Discount Percentage Approved by the SLD: N/A  
Funding Commitment Decision: \$0.00 - Insufficient documentation  
Funding Commitment Decision Explanation: Applicant has not provided sufficient documentation to determine the eligibility of this item.

## IMPORTANT REMINDERS & DEADLINES

Date: August 25, 2003  
471 : 382513  
BEN : 197816

The following information is provided to assist you throughout the application process. We recommend that you keep it in an easily accessible location and that you share it with the appropriate members of your organization.

**FORM 486 DEADLINE** - The Form 486 must be postmarked no later than 120 days after the Service Start Date you report on the Form 486 or no later than 120 days after the date of the Funding Commitment Decision Letter, whichever is later. If you are required to have a Technology Plan, you must indicate the SLD Certified Technology Approver who approved your plan and you must retain documentation of your monitoring of the progress toward your stated goals.

**CHILDREN'S INTERNET PROTECTION ACT (CIPA)** - If FY2003 is your Third Funding Year for the purposes of CIPA and you apply for Internet Access or Internal Connections, you must be in compliance with CIPA and cannot request a waiver. The Supreme Court may issue an opinion in July 2003 changing the CIPA requirements - watch the SLD web site.

**INVOICE DEADLINE** - Invoices must be postmarked no later than 120 days after the last date to receive service - including extensions - or 120 days after the date of the Form 486 Notification Letter, whichever is later. Invoices should not be submitted until the invoiced products and services have been delivered and billed, and (for BEAR Forms) the provider has been paid.

**OBLIGATION TO PAY NON-DISCOUNT PORTION** - Applicants are required to pay the non-discount portion of the cost of the products and/or services. Service providers are required to bill applicants for the non-discount portion. The FCC has stated that requiring applicants to pay their share ensures efficiency and accountability in the program. If you are using a trade-in as part of your non-discount portion, please refer to the SLD web site.

**RETAIN DOCUMENTATION** - Applicants and service providers must retain documentation, including but not limited to, documents showing:

- compliance with all applicable competitive bidding requirements,
- products and/or services delivered (e.g., customer bills detailing make, model and serial number),
- resources necessary to make effective use of E-rate discounts, including the purchase of equipment such as workstations not eligible for support,
- the specific location of each item of E-rate funded equipment, and
- the applicant has paid the non-discount portion.

These documents must be retained and available for review for 5 years.

**FREE SERVICES ADVISORY** - Applicants and service providers are prohibited from using the Schools and Libraries Support Mechanism to subsidize the procurement of ineligible or unrequested products and services, or from participating in arrangements that have the effect of providing a discount level to applicants greater than that to which applicants are entitled.

Complete program information is posted to the Schools and Libraries Division (SLD) web site at [www.sl.universalservice.org](http://www.sl.universalservice.org). Information is also available by contacting the SLD Client Service Bureau by e-mail at [question@universalservice.org](mailto:question@universalservice.org), by fax at 1-888-276-8736 or by phone at 1-888-203-8100.



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Applicant's Form Identifier: None entered

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- The amount, \$23,760.00 is "Denied".

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2. An FRN that is "Not Funded" is one for which no funds will be committed. The reason for the decision will be briefly explained in the "Funding Commitment Decision," and amplification of that explanation may be offered in the section, "Funding Commitment Decision Explanation." An FRN may be "Not Funded" because the request does not comply with program rules, or because the total amount of funding available for this Funding Year was insufficient to fund all requests.
3. An FRN that is "As Yet Unfunded" reflects a temporary status that is assigned to an FRN when the SLD is uncertain at the time the letter is generated whether there will be sufficient funds to make commitments for requests for Internal Connections at a particular discount level. For example, if your application included requests for discounts on both Telecommunications Services and Internal Connections, you might receive a letter with funding commitments for your Telecommunications Services funding requests and a message that your Internal Connections requests are "As Yet Unfunded." You would receive one or more subsequent letters regarding the funding decision on your Internal Connections requests.

**SERVICES ORDERED:** The type of service ordered from the service provider, as shown on Form 471.

**SPIN (Service Provider Identification Number):** A unique number assigned by the Universal Service Administrative Company to service providers seeking payment from the Universal Service Fund for participating in the universal service support mechanisms. A SPIN is also used to verify delivery of services and to arrange for payment.

**SERVICE PROVIDER NAME:** The legal name of the service provider.

**CONTRACT NUMBER:** The number of the contract between the eligible party and the service provider. This will be present only if a contract number was provided on Form 471.

**BILLING ACCOUNT NUMBER:** The account number that your service provider has established with you for billing purposes. This will be present only if a Billing Account Number was provided on Form 471.

**EARLIEST POSSIBLE EFFECTIVE DATE OF DISCOUNT:** The first possible date of service for which the SLD will reimburse service providers for the discounts for the service.

**CONTRACT EXPIRATION DATE:** The date the contract expires. This will be present only if a contract expiration date was provided on Form 471.

**SITE IDENTIFIER:** The Entity Number listed in Form 471, Block 5, Item 22a will be listed. This will appear only for "site specific" FRNs.

**ANNUAL PRE-DISCOUNT AMOUNT FOR ELIGIBLE RECURRING CHARGES:** Eligible monthly pre-discount amount approved for recurring charges multiplied by number of months of recurring service provided in the funding year.

