# FY2025 FCC Form 471 Category 1 Services

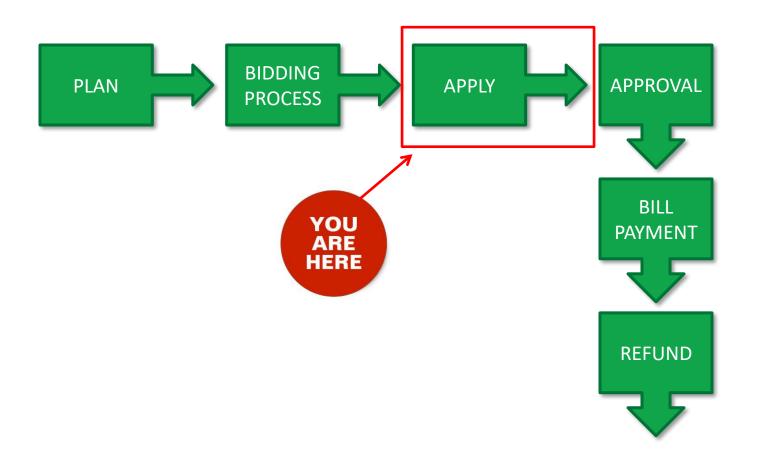


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## Where does the Form 471 fall in the E-Rate process?







## The Basics



## What is the FCC Form 471?

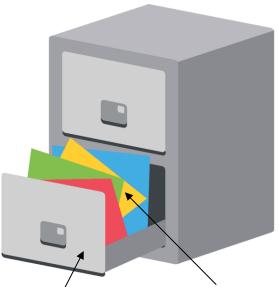
An indication of which vendor has been selected to provide services and the amount of funding being requested

- Contains one or more Funding Requests composed of various FRN Line Items
- Designates the selected service provider(s) and eligible services that have been chosen as a result of the FCC Form 470
- Describes the requested products and services in detail
- Identifies the eligible entities that will receive the services
- Calculates the amount of funding support is being sought
- Relays the discount percentage to which the applicant is entitled
- Certifies the applicant's compliance with program rules



## How is the Form 471 organized?

The Form 471 functions like a file cabinet



The file cabinet has drawers - each drawer is a Funding Request providing summary information about the service type, service provider, establishing Form 470, and the contract or agreement

The drawers contain file folders - each folder is a Funding Request Line Item providing details about the individual products and services being requested such as the make and model and cost



## What should I have already done?

You should have already done the following:

- filed an FCC Form 470
- waited at least 28 days
- selected a winning bid (remember that price must be the most heavily weighted factor)
- signed a contract (with some rare exceptions discussed further in this guide)
- submitted your contract information into the Contract Module in EPC

**Words of Caution:** complete the Contract Module before beginning the Form 471 to avoid having to stop mid-stream --- see the Contracts Module guide for instructions

Once these steps are done, you can file an FCC Form 471



## When can I file a Form 471?

- USAC announces a Form 471 filing window each year.
- The earliest possible date that a Form 471 could be filed will be the date established as the opening date of the Form 471 filing window
- However, the Form 471 cannot be filed until the establishing Form 470 has been posted for at least 28 days and a contract has been signed and dated
- The form must be submitted by 11:59 PM Eastern Time on the date that the application filing window closes

FY2025 Form 471 Filing window: January 15, 2025 at Noon ET – March 26, 2025 at 11:59 PM ET



## Where do I file a Form 471?

You must file the Form 471 by accessing the account in the EPC Portal for the Billed Entity that will negotiate with potential service providers for eligible products and services

This is usually the school district, unless an entity is considered to be an independent school



## How many separate forms do I file?

#### Your choice!

You may file one Form 471

OR

You may file a separate Form 471 for each type of service

However, the system requires separate forms for:

- Category 1 (Data Transmission and/or Internet Access) and
- Category 2 (Internal Connections, Basic Maintenance of Internal Connections, Managed Internal Broadband Services)



## Form Actions: Saving and Discarding the Form



#### **Form Actions**

Once you are in a form, you will be given options at the bottom of most screens to save and continue working on the form or to discard the form altogether.

BACK DISCARD FORM SAVE & SHARE SAVE & CONTINUE



#### **Form Actions**



- If you select the "BACK" button, you will be taken back one screen.
- If you select the "DISCARD FORM" button, the entire form will be discarded. Once you
  confirm that you want to discard the form, it will no longer be available in EPC.



- If you select the "SAVE & SHARE" button, the form is saved and will appear in the task
  list for other partial rights and full rights users in your organization. One of them can
  accept the form to view it and make changes to it. Once the new user has finished
  making changes, he or she can select a link to return the task to all users in the group.
- If you select the "SAVE & CONTINUE" button, you will proceed to the next page to continue entering information for the form.

**NOTE:** An error message will display if you select the "SAVE & CONTINUE" button when information is not entered into a required (\*) field or is entered incorrectly. The system will not allow you to continue until the information is corrected.

#### **Form Actions**

If, after completing part of the form, you want to save your work and return to it later, click on the "SAVE & CONTINUE" button.

When you return, go to the "Task" link in the blue navigation bar to find a task to create the in-process form.



When you click on the task, your form will open back up where you left off.

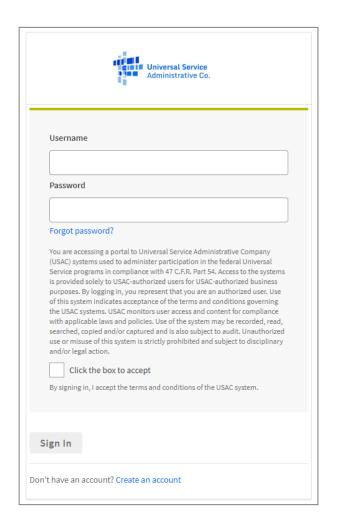


## **Applying For Category 1 Services**

**Note:** You cannot include Category 1 funding requests on a Form 471 containing Category 2 requests. You must file separate applications.

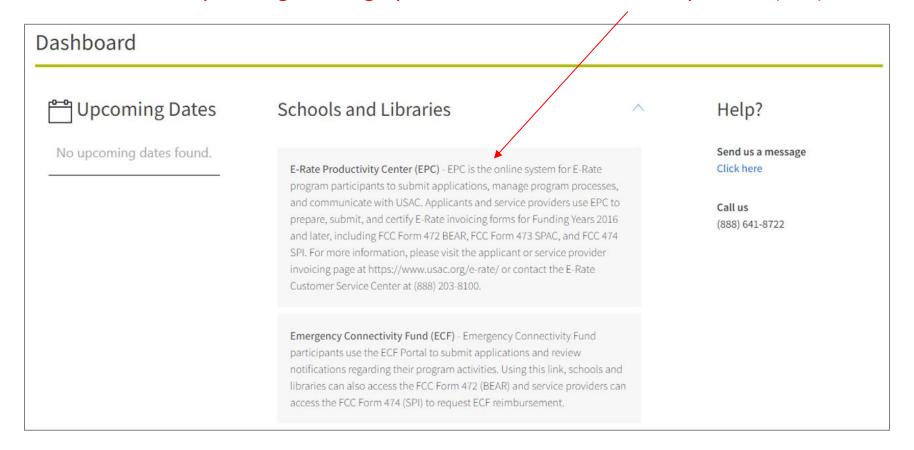


- 1 Navigate to https://forms.universalservice.org/portal
- 2 Log into One Portal with your username (your full email address) and One Portal password



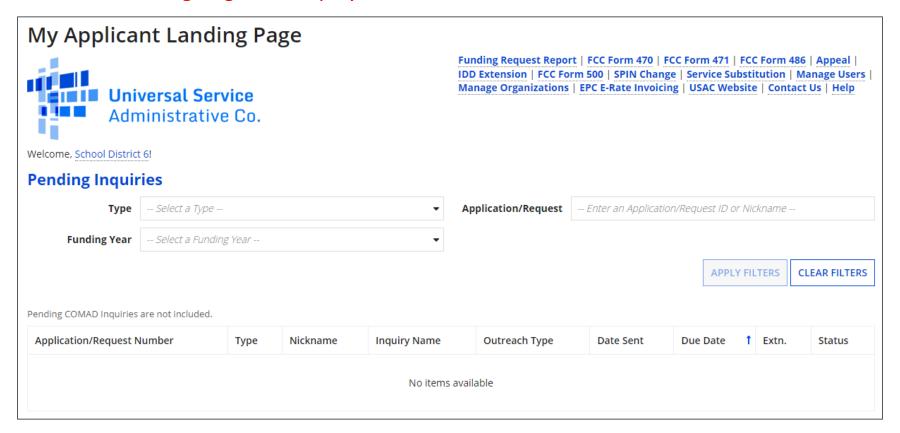


- 3 Complete the steps as prompted to obtain and enter a one-time verification code
- 4 Once you have successfully logged into One Portal and are viewing its dashboard, access EPC by clicking on the gray block for "E-Rate Productivity Center (EPC)"



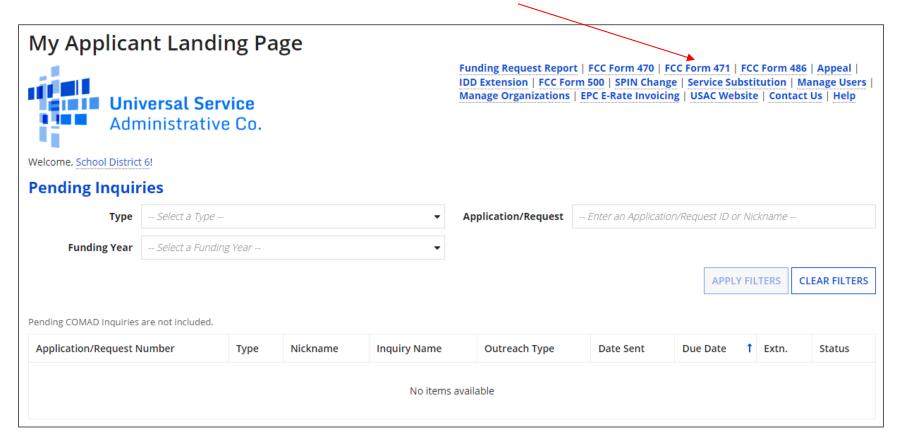


#### Your EPC Landing Page will display





(5) Select the "FCC Form 471" link on your landing page to begin a new FCC Form 471



Words of Caution: Even if you are filing a Form 471 for services to be received by a single school in your district, the form must be filed for the <u>school</u> <u>district</u>. The only exception to this rule is if your school is listed in EPC as independent and is not associated with a school district BEN. As you create the form you will select the entity that will receive the requested service.

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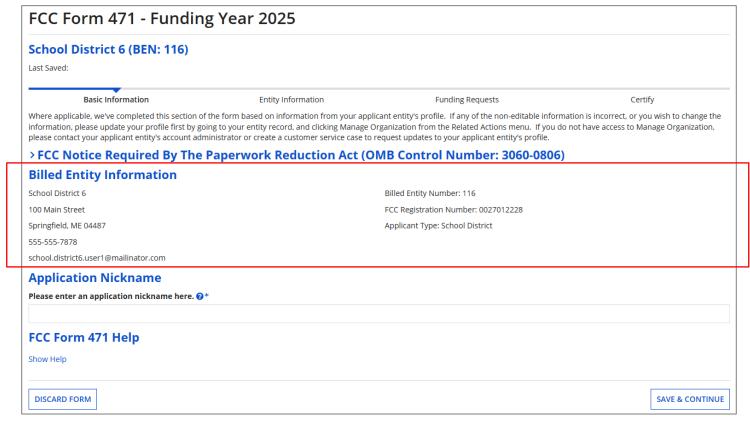
## Form 471 Section One: Basic Information

First, you will review and enter some basic information.



#### [Billed Entity Information]

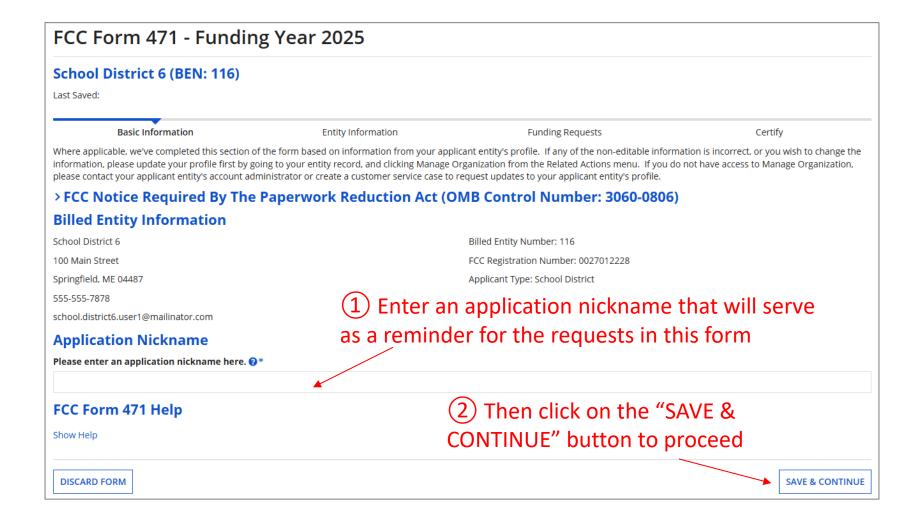
When you begin the FCC Form 471, the basic information about the billed entity, including the Billed Entity Number (BEN), name, and address will automatically populate from the organization's EPC profile.



You cannot edit this information on the form. If you wish to make changes to the information, the Account Administrator can update the organization's profile using the "Manage Organization" function. Changes made in the profile will be automatically updated in the form.

**ETWORKMAINE** 

#### [Application Nickname]





#### [Application Nickname]

The Nickname you entered will now appear at the top of the form along with your Billed Entity Name and Number

The Form 471 Number also displays – the first two digits indicate which funding year the form is for

FCC Form 471 - Funding Year 2025

School District 6 (BEN: 116) - My FY2025 C1 Form 471 - Form # 251000001

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Basic Information

**Entity Information** 

**Funding Requests** 

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Note the breadcrumb trail indicating which section of the form you are currently working on



#### [Consultant Information]

If the account profile indicates that you are using a consultant, that consultant will automatically appear in this section.

Basic Information	Entity Information	Funding Requests	Certify
Next, you will identify the individuals assisting in seeking E-rate support.			
Consultant Information			
Consulting Firms The consulting firms associated with your organ	nization are listed below.		
Name	Consultant Registration Number	Phone Numi	per Email

If a consultant has not been added to the profile, no consultant will display. If you are using a consultant, you will need to return to the profile and enter consultant information.

