E-rate Timeline Funding Years 2016 – FY 2015

Program Action	**FY 2016 / Year 19** 7/1/2016 – 6/30/2017	**FY 2015 / Year 18** 7/1/2015 – 6/30/2016 **MAIL COLOR: YELLOW**
Technology Plan Development/Approval	Not required for C1 or C2 funding requests beginning in FY 2015.	Not required for C1 or C2 funding requests beginning in FY 2015.
Form 470 – Competitive Bidding (Not required when conducting PEPPM mini-bids or multi-year contracts that are based on an original Form 470 posting)	Must be submitted within EPC at least 29 days prior to close of the Form 471 window (which is technically April 1). Do not wait until this date to file your 470.	Closed
Form 471 – Request for Discounts (Official request for funds – must be submitted annually)	Form 471 application window will open at noon on February 3 and close on April 29, 2016. Applications must be submitted in the EPC System by close of Form 471 window.	Form 471 application window was open Jan. 14, 2015 through April 16 (original deadline was March 26, 2015).
Receipt Acknowledgement Letters (RALs)	RALs posted in EPC after Form 471 is filed.	Were mailed after Form 471s were filed.
Program Integrity Calls/Inquiries (Final step before funding)	PIA calls are made after 471s are filed and continue until all FY 2016 funding commitments have been issued.	PIA calls are continuing to be made until all FY 2015 FCDLs have been issued.
Funding Commitment Decision Letters (FCDLs)	Will likely be issued every week beginning in mid May and continue until all letters are issued. Most letters are expected to be issued by Aug. 2016.	Began being issued every week in early May and will continue until all letters are issued.
Form 486 – Confirmation of Receipt of Services/CIPA Certification (Must be submitted for all FRNs before money flows)	Must be postmarked no later than: 120 calendar days after the service start date featured on the Form 486 or 120 calendar days after the date of the FCDL, whichever is later.	Must be postmarked no later than: 120 calendar days after the service start date featured on the Form 486 or 120 calendar days after the date of the FCDL, whichever is later.
BEAR Form (Form 472) (Only submit if bills were not discounted by vendor) **Banking Information Form (Form 498)** (Must be submitted in EPC prior to filing Form 472 BEAR to provide USAC with banking information where BEAR reimbursement checks will be deposited.)	Deadline is Oct. 28, 2017 for recurring services; Jan. 28, 2018 for non-recurring services. Deadline to submit an invoice extension request to USAC will be Oct. 28, 2017 for recurring services (Jan. 28, 2019 for non-recurring services). After that, all such requests must be submitted to the FCC for consideration. All BEARs must be file in EPC; Form 498 must be completed in EPC prior to filing BEAR.	Deadline is Oct. 28, 2016 for recurring services; Jan. 28, 2017 for non-recurring services. Deadline to submit an invoice extension request to USAC will be Oct. 28, 2016 for recurring services (Jan. 28, 2018 for non-recurring services). After that, all such requests must be submitted to the FCC for consideration.
Appeals/Waivers (Must be postmarked within 60 days of date on FCDL Appeal to SLD – Processing Error Appeals Appeal to FCC – Rule or Deadline Waiver Requests)	Will be reviewed on rolling basis. Decisions typically are made within 90 days at SLD level.	Will be reviewed on rolling basis. Decisions typically are made within 90 days at SLD level.