**ANNUAL PRE-DISCOUNT AMOUNT FOR ELIGIBLE NON-RECURRING CHARGES:** Annual eligible non-recurring charges approved for the funding year.

**PRE-DISCOUNT AMOUNT:** Amount in Form 471, Block 5, Item 23I, as determined through the application review process.

DISCOUNT PERCENTAGE APPROVED BY THE SLD: This is the discount rate that the SLD has approved for this service.

FUNDING COMMITMENT DECISION: This represents the total amount of funding that the SLD has reserved to reimburse service providers for the approved discounts for this service for this funding year. It is important that you and the service provider both recognize that the SLD should be invoiced and the SLD may direct disbursement of discounts only for eligible, approved services actually rendered.

FUNDING COMMITMENT DECISION EXPLANATION: This entry may amplify the comments in the "Funding Commitment Decision" area.

FUNDING COMMITMENT REPORT

Form 471 Application Number: 382513  
Funding Request Number: 1053695 Funding Status: Not Funded  
Services Ordered: Telecommunications Service  
SPIN: 143001359 Service Provider Name: Verizon - New York Inc.  
Contract Number: T  
Billing Account Number: 718-645-0028  
Earliest Possible Effective Date of Discount: 07/01/2003  
Contract Expiration Date: 06/30/2004  
Site Identifier: 197816  
Annual Pre-discount Amount for Eligible Recurring Charges: \$7,200.00  
Annual Pre-discount Amount for Eligible Non-recurring Charges: \$.00  
Pre-discount Amount: \$7,200.00  
Discount Percentage Approved by the SLD: N/A  
Funding Commitment Decision: \$0.00 - Insufficient documentation  
Funding Commitment Decision Explanation: Applicant has not provided sufficient documentation to determine the eligibility of this item.

Funding Request Number: 1053696 Funding Status: Not Funded  
Services Ordered: Telecommunications Service  
SPIN: 143005329 Service Provider Name: PNG Telecommunications, Inc.  
Contract Number: T  
Billing Account Number: 718-645-0028  
Earliest Possible Effective Date of Discount: 07/01/2003  
Contract Expiration Date: 06/30/2004  
Site Identifier: 197816  
Annual Pre-discount Amount for Eligible Recurring Charges: \$1,800.00  
Annual Pre-discount Amount for Eligible Non-recurring Charges: \$.00  
Pre-discount Amount: \$1,800.00  
Discount Percentage Approved by the SLD: N/A  
Funding Commitment Decision: \$0.00 - Insufficient documentation  
Funding Commitment Decision Explanation: Applicant has not provided sufficient documentation to determine the eligibility of this item.

Funding Request Number: 1053697 Funding Status: Not Funded  
Services Ordered: Telecommunications Service  
SPIN: 143000890 Service Provider Name: Nextel of New York, Inc.  
Contract Number: MTM  
Billing Account Number: 718-645-0028  
Earliest Possible Effective Date of Discount: 07/01/2003  
Contract Expiration Date: 06/30/2004  
Site Identifier: 197816  
Annual Pre-discount Amount for Eligible Recurring Charges: \$9,360.00  
Annual Pre-discount Amount for Eligible Non-recurring Charges: \$.00  
Pre-discount Amount: \$9,360.00  
Discount Percentage Approved by the SLD: N/A  
Funding Commitment Decision: \$0.00 - Insufficient documentation  
Funding Commitment Decision Explanation: Applicant has not provided sufficient documentation to determine the eligibility of this item.

Funding Request Number: 1053698 Funding Status: Not Funded  
Services Ordered: Telecommunications Service  
SPIN: 143000677 Service Provider Name: Verizon Wireless fka Cellco Pa  
Contract Number: MTM  
Billing Account Number: 718 645-0028  
Earliest Possible Effective Date of Discount: 07/01/2003  
Contract Expiration Date: 06/30/2004  
Site Identifier: 197816  
Annual Pre-discount Amount for Eligible Recurring Charges: \$6,000.00  
Annual Pre-discount Amount for Eligible Non-recurring Charges: \$.00  
Pre-discount Amount: \$6,000.00  
Discount Percentage Approved by the SLD: N/A  
Funding Commitment Decision: \$0.00 - Insufficient documentation  
Funding Commitment Decision Explanation: Applicant has not provided sufficient documentation to determine the eligibility of this item.

FUNDING COMMITMENT REPORT

Form 471 Application Number: 382513  
Funding Request Number: 1053699 Funding Status: Not Funded  
Services Ordered: Internal Connections  
SPIN: 143001359 Service Provider Name: Verizon - New York Inc.  
Contract Number: MTM  
Billing Account Number: 718 645-0028  
Earliest Possible Effective Date of Discount: 07/01/2003  
Contract Expiration Date: 06/30/2004  
Site Identifier: 197816  
Annual Pre-discount Amount for Eligible Recurring Charges: \$2,040.00  
Annual Pre-discount Amount for Eligible Non-recurring Charges: \$.00  
Pre-discount Amount: \$2,040.00  
Discount Percentage Approved by the SLD: N/A  
Funding Commitment Decision: \$0.00 - Insufficient documentation  
Funding Commitment Decision Explanation: Applicant has not provided sufficient  
documentation to determine the eligibility of this item.