Basic Information Entity Information Funding Requests Certify

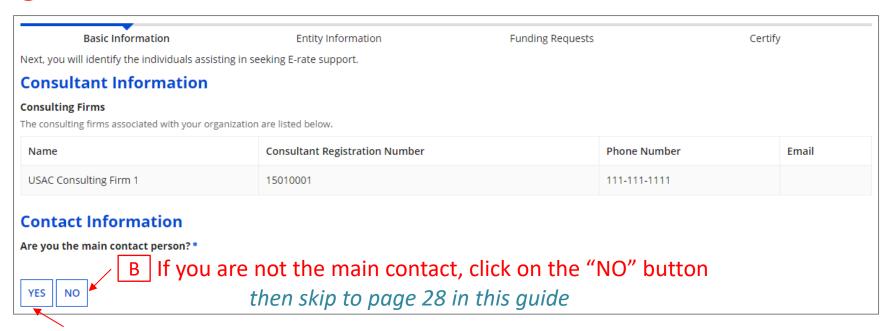
Next, you will identify the individuals assisting in seeking E-rate support.

Consultant Information

There are currently no consulting firms associated with your organization. If this is in error, please update your organization profile.



#### 3 Select a contact person for this form



A If you are the main contact for this form, click on the "YES" button then go to the next page in this guide



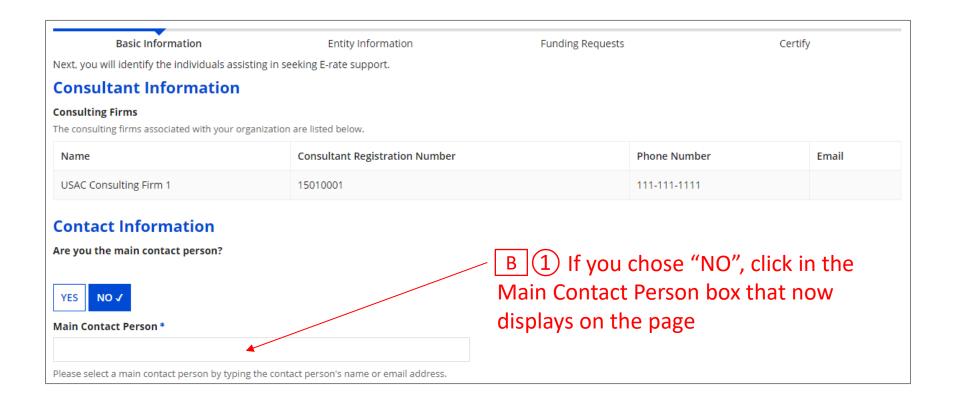
If you are the main contact (you chose "YES")....

#### A 1 If you chose "YES", your contact info will automatically display

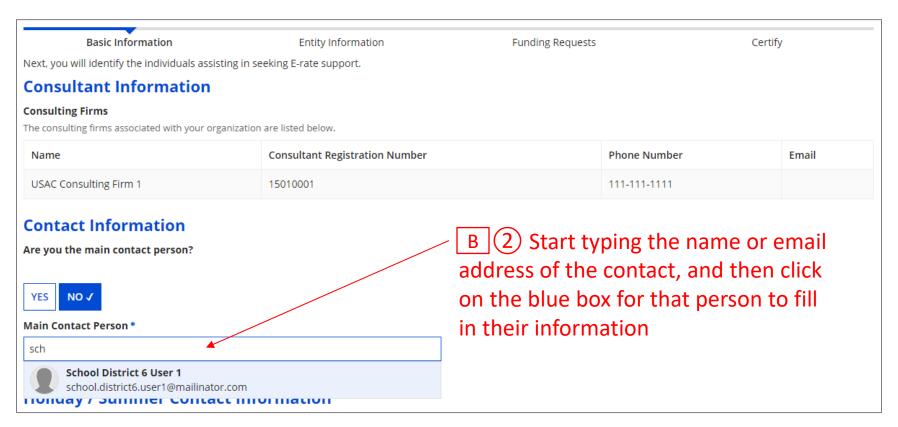
**Basic Information Entity Information Funding Requests** Certify Next, you will identify the individuals assisting in seeking E-rate support. **Consultant Information Consulting Firms** The consulting firms associated with your organization are listed below. Name Consultant Registration Number Phone Number **Email** USAC Consulting Firm 1 15010001 111-111-1111 **Contact Information** Are you the main contact person? School District 6 User 1 school.district6.user1@mailinator.com 555-555-5555 NO



If you are not the main contact (you chose "NO")....







**NOTE:** Only those individuals who have been associated with your organization can be the contact person for the form



#### [Holiday/Summer Contact Information]

Basic Information

**Entity Information** 

**Funding Requests** 

Certify

Next, you will identify the individuals assisting in seeking E-rate support.

#### **Consultant Information**

#### **Consulting Firms**

The consulting firms associated with your organization are listed below.

Name	Consultant Registration Number	Phone Number	Email
USAC Consulting Firm 1	15010001	111-111-1111	

#### **Contact Information**

Are you the main contact person?

YES ✓ NO

School District 6 User 1

school.district6.user1@mailinator.com

555-555-5555

4 Enter Holiday or Summer contact information

#### **Holiday / Summer Contact Information**

Please provide any alternate contact information to use during holiday/ vacation period including the name of any alternate contact person and how best to reach them.

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#### **Basic Information**

**Basic Information** 

**Entity Information** 

**Funding Requests** 

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#### **Consultant Information**

#### **Consulting Firms**

The consulting firms associated with your organization are listed below.

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USAC Consulting Firm 1	15010001	111-111-1111	

#### **Contact Information**

Are you the main contact person?

School District 6 User 1

school.district6.user1@mailinator.com

555-555-5555



#### **Holiday / Summer Contact Information**

Contact John Doe at johndoe@schooldistrict6.org during July and August

Jane Smith (janesmith@schooldistrict6.org / 207-555-5555) serves as an alternate contact person for this form

Please provide any alternate contact information to use during holiday/ vacation period including the name of any alternate contact person and how best to reach them.

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## Form 471 Section Two: Entity Information

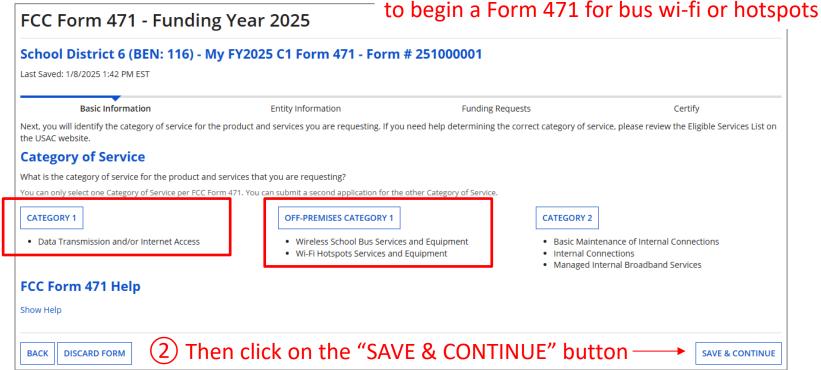
Next, information about the applicant will be provided from its entity profile.



#### [Category of Service]

① Click on the "CATEGORY 1" button to

begin a Form 471 for Category 1 services OR on the "OFF-PREMISES CATEGORY 1" button



#### **Words of Caution:**

Once you have selected a category and leave this page, you cannot change the selection.

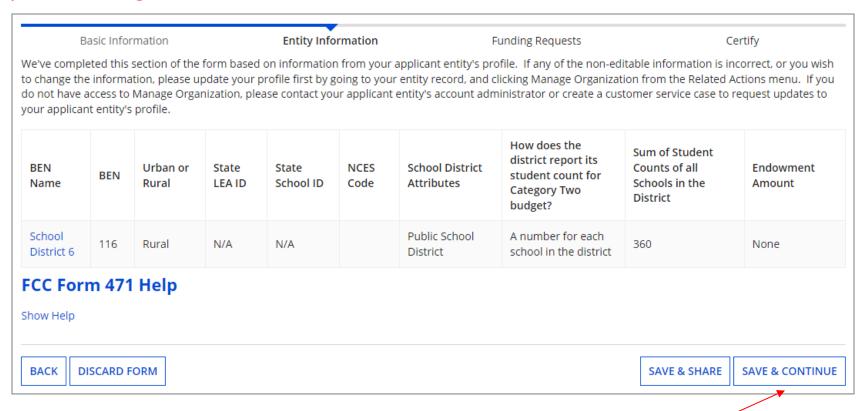
The system will not allow you to file for both Category 1 and Category 2 requests on the same Form 471. You must file separate applications.



#### [Entity Information]

Information about the school district or independent school will display

Be careful - clicking on the link for the entity will take you out of the form and bring you to the organization's details



**NOTE:** This information cannot be updated within the form

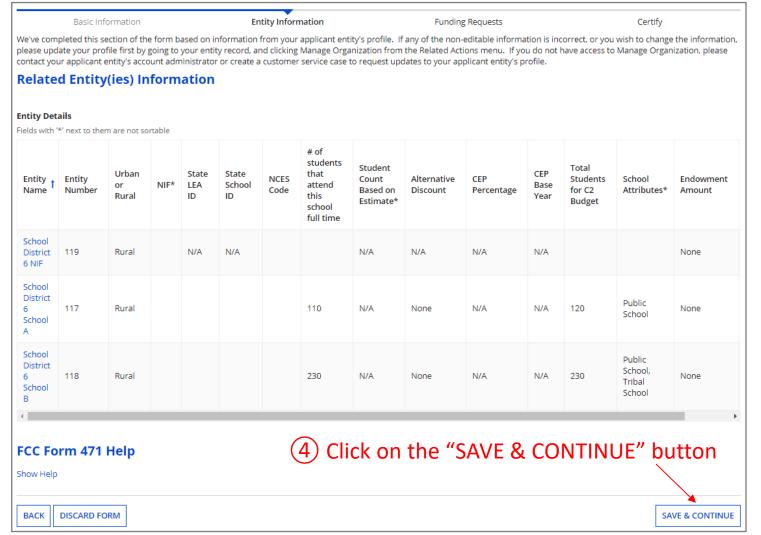
3 Click on the "SAVE & CONTINUE" button



#### [Related Entities Information]

Information about any related entities such as schools and NIFs in the district will display

Be careful - clicking on the link for a building will take you out of the form and bring you to the entity's details



**NOTE:** This information cannot be updated within the form

#### [Discount Calculation]

#### Information about the discount calculation will display

Basic Information

**Entity Information** 

**Funding Requests** 

Certify

We've completed this section of the form based on information from your applicant entity's profile. If any of the non-editable information is incorrect, or you wish to change the information, please update your profile first by going to your entity record, and clicking Manage Organization from the Related Actions menu. If you do not have access to Manage Organization, please contact your applicant entity's account administrator or create a customer service case to request updates to your applicant entity's profile.

#### **Requested Discount Calculation**

More than 50 percent of your individual schools must be rural for the school district to be considered rural. (Swing spaces are not considered.)

This discount rate has not been approved for the current year

School District Full-time	School District NSLP	School District NSLP	School District	Category One	Category Two
Enrollment	Count	Percent	Urban/Rural Status	Discount Rate	Discount Rate
340	175	51%	Rural	80%	80%





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Clicking on the "SHOW ENTITIES" button will display the schools in the district

**NOTE:** NIFs will not display as they are given the district's discount

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### [Discount Calculation]

Basic Information Entity Information Funding Requests Certify

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#### Clicking on the "HIDE ENTITIES" button will collapse the list

#### **Entity Details**

Organization	BEN	Total Number Of Students Enrolled In School	Total Number Of Students in School Eligible For NSLP	Urban/Rural Status	Alternative Discount
School District 6 School	117	110	60	Rural	None
School District 6 School	118	230	115	Rural	None



### [Discount Calculation]

If you see an error such as the red box below, you must return to your organization's profile to determine what is causing the issue. The information cannot be updated within the form.

**Entity Information Funding Requests** Basic Information Certify We've completed this section of the form based on information from your applicant entity's profile. If any of the non-editable information is incorrect, or you wish to change the information, please update your profile first by going to your entity record, and clicking Manage Organization from the Related Actions menu. If you do not have access to Manage Organization, please contact your applicant entity's account administrator or create a customer service case to request updates to your applicant entity's profile. Requested Discount Calculation More than 50 percent of your individual schools must be rural for the school district to be considered rural. The information in your organization's profile is not sufficient to calculate your Discount Rate. School District Full-time School District NSLP School District NSLP School District Urban/Rural Category One Discount Category Two Discount Enrollment Count Percent Status Rate Rate 340 170 50% **SHOW ENTITIES** FCC Form 471 Help Show Help **BACK DISCARD FORM SAVE & CONTINUE** 



# Help! I need to update entity information

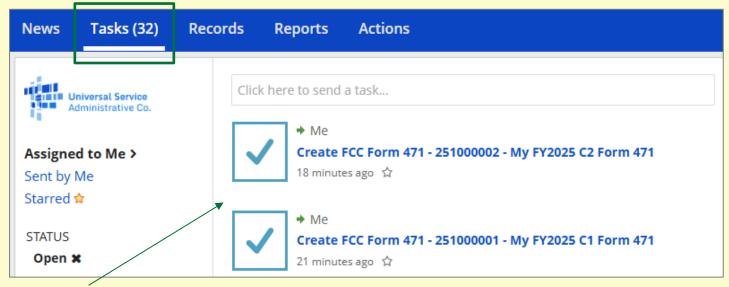
Once the Administrative Window has closed, your organization's profile data will be locked. You will need to contact USAC's Client Service Center at 1-888-203-8100 for assistance in making any changes.



# Help! I left the form and can't get back in!

If you clicked on something that brought you to a place outside of the form you are currently creating, you can re-access the form by:

(1) Clicking on the "Tasks" link in the blue navigation bar



2 And then clicking on the task to create the in-process form



# **Entity Information**

Basic Information Entity Information Funding Requests Certify

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SHOW ENTITIES

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(5) Click on the "SAVE & CONTINUE" button to proceed

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# Form 471 Section Three: Funding Requests

Next, you will create the funding requests.

This section has several purposes --- to indicate the requested services and to indicate which entities are receiving those services.



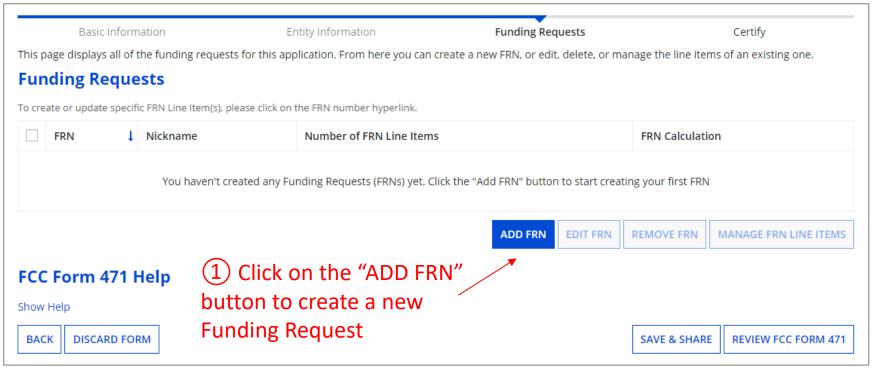
# **Funding Requests**

A funding request is a service or group of services that share a common service type, initiating Form 470, service provider, and contract (if a contract is cited)

Each funding request will be identified by its funding request number or FRN

Creating an FRN in EPC is a two-step process:

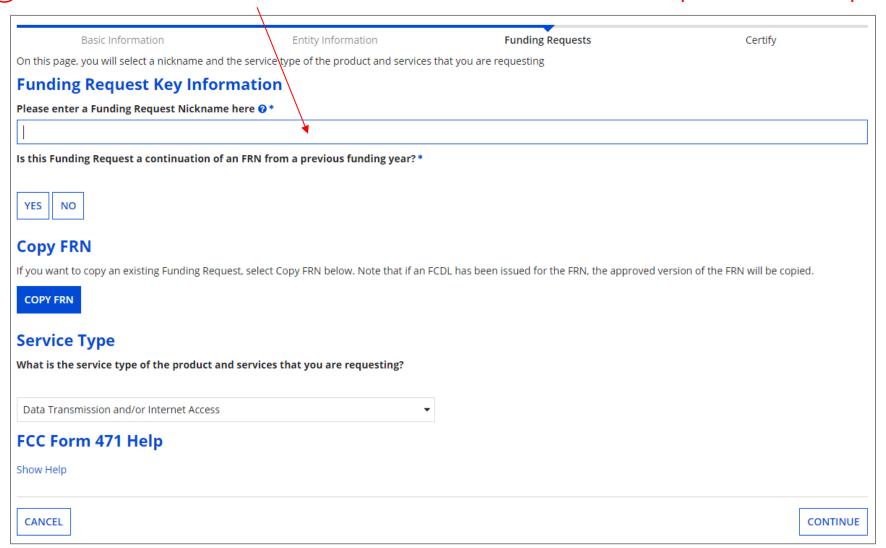
- 1. Enter "high level" FRN information
- Enter details (FRN Line Items)





### [FRN Nickname]

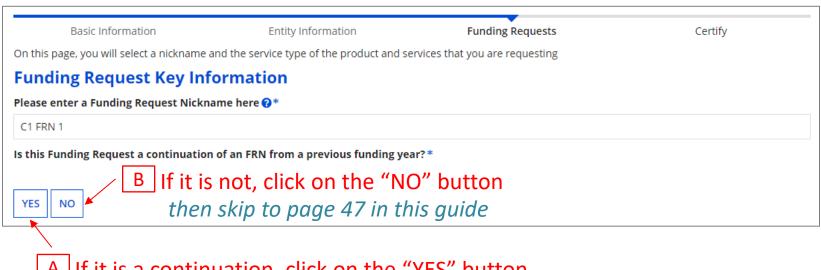
2 Enter a Nickname for this FRN that will serve as a reminder of this specific service request





### [Continuing FRN]

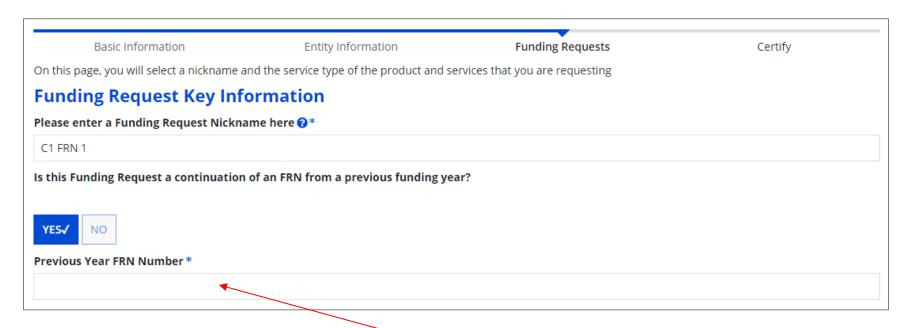
3 Determine whether or not this Funding Request is a continuation of a request from a previous funding year (for example, the second year of a multi-year contract)



A If it is a continuation, click on the "YES" button then go to the next page in this guide

## [Continuing FRN]

If this form is a continuation from a previous year (you chose "YES")....



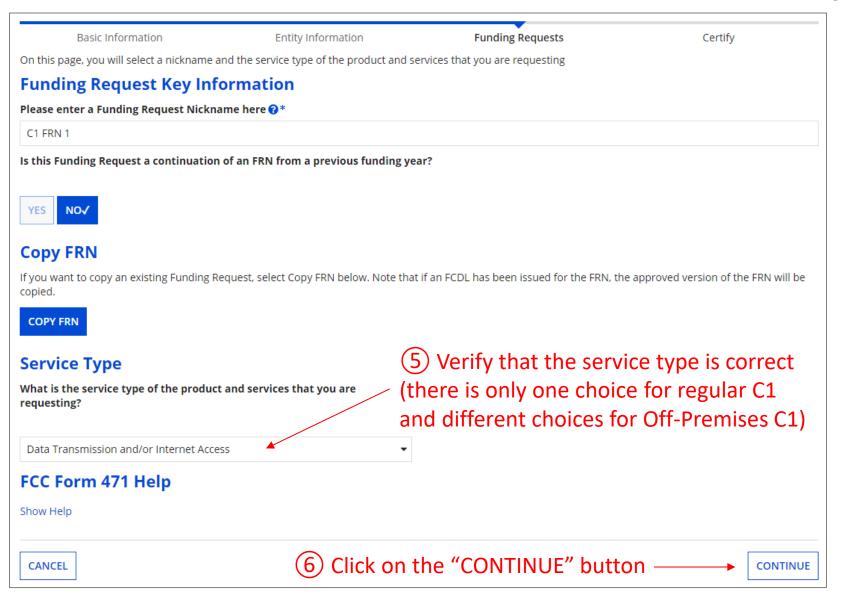
A 1 If you chose "YES", enter the FRN number in the "Previous Year FRN Number" text box that now displays on the page



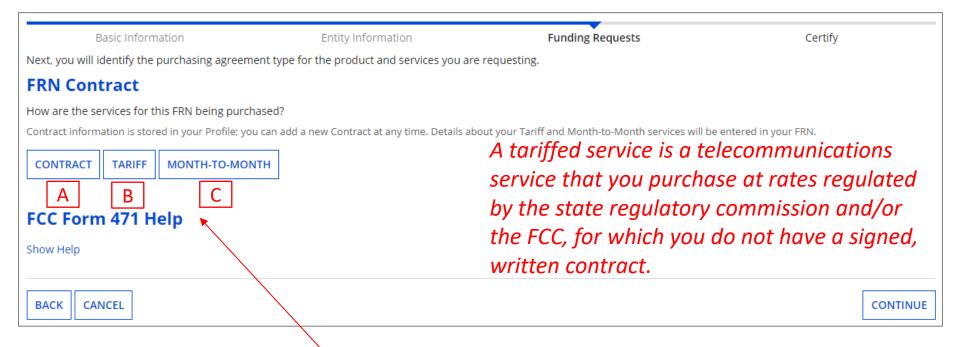
Basic Information	Entity Information	Funding Requests	Certify
On this page, you will select a nickname and	the service type of the product and	services that you are requesting	
<b>Funding Request Key Infor</b>	mation		
Please enter a Funding Request Nicknam	e here 🕜 *		
C1 FRN 1			
Is this Funding Request a continuation of	an FRN from a previous funding y	/ear?	
YES NO✓			
Copy FRN			
If you want to copy an existing Funding Requcopied.	uest, select Copy FRN below. Note th	at if an FCDL has been issued for the FRN, the	e approved version of the FRN will be
COPY FRN		$ \stackrel{ ext{ }}{ ext{ 4}}$ If you want to co	opy an existing FRN
Service Type		as a starting point in	
What is the service type of the product as requesting?	nd services that you are	on this form, click or button and use the	provided tool to
Data Transmission and/or Internet Access	-	locate the FRN you	wish to copy
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CANCEL			CONTINUE



### [Service Type]







- 7 Click on the button for the appropriate method describing how services for this particular FRN are being purchased
- 8 Then click on the "CONTINUE" button on this screen
  - A Contract (MOST COMMON CHOICE)  $\rightarrow$  go to the next page in this guide
  - B Tariff  $\rightarrow$  skip to page 58 in this guide
  - $lue{c}$  Month-to-Month  $\rightarrow$  skip to page 71 in this guide



If you chose "CONTRACT" on the previous screen ....

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If you chose "CONTRACT" and you have not yet added the contract for this FRN to the Contracts Module, complete the steps outlined in the "Contracts Module" training guide before proceeding with these next steps





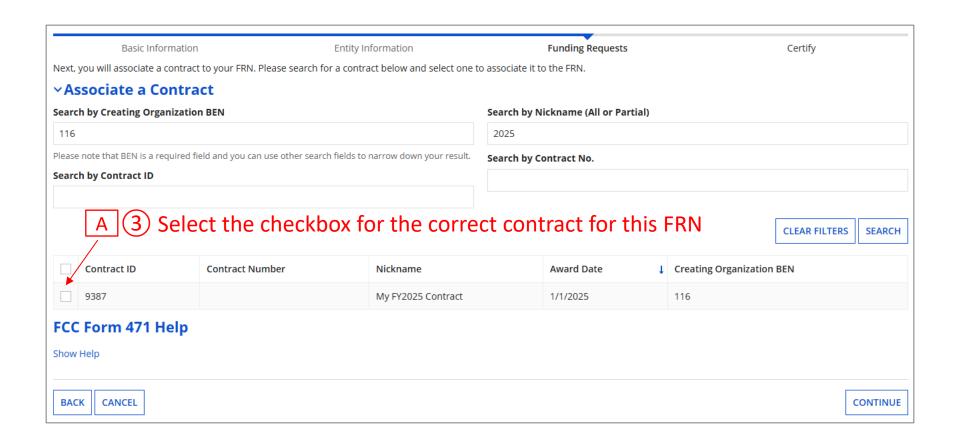
A 1 Search for a contract by entering a value in any of the search boxes

**NOTE:** By default, the BEN for the organization is listed. If you know none of the other information, you can simply search by BEN.

Basic Information	Entity Information	Funding Requests	Certify	
Next, you will associate a contract to your FRN. Ple	ease search for a contract below	and select one to associate it to the FRN.		
∨Associate a Contract				
Search by Creating Organization BEN		Search by Nickname (All or Partial)		
116				
Please note that BEN is a required field and you can u down your result.	se other search fields to narrow	Search by Contract No.		
Search by Contract ID				
			CLEAR FILTERS	SEARCH
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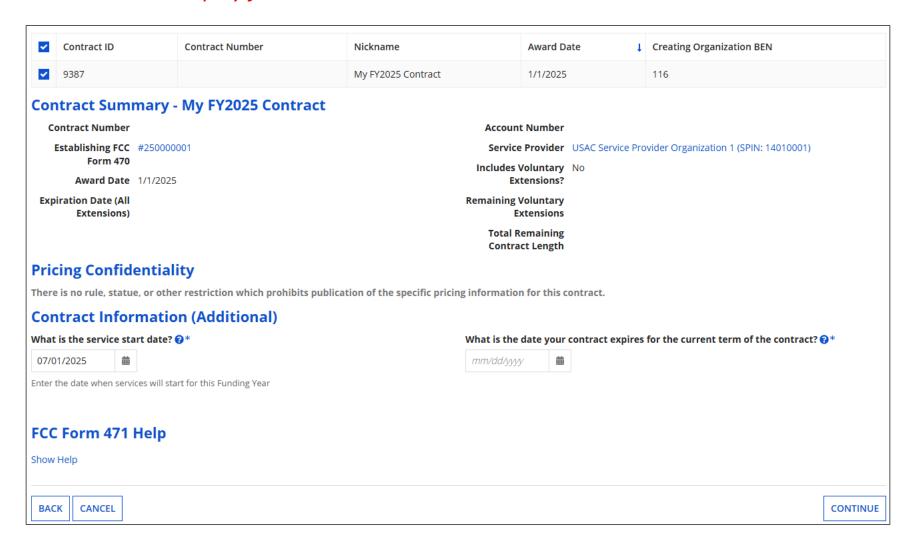
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Search by Creating Organization	BEN	Search by Nickname (All or Partial)	
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Please note that BEN is a required fieldown your result.	eld and you can use other search fields to narrow	Search by Contract No.	
Search by Contract ID			
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BACK CANCEL			CONTINUE



