

# Funding Commitment Decision Letter

## Funding Year 2023

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**FCC Form 471:** 231034683**BEN:** 145629**Wave:** 3**Application Nickname:** FY23 NSBSD 471 (C2 - equipment)

## Totals

<b>Total Committed</b>	<b>\$219,473.20</b>
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## What is in this letter?

Thank you for submitting your application for Funding Year 2023 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 sending this information to both the associated applicant(s) and the service provider(s) so that you can work together to complete the funding process.

## 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).**
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.
- **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,** 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, 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 to assure that committed funds 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 of 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.

# Funding Commitment Decision Overview

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## Application Comments for FCC Form 471: #231034683

The applicant did not submit any RAL corrections.

## Funding Commitment Decision Overview

Funding Request Number (FRN)	Service Provider Name	Amount Requested	Amount Committed	Status
2399051540	Bridge Data Solutions	\$127,253.84	\$145,432.96	Funded
2399051597	Bridge Data Solutions	\$14,198.56	\$16,226.93	Funded
2399051663	Bridge Data Solutions	\$31,011.85	\$35,442.11	Funded
2399051794	Bridge Data Solutions	\$19,574.80	\$22,371.20	Funded

<b>FRN</b> 2399051540	<b>Service Type</b> Internal Connections	<b>Status</b> Funded
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Dollars Committed			
Monthly Cost		One-time Cost	
Months of Service	12		
Total Eligible Recurring Charges	\$0.00	Total Eligible One Time Charges	\$181,791.20
Total Pre-discount Charges		\$181,791.20	
Discount Rate		80.00%	
Committed Amount		\$145,432.96	

Dates		Service Provider and Contract Information	
Service Start Date	7/1/2023	Service Provider	Bridge Data Solutions
Contract Expiration Date	6/30/2024	SPIN (498ID)	143052446
Contract Award Date	2/27/2023	Contract Number	
Service Delivery Deadline	9/30/2024	Account Number	
Expiration Date (All Extensions)		Establishing FCC Form 470	230011849

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Consultant's Employer	Southeast Regional Resource Center (SERRC)
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<b>FRN</b> 2399051597	<b>Service Type</b> Internal Connections	<b>Status</b> Funded
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Dollars Committed			
Monthly Cost		One-time Cost	
Months of Service	12		
Total Eligible Recurring Charges	\$0.00	Total Eligible One Time Charges	\$20,283.66
Total Pre-discount Charges		\$20,283.66	
Discount Rate		80.00%	
Committed Amount		\$16,226.93	

Dates		Service Provider and Contract Information	
Service Start Date	7/1/2023	Service Provider	Bridge Data Solutions
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MR1: The Type of Internal Connection and Type of Product for FRN Line Item 2399051597.002 was modified from Cabling/Connectors, Connectors to Data Protection, UPS/Battery Backup to agree with the applicant documentation.

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<b>FRN</b> 2399051663	<b>Service Type</b> Internal Connections	<b>Status</b> Funded
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Dollars Committed			
Monthly Cost		One-time Cost	
Months of Service	12		
Total Eligible Recurring Charges	\$0.00	Total Eligible One Time Charges	\$44,302.64
Total Pre-discount Charges		\$44,302.64	
Discount Rate		80.00%	
Committed Amount		\$35,442.11	

Dates		Service Provider and Contract Information	
Service Start Date	7/1/2023	Service Provider	Bridge Data Solutions
Contract Expiration Date	6/30/2024	SPIN (498ID)	143052446
Contract Award Date	2/27/2023	Contract Number	
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<b>FRN</b> 2399051794	<b>Service Type</b> Internal Connections	<b>Status</b> Funded
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Dollars Committed			
Monthly Cost		One-time Cost	
Months of Service	12		
Total Eligible Recurring Charges	\$0.00	Total Eligible One Time Charges	\$27,964.00
Total Pre-discount Charges		\$27,964.00	
Discount Rate		80.00%	
Committed Amount		\$22,371.20	

Dates		Service Provider and Contract Information	
Service Start Date	7/1/2023	Service Provider	Bridge Data Solutions
Contract Expiration Date	6/30/2024	SPIN (498ID)	143052446
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