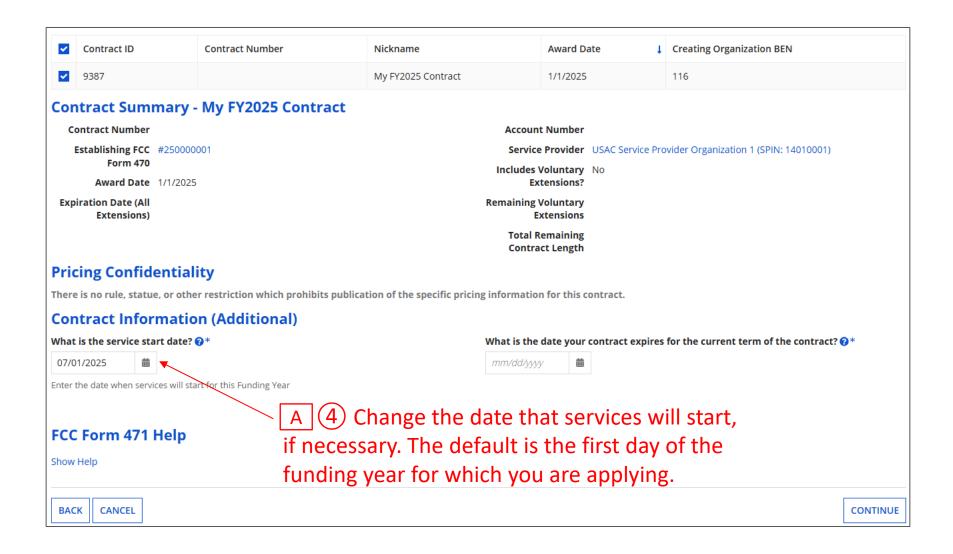


# Summary information about the selected contract will display from the Contracts Module

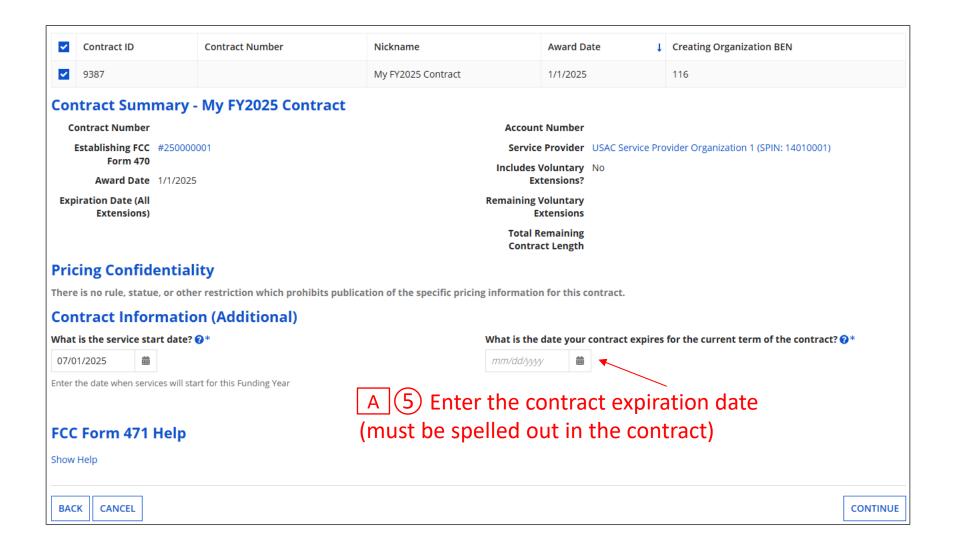




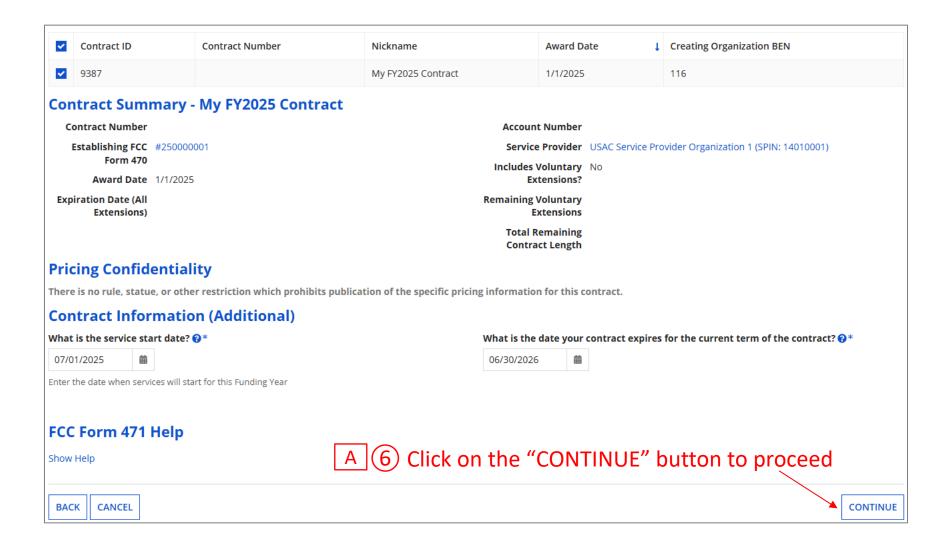












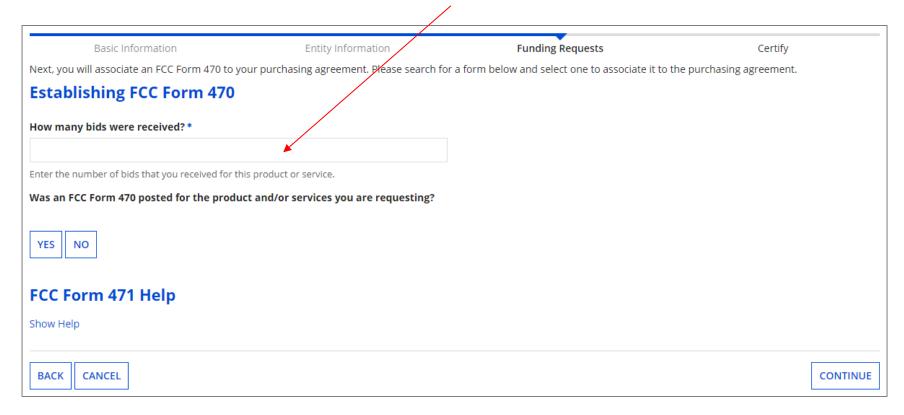


[Tariff]

If you chose "TARIFF" on the previous screen....

(rare, but possible)

B 1 If you chose "TARIFF", enter the number of bids received

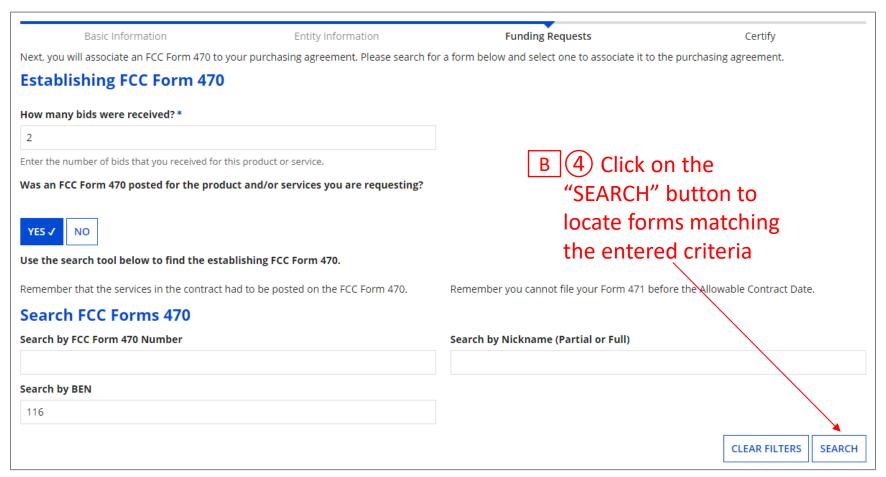




Basic Information	Entity Information	Funding Requests	Certify
Next, you will associate an FCC Form 470 to y	our purchasing agreement. Please search for	a form below and select one to associate it to th	e purchasing agreement.
<b>Establishing FCC Form 470</b>			
How many bids were received? *			
2			
Enter the number of bids that you received for t	his product or service.		
Was an FCC Form 470 posted for the produ	uct and/or services you are requesting?		
YES NO			
FCC Form 471 Help B	2 Click on the "YES"	button to	
Show Help indi	cate that you posted a	Form 470	
BACK CANCEL			CONTI







B 3 Locate the Form 470 by entering a value in any of the search boxes

**NOTE:** By default, the BEN for the organization is listed. If you know neither the Form 470 Number nor the Form 470 Nickname, you can simply search by BEN.





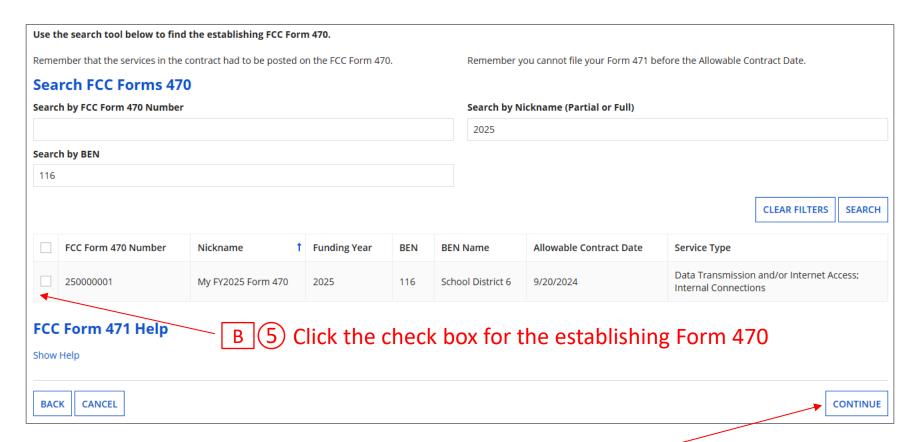
Basic Information	Entity Information	Funding Requests	Certify
	-	for a form below and select one to associate it to the	, and the second
Establishing FCC Form 470			
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How many bids were received? *			
2			
Enter the number of bids that you received for this prod	luct or service.		
Was an FCC Form 470 posted for the product and	or services you are requesting?		
YES V NO Use the search tool below to find the establishin	g FCC Form 470.		
Remember that the services in the contract had to b	e posted on the FCC Form 470.	Remember you cannot file your Form 471 before	e the Allowable Contract Date.
Search FCC Forms 470			
Search by FCC Form 470 Number		Search by Nickname (Partial or Full)	
Search by BEN			
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			CLEAR FILTERS SEARCH

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#### Results matching the search criteria you used will appear in a list



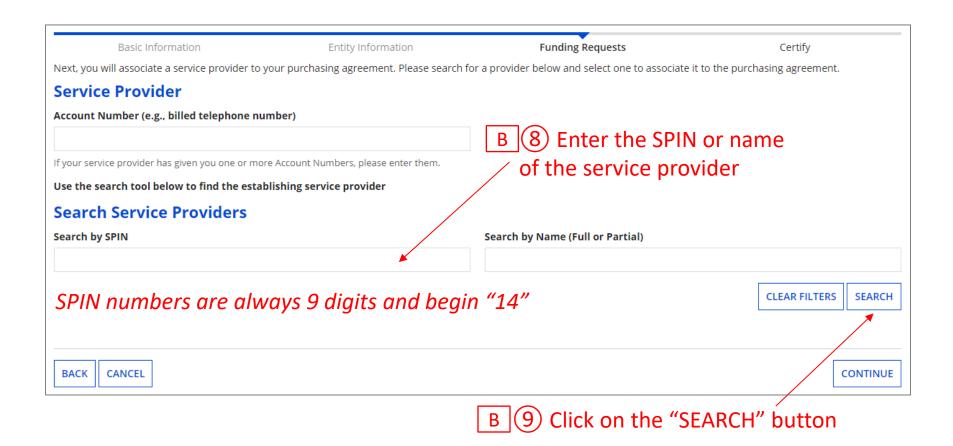
B 6 Then click on the "CONTINUE" button to proceed



Basic Information	Entity Information	Funding Requests	Certify
Next, you will associate a service provider to your p	purchasing agreement. Please sear	ch for a provider below and select one to associate it	to the purchasing agreement.
Service Provider  Account Number (e.g., billed telephone number)  If your service provider has given you one or more Account tool below to find the establishing search Service Providers	count Numbers, please enter them.	B 7 Enter the number if you one (not requ	u have
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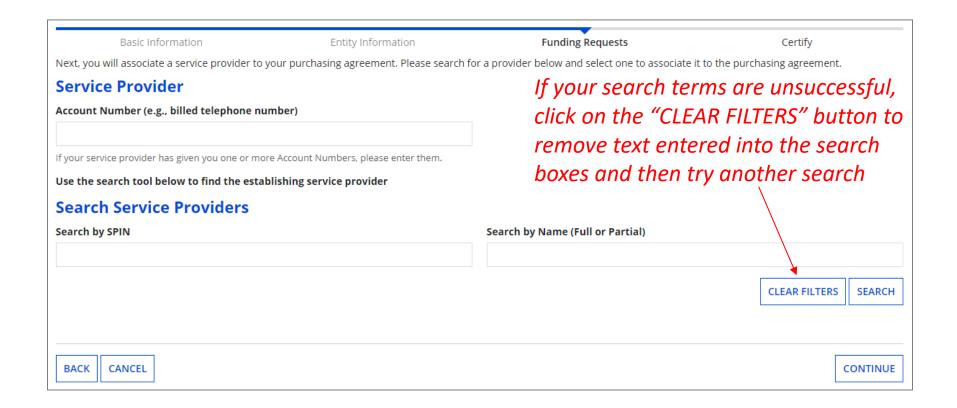


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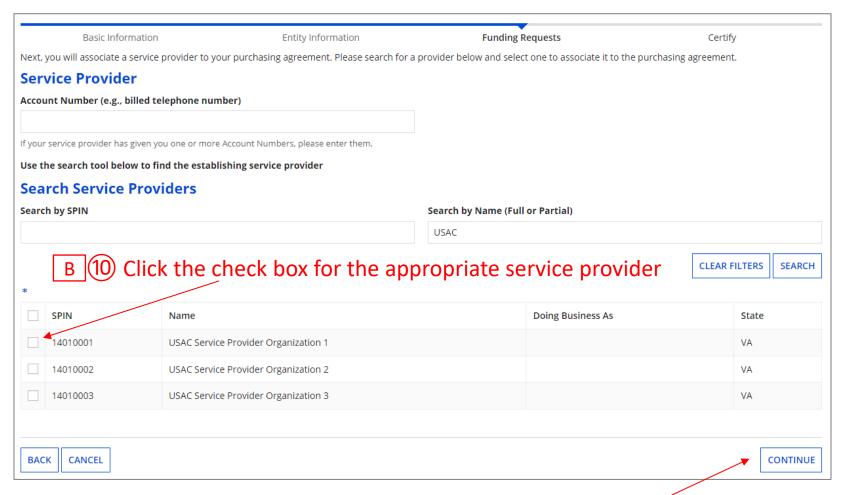


## [Tariff]





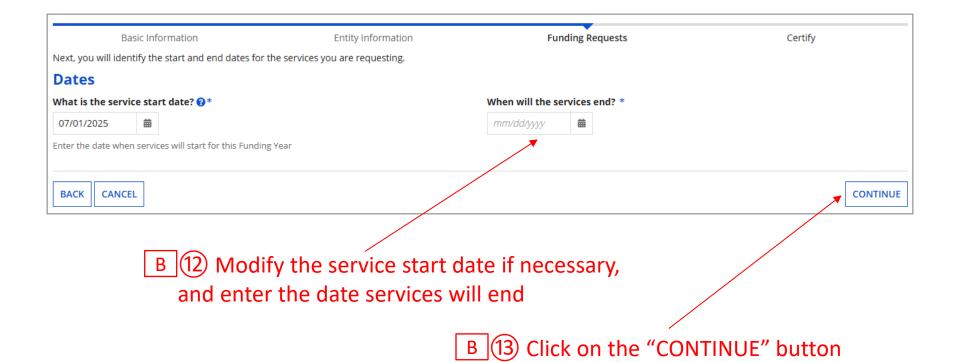
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B 11 Click on the "CONTINUE" button

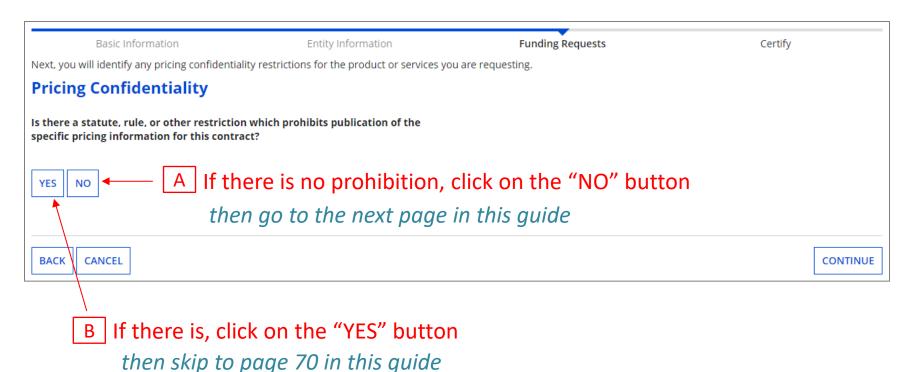


## [Tariff]



## [Tariff]

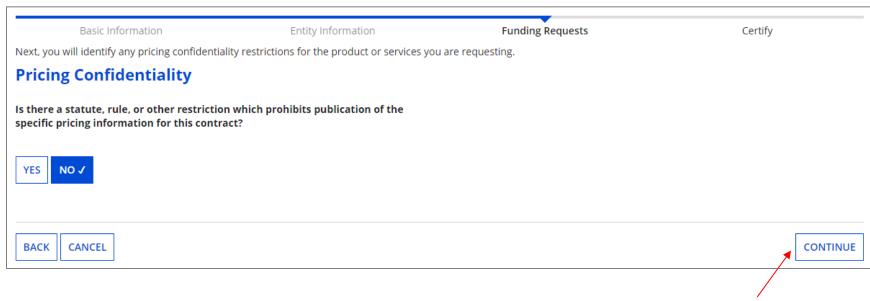
B 14 Determine if there is a statute, rule, or other restriction that prohibits pricing transparency



**Words of Caution:** There must be an actual statute in place. It is not sufficient for the vendor to simply state that their pricing is confidential. When in doubt, click on "NO"!



If there is no restriction (you chose "NO")....



B 14 A 1 Click on the "CONTINUE" button to proceed



B 14 B 1 Provide the type of restriction and the citation, and upload a file that documents the restriction

Basic Information	Entity Information	Funding Requests	Certify
Next, you will identify any pricing confidentiality restriction	ons for the product or services	you are requesting.	
Pricing Confidentiality			
Is there a statute, rule, or other restriction which pro	phibits publication of the	What is the type of restriction?*	
specific pricing information for this contract?		Select a value	•
YES ✓ NO		Restriction Citation *	
Restriction Document Upload  You must upload a copy of the document that contains t	he cited restriction.		
UPLOAD Drop files here		You must provide a citation to the specific rule, stather restriction.	atutue, contract paragraph etc that contains
BACK CANCEL			CONTINUE

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B 2 Click on the "CONTINUE" button to proceed

#### [Month-to-Month]

If you chose "MONTH-TO-MONTH" on the previous screen....

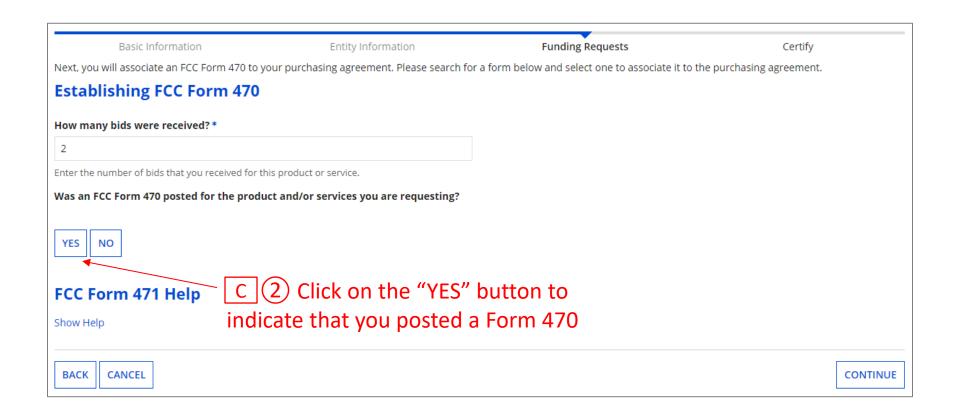
(this method is mostly used when extending an existing contract for a short period while transitioning to a new contract or provider for C1 services)

C 1 If you chose "MONTH-TO-MONTH", enter the number of bids received

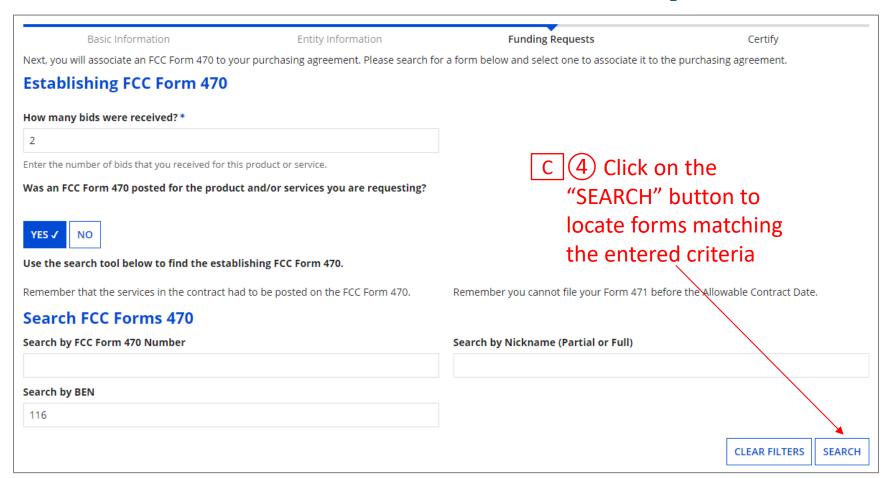




## [Month-to-Month]







C 3 Locate the Form 470 by entering a value in any of the search boxes

**NOTE:** By default, the BEN for the organization is listed. If you know neither the Form 470 Number nor the Form 470 Nickname, you can simply search by BEN.

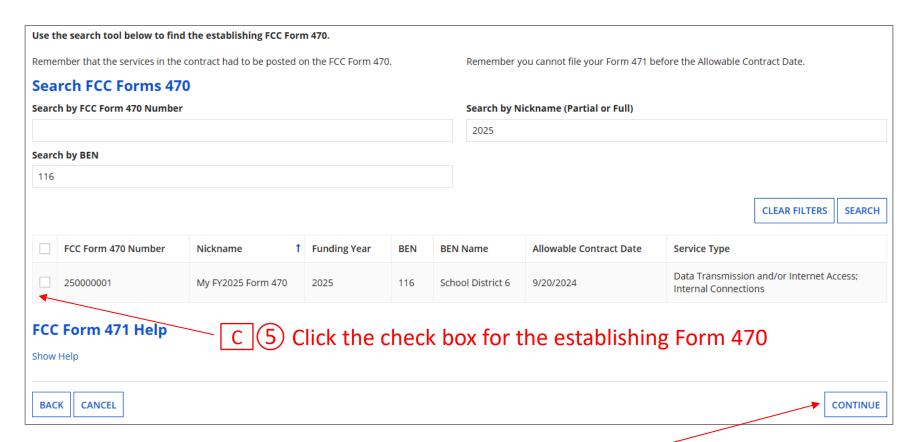


Basic Information	Entity Information	Funding Requests	Certify
Next, you will associate an FCC Form 470 to your p	urchasing agreement. Please search	for a form below and select one to associate it to	the purchasing agreement.
Establishing FCC Form 470			
How many bids were received?*			
2			
Enter the number of bids that you received for this pro	duct or service.		
Was an FCC Form 470 posted for the product an	d/or services you are requesting?		
YES ✓ NO  Use the search tool below to find the establishing	ng FCC Form 470.		
Remember that the services in the contract had to	be posted on the FCC Form 470.	Remember you cannot file your Form 471 b	pefore the Allowable Contract Date.
Search FCC Forms 470			
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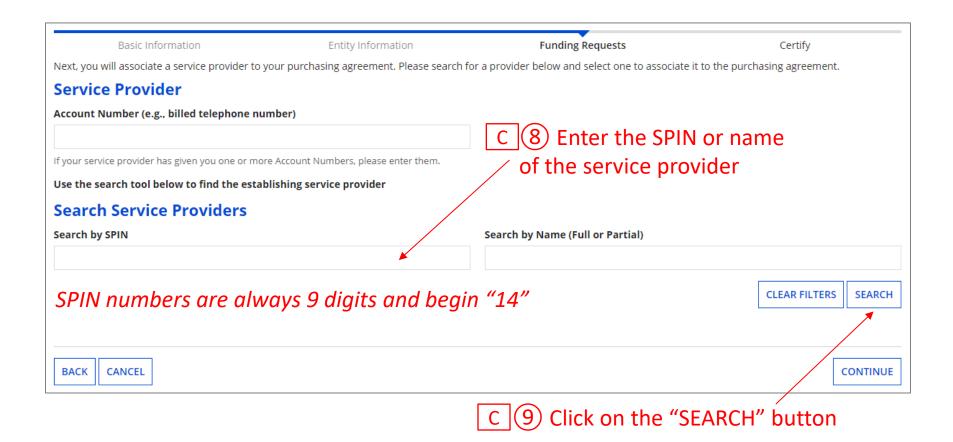


C 6 Then click on the "CONTINUE" button to proceed

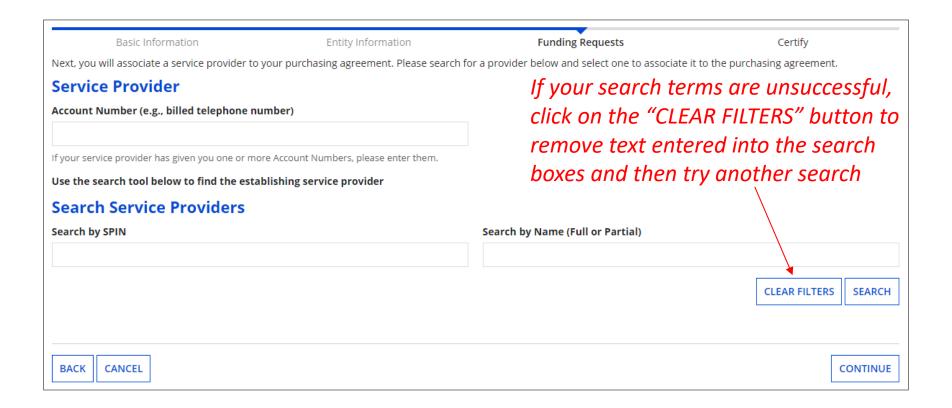


Basic Information	Entity Information	Funding Requests	Certify
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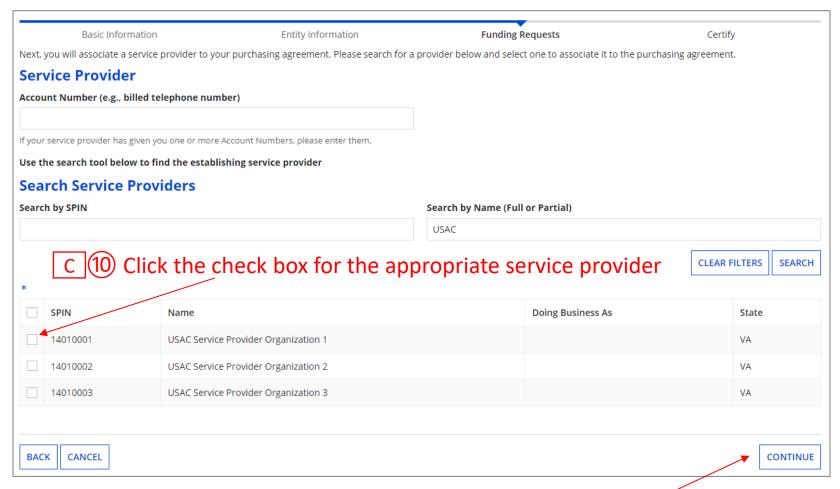








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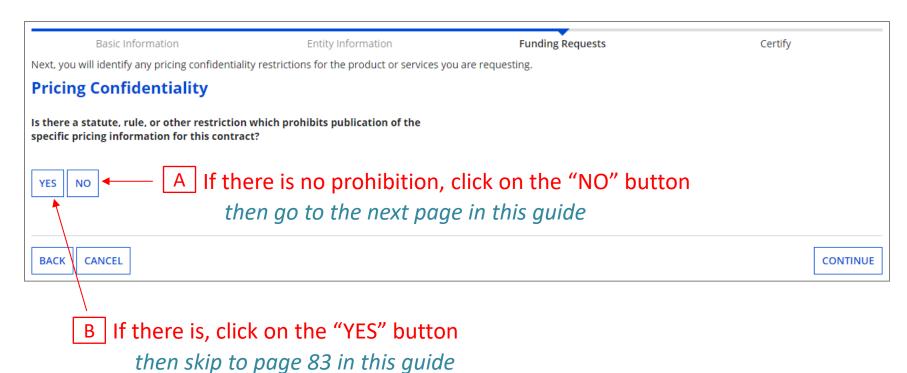
C (11) Click on the "CONTINUE" button







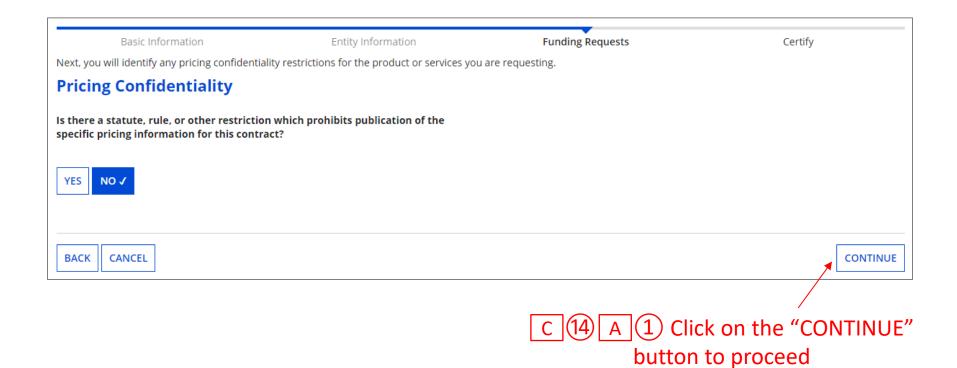
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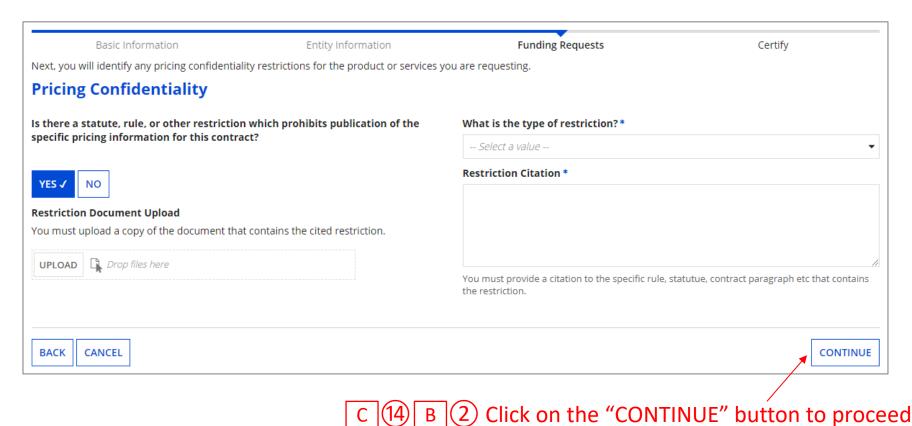
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If there is a restriction (you chose "YES")....

C 4 B 1 Provide the type of restriction and the citation, and upload a file that documents the restriction





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## [Fiber Request]

### 9 Determine if this FRN is a fiber request meeting any of the criteria specified

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Next, you will designate whether this FRN includes a Fiber or Wireless Request.

### **Fiber Request Key Information**

Does this FRN include a request for any of the following eligible broadband options?

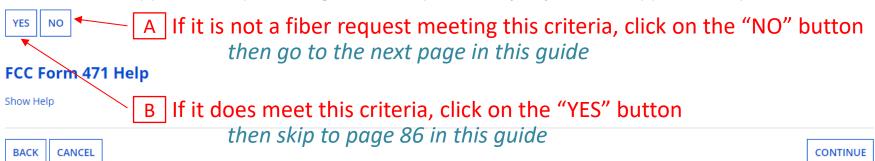
- Special construction. One-time, upfront costs associated with building out leased lit fiber, leased dark fiber, or a self-provisioned network (i.e. special construction charges), or wireless service; and/or
- . Maintenance and operations. Costs associated with the maintenance and operations for either a leased dark fiber or self-provisioned network; and/or
- Network equipment. Costs associated with the purchase of Network Equipment needed to make leased dark fiber or a self-provisioned network functional (e.g., modulating electronics and other equipment).

If any of the above apply, select "Yes" below.

Select "No" if you are only seeking support for the monthly recurring costs for either a leased lit fiber service or a leased dark fiber service (i.e., recurring payments on a dark fiber lease or IRU), or a wireless service.

#### Notes:

- If you are seeking support for both the Special Construction, Maintenance and Operation, and/or Network Equipment as well as support for recurring costs associated with leased lit fiber, a dark fiber lease/IRU, or a wireless service then you create multiple FRNs. In each case, you will select a different answer to the Yes/No question based the specific services that are included in that FRN.
- If you select "Yes" below, you should create separate FRNs for special construction charges, maintenance and operations (M&O) charges, and Network Equipment charges. If charges for M&O and Network Equipment are bundled pursuant to a single contract for those products/services, you may use the Network Equipment/M&O FRN option.





### If it does not meet the criteria (you chose "NO")....

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Next, you will designate whether this FRN includes a Fiber or Wireless Request.

### **Fiber Request Key Information**

Does this FRN include a request for any of the following eligible broadband options?

- Special construction. One-time, upfront costs associated with building out leased lit fiber, leased dark fiber, or a self-provisioned network (i.e. special construction charges), or wireless service: and/or
- Maintenance and operations. Costs associated with the maintenance and operations for either a leased dark fiber or self-provisioned network; and/or
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A 1 If you chose "NO", click on the "CONTINUE" button to proceed

CONTINUE



### [Fiber Request]

### If it does meet the criteria (you chose "YES")....

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Next, you will designate whether this FRN includes a Fiber or Wireless Request.

### **Fiber Request Key Information**

Does this FRN include a request for any of the following eligible broadband options?

- Special construction. One-time, upfront costs associated with building out leased lit fiber, leased dark fiber, or a self-provisioned network (i.e. special construction charges), or wireless service; and/or
- . Maintenance and operations. Costs associated with the maintenance and operations for either a leased dark fiber or self-provisioned network; and/or
- Network equipment. Costs associated with the purchase of Network Equipment needed to make leased dark fiber or a self-provisioned network functional (e.g., modulating electronics and other equipment).

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Is this FRN supporting new or existing fiber for leased lit fiber, dark fiber, self-provisioned, or new or existing infrastructure for wireless service?\*

LIT FIBER

DARK FIBER

SELF-PROVISIONED

WIRELESS

B 1 If the FRN does meet this criteria, choose the type of fiber that will be requested

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B 2 Then click on the "CONTINUE" button -





## [Fiber Request]

B 3 Answer the additional questions on the next screen(s) until all fiber questions have been fully completed

### Fiber Screen Examples:

Next, you will identify whether this Dark Fiber FRN is Leased or IRU.

### **Fiber Request Key Information**

Is this Leased Dark Fiber or IRU? \*

Indefeasible right of use (IRU) is a contractual agreement between a service provider and an applicant for a fiber optic network which gives you ownership and unrestricted use of that fiber.

LEASED DARK FIBER

IRU

Next, you will designate whether the Fiber Request is for Special Construction, Network Equipment, Maintenance & Operations, or both Network Equipment and Maintenance & Operations.

### **Fiber Request Key Information**

Is this FRN for Special Construction, Network Equipment, Maintenance & Operation or both Network Equipment and Maintenance & Operation? 📀

SPECIAL CONSTRUCTION

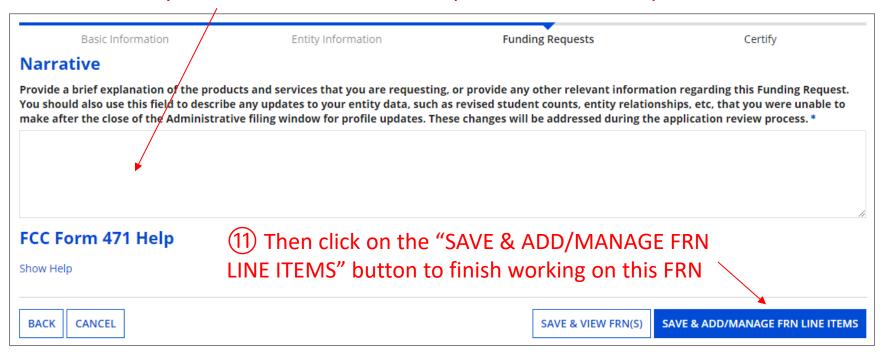
NETWORK EQUIPMENT

MAINTENANCE AND OPERATION



## [Narrative]

10 Provide a description of the service you are requesting and any other information you think USAC would find important such as EPC profile issues



**NOTE:** You can use the "SAVE & VIEW FRN(S)" button to leave this FRN and view the FRNs you have created so far, but as a best practice finish the FRN you are working on before starting another one to avoid confusion

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# Managing FRN Line Items

You will next need to enter the details of the products and services being requested on separate FRN Line Items.



An FRN is incomplete until Line Items have been added to identify each specific product and service being requested and its associated costs

The Nickname you entered for this FRN will appear at the top of the form along with the FRN Number

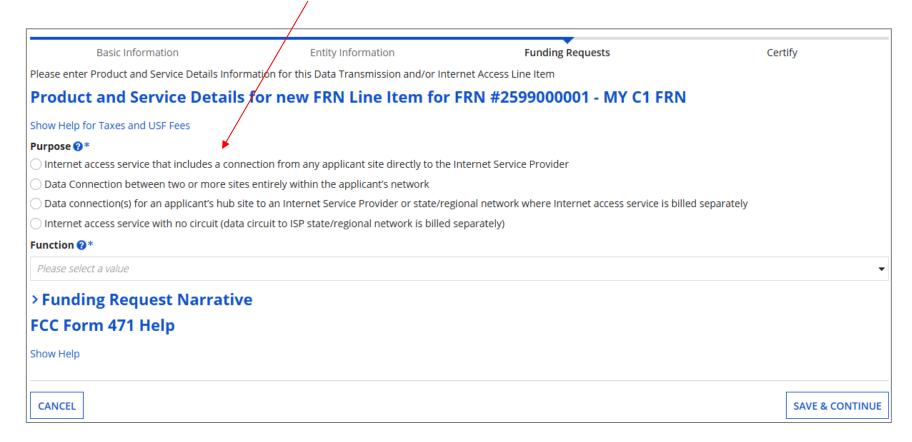
	Basic Information age displays all of the funding				m number below	Funding Requests to edit the line items and the		ertify
	FRN Line Item Number	1	Function	Type of Product	Quantity	One-time Quantity	Total Eligible FRN Line	Item Cost
You haven't created any FRN Line Items yet. Click the 'Add New FRN Line Item' button to start creating your first FRN Line Item.								
FCC Form 471 Help Show Help  ADD NEW FRN LINE ITEM REMOVE FRN LINE ITEM BULK UPLOAD  BULK UPLOAD  BULK UPLOAD								
BAC	K DISCARD FORM						SAVE & SHARE	SAVE & CONTINUE

### **Guidelines:**

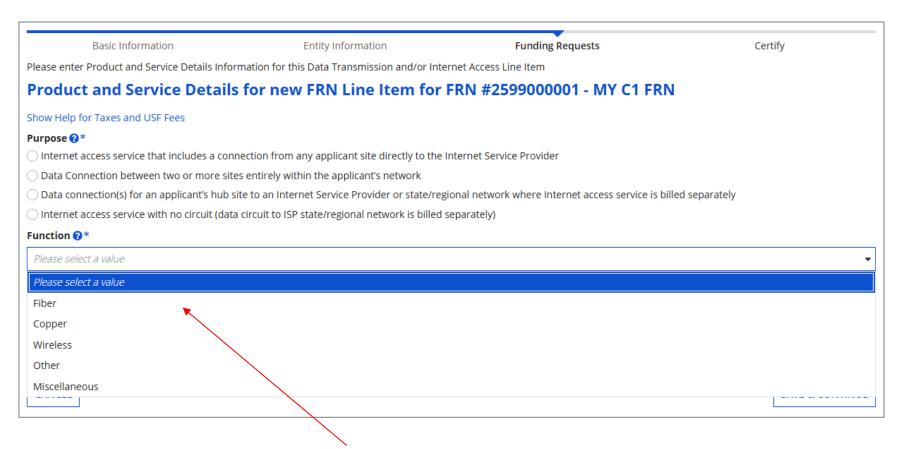
- Use a separate line for each different service sought
- If you have several entities receiving the same service but they are delivered at different speeds or for different costs, use a separate line for each



2 Select the option that best describes the purpose of this FRN Line Item

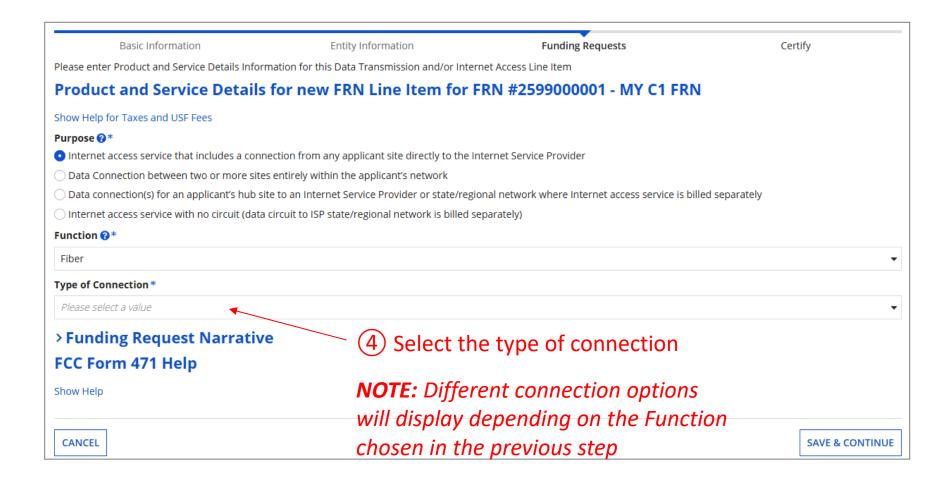




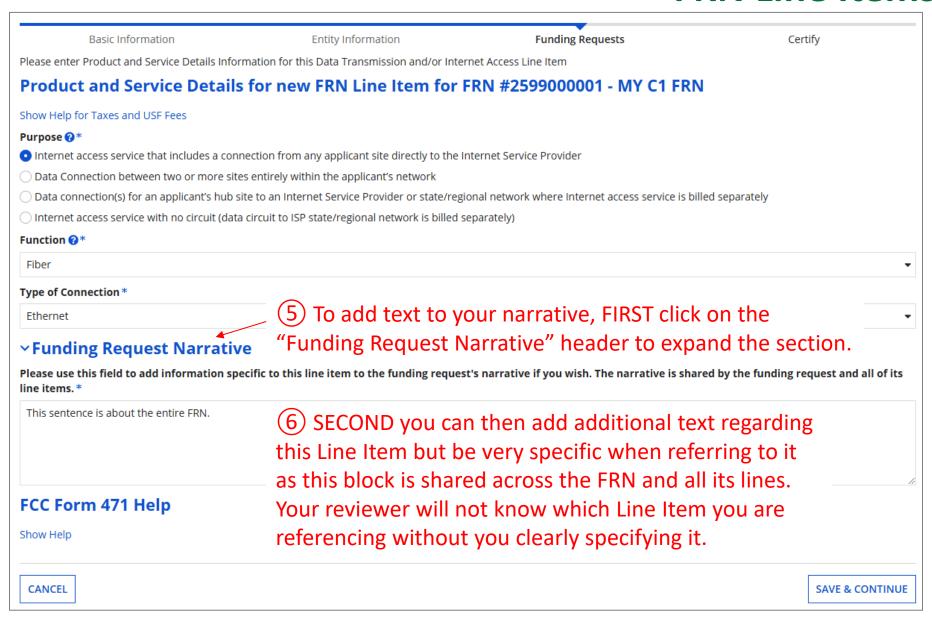


3 Select the function of the request









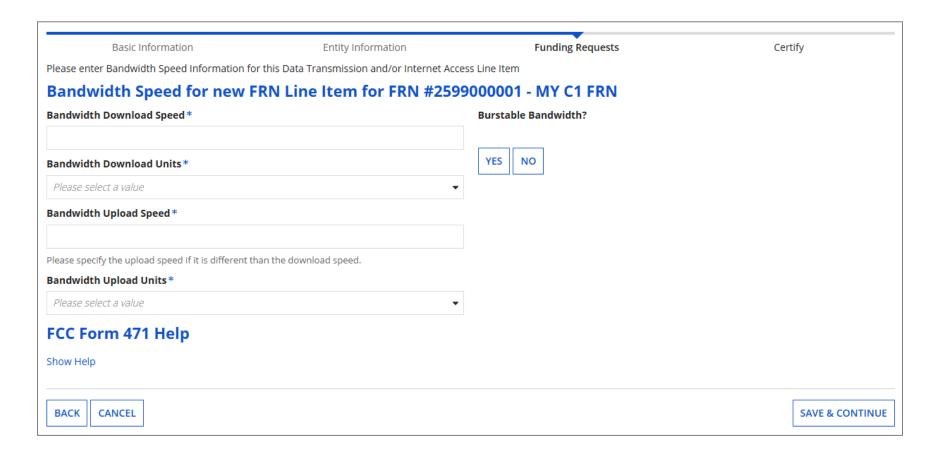


Basic Information	Entity Information	Funding Requests	Certify			
Please enter Product and Service Details Information for this Data Transmission and/or Internet Access Line Item						
Product and Service Details	for new FRN Line Item for I	FRN #2599000001 - MY C1 FRN				
Show Help for Taxes and USF Fees						
Purpose *						
o Internet access service that includes a connection from any applicant site directly to the Internet Service Provider						
O Data Connection between two or more sites	O Data Connection between two or more sites entirely within the applicant's network					
O Data connection(s) for an applicant's hub sit	te to an Internet Service Provider or state/regi	onal network where Internet access service is bill	ed separately			
$\bigcirc$ Internet access service with no circuit (data	circuit to ISP state/regional network is billed s	eparately)				
Function *						
Fiber			•			
Type of Connection*						
Ethernet			•			
<b>≻Funding Request Narrative</b>	e					
Please use this field to add information spe line items.*	cific to this line item to the funding reques	t's narrative if you wish. The narrative is shar	ed by the funding request and all of its			
This sentence is about the entire FRN.						
And now this is regarding Line 1.						
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CANCEL			SAVE & CONTINUE			

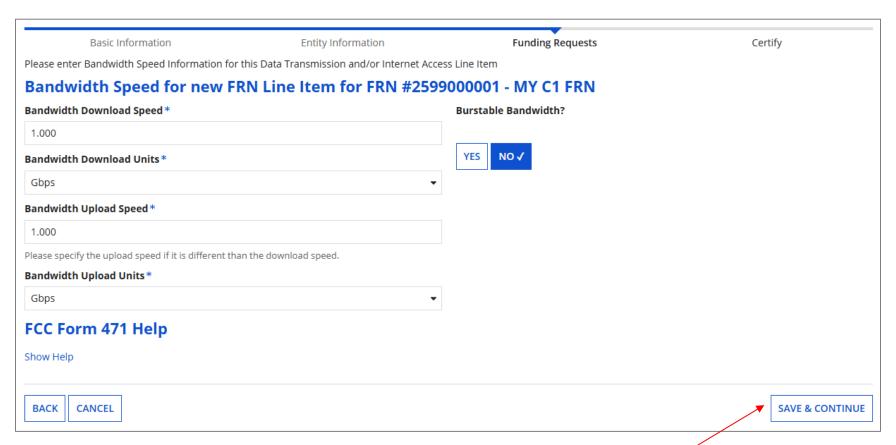


8 Enter bandwidth upload and download speeds and any other requested info

**NOTE:** Default values may populate the form as you complete it



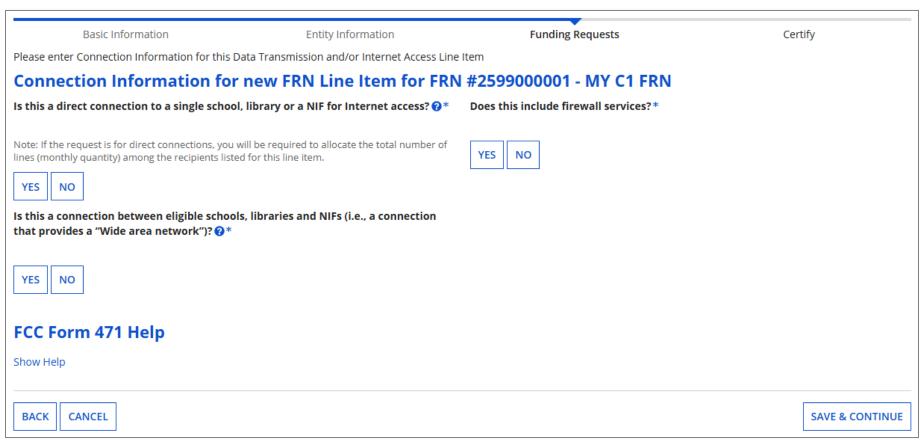




9 Click on the "SAVE & CONTINUE" button

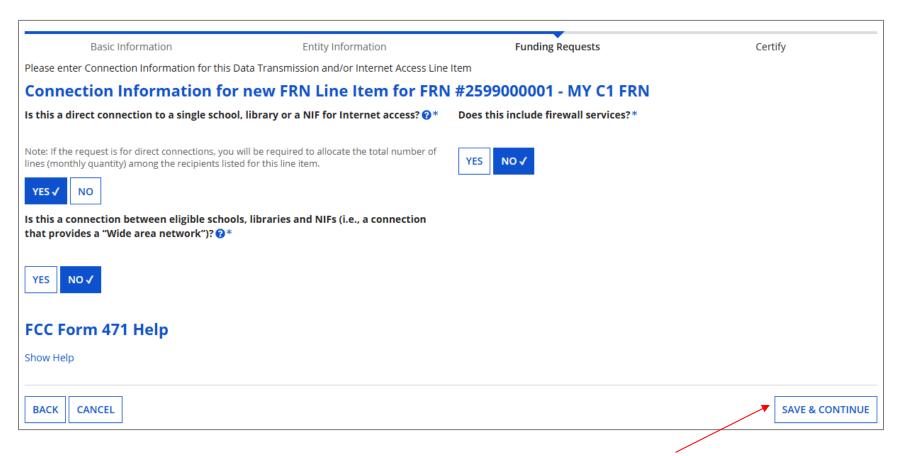


## 10 Provide the additional requested information about the connection



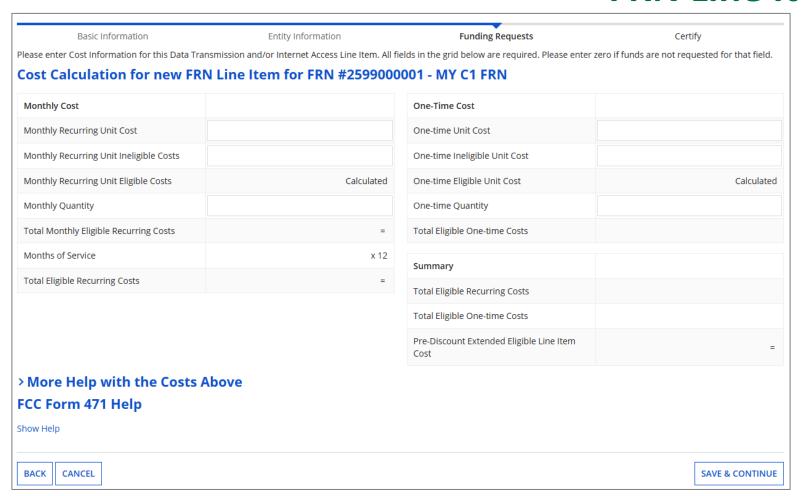


### **Connection Information Screen Example:**



11) Then click on the "SAVE & CONTINUE" button to proceed





12) Enter the Cost Calculations for this FRN Line Item based on what you have contracted with the provider, removing any ineligible amounts

**NOTE:** All fields must be completed. Enter zeroes in fields for which you have no requested costs.

(see the next slide for more information)



### **Fields**

**Monthly Recurring Unit Cost:** Enter the total monthly cost for this service for each connection. If the cost of service fluctuates from month to month, use the average of past bills to estimate the monthly cost.

**Monthly Recurring Unit Ineligible Costs:** Enter the total cost associated with ANY ineligible services, entities, or uses included in your monthly charges.

Monthly Quantity: The number of connections that have this total recurring cost.

**One-time Unit Cost:** Enter one-time or non-recurring costs for the product or service. For example, installation charges for eligible services and equipment are eligible.

**One-time Unit Ineligible Cost:** Enter the total cost associated with ANY ineligible services, entities, or uses included in your one-time charges.

**One-time Quantity:** The number of connections that have this total one-time cost.



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Please enter Cost Information for this Data Transmission and/or Internet Access Line Item. All fields in the grid below are required. Please enter zero if funds are not requested for that field.

### Cost Calculation for FRN Line Item #2599000001.001

Monthly Cost	
Monthly Recurring Unit Cost	\$500.00
Monthly Recurring Unit Ineligible Costs	\$0.00
Monthly Recurring Unit Eligible Costs	= \$500.00
Monthly Quantity	2
Total Monthly Eligible Recurring Costs	= \$1,000.00
Months of Service	x 12
Total Eligible Recurring Costs	= \$12,000.00

One-Time Cost	
One-time Unit Cost	\$5,000.00
One-time Ineligible Unit Cost	\$0.00
One-time Eligible Unit Cost	= \$5,000.00
One-time Quantity	2
Total Eligible One-time Costs	= \$10,000.00
Summary	

Total Eligible Recurring Costs	\$12,000.00
Total Eligible One-time Costs	+ \$10,000.00
Pre-Discount Extended Eligible Line Item Cost	= \$22,000.00

# > More Help with the Costs Above FCC Form 471 Help

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(13) Click on the "SAVE & CONTINUE" button to proceed

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SAVE & CONTINUE

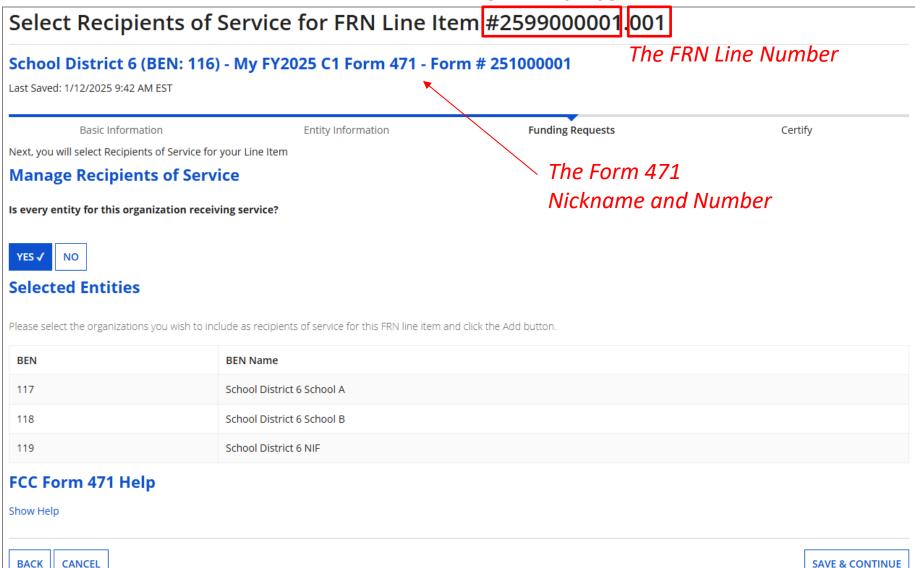


# **Managing Recipients**

For every Line Item created for each FRN, you must identify the entities receiving that particular service.

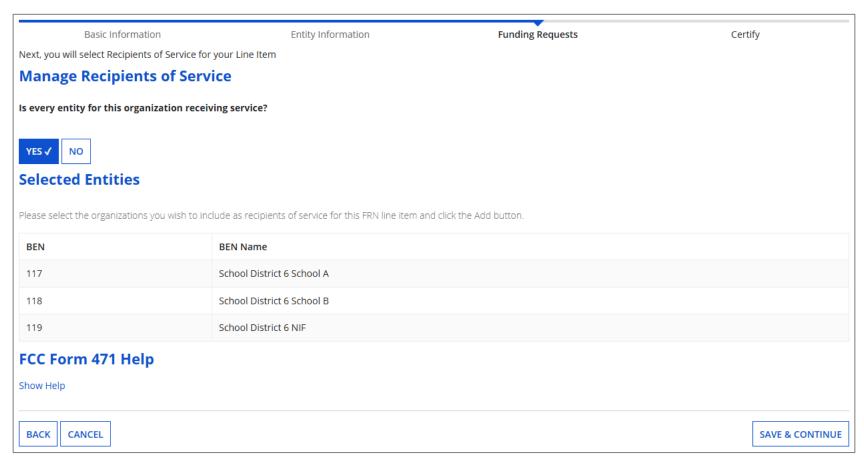


### The FRN Number



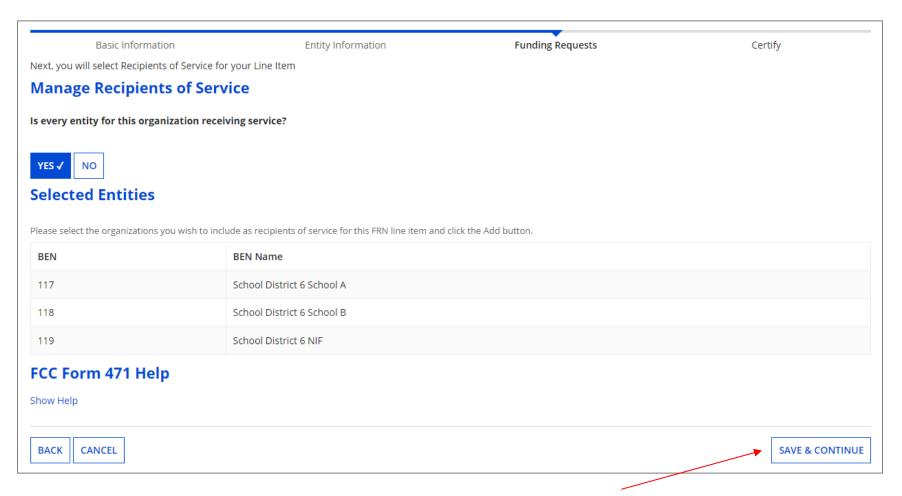


- 1 Determine if every entity in your profile (schools and NIFs) will be receiving this particular service
- A If <u>every</u> entity will receive the service, choose the "YES" button (default option) then go to the next page in this guide
- B If only some entities will receive the service, click on the "NO" button then skip to page 107 in this guide





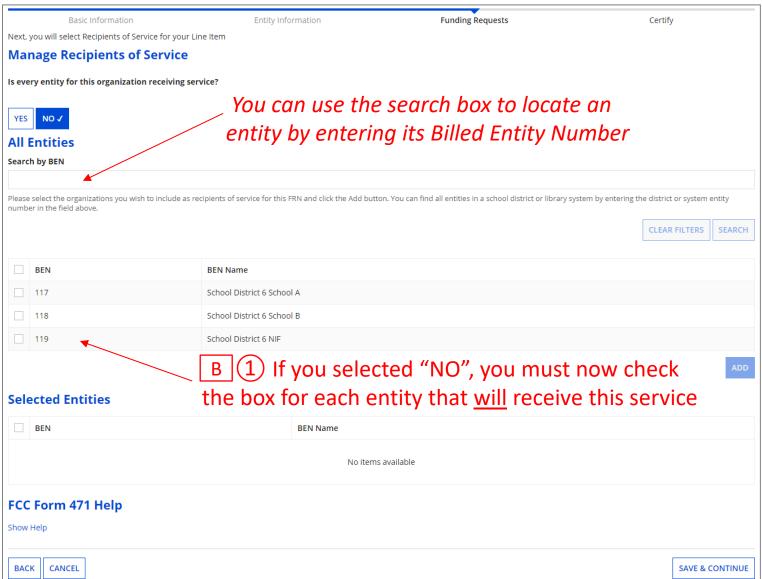
If all entities are receiving the service (you chose "YES")....

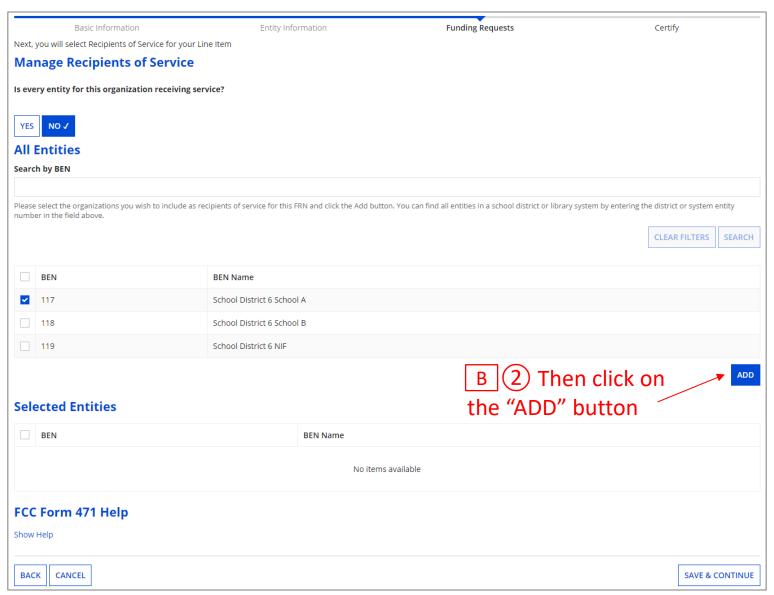


A 1 If you chose "YES" (the default), click on the "SAVE & CONTINUE" button to proceed



### If only some are receiving the service (you chose "NO")....







Basic Information	Entity Information	Funding Requests	Certify	
Next, you will select Recipients of Sen	ŕ			
Manage Recipients of	Service			
Is every entity for this organization	n receiving service?			
YES NO 🗸				
All Entities				
Search by BEN				
Please select the organizations you wish number in the field above.	to include as recipients of service for this FRN and click the Add butto	on. You can find all entities in a school district or library sy		
			CLEAR FILTERS SEARCH	
BEN	BEN Name			
117	School District 6 School A			
118	School District 6 School B			
119	School District 6 NIF			
			ADD	
Selected Entities <i>Se</i>	lected entities will be list	ed here		If you need to
BEN	BEN Name			remove an
117	School District 6 School A			entity, select it
				and then click on
FCC Form 471 Help				the "REMOVE"
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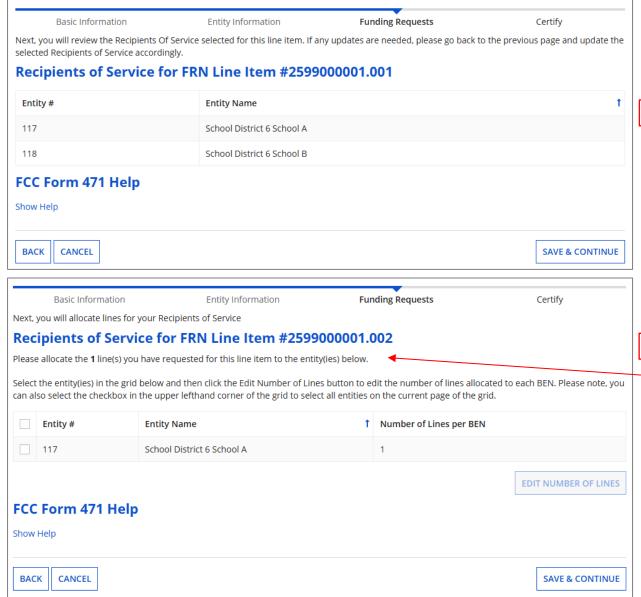


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#### (2) Review the recipients of service listed for this Line Item

## Recipients

#### **Recipients of Service Screen Examples:**



What displays on this screen will determine your next action:

If you see a basic summary screen, click on the "SAVF & CONTINUE" button

> then skip to page 117 in this guide

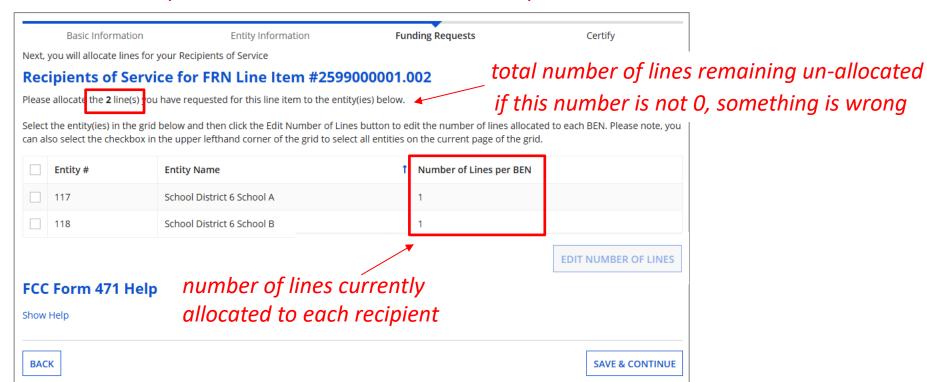
B | If you see details about the number of lines, further action may be required go to the next page in this guide If you need to allocate lines....

#### Recipients



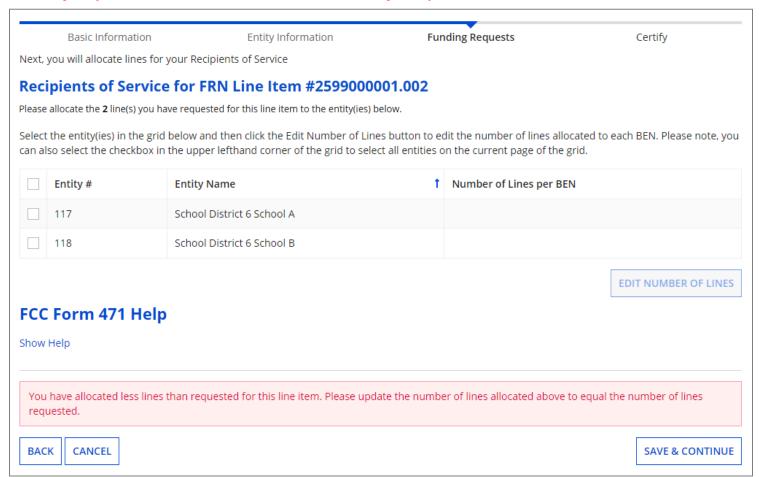
You are requesting a service that requires you to properly allocate the number of lines per recipient of service (the Purpose and Connection Information for this FRN Line Item determines whether or not you are prompted to allocate lines)

If the total lines do not match the total allocated across the entities, you will need to distribute the specific services for each selected recipient





# An error message will display if you try to continue before you have fully allocated the total number of requested lines



You will need to properly distribute all lines across the entities receiving the service for this FRN Line Item

**NOTE:** Another possibility for this error is that you entered a quantity that does not match the number of recipients



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Next, you will allocate lines for your Recipients of Service

#### Recipients of Service for FRN Line Item #2599000001.002

Please allocate the 2 line(s) you have requested for this line item to the entity(ies) below.

Select the entity(ies) in the grid below and then click the Edit Number of Lines button to edit the number of lines allocated to each BEN. Please note, you can also select the checkbox in the upper lefthand corner of the grid to select all entities on the current page of the grid.

~	Entity #	Entity Name 1	1	Number of Lines per BEN
~	117	School District 6 School A		
~	118	School District 6 School B		

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**EDIT NUMBER OF LINES** (2) To modify the line distribution to the recipients, select the check box for each recipient to be modified or the check box at the top of the column to select all recipients, then click on the "FDIT NUMBER OF LINES" button

SAVE & CONTINUE



#### B 3 Edit the number of lines allocated to each recipient appropriately

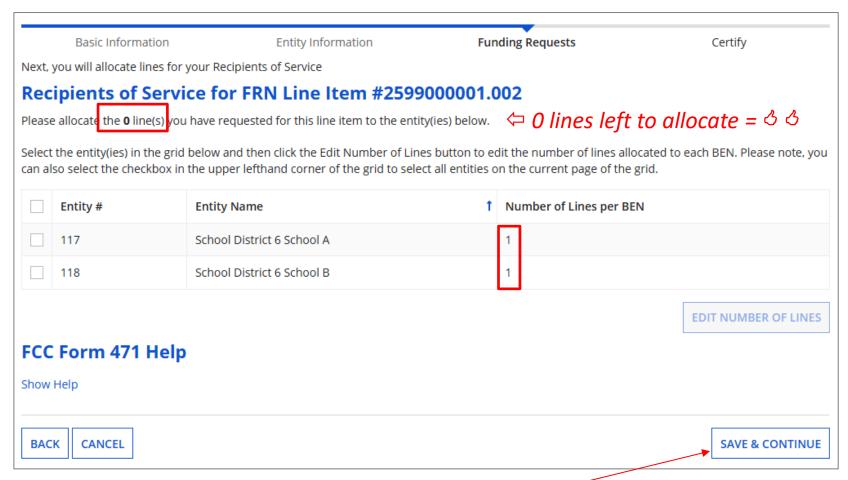
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# B 5 Repeat as necessary until all requested lines have been fully distributed to the recipients of service



B 6 Click on the "SAVE & CONTINUE" button to proceed



# Wrapping Up the FRN



# After completing a Line Item, each Line Item that has been created for this FRN will display in a table

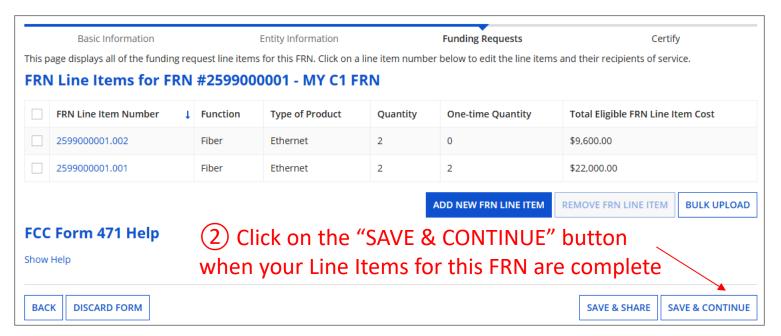
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1 Continue adding FRN line items using the steps outlined until all services you wish to add to this **FRN** have been listed

To create another Line Item, click on the "ADD NEW FRN LINE ITEM" button

To edit an existing Line Item, click on the link for it

To delete an existing Line Item, click the check box for it and click on the "REMOVE FRN LINE ITEM" button





# After completing an FRN, each FRN that has been created for this form will display in a table

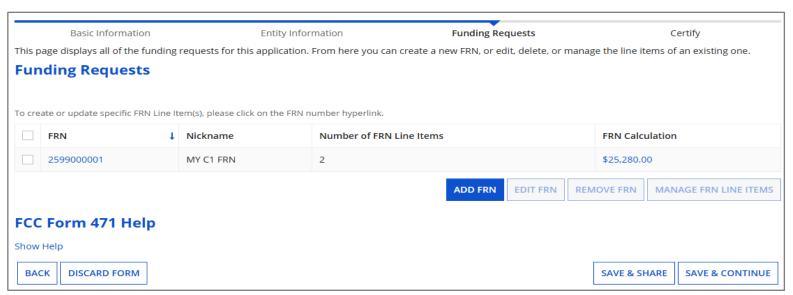
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3 Continue adding FRNs / FRN line items using the steps outlined until all services you wish to add to this **form** have been listed

To create another FRN, click on the "ADD FRN" button

To work with an existing FRN, click the check box for it and ...

- Click on the "EDIT FRN" button to edit the high level FRN information
- Click on the "REMOVE FRN" button to delete the FRN
- Click on the "MANAGE FRN LINE ITEMS" button to edit the Line Items



## **Wrapping Up**

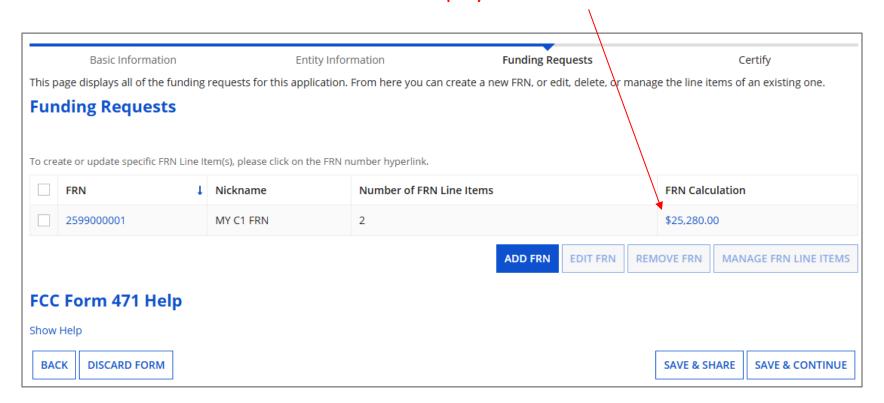
#### You will need to create separate FRNs in the following situations:

Situation	Explanation
Different agreement types	services arranged under a contract must appear on a separate FRN than month-to-month services
Different contracts / providers	if you have multiple contracts either with the same provider or with different providers, then a separate FRN must be created for each contract
Different service types	different service types require separate FRNs  example: a switch (Internal Connections) and the license providing basic maintenance of that switch (Basic Maintenance of Internal Connections) must appear on separate FRNs
Different service start dates	different start dates require separate FRNs
Different service end dates	different end dates require separate FRNs



#### Wrapping Up

4 In the Funding Requests Summary table, for each FRN you have created, click on the link for the dollar amount displayed in the "FRN Calculation" column





## Wrapping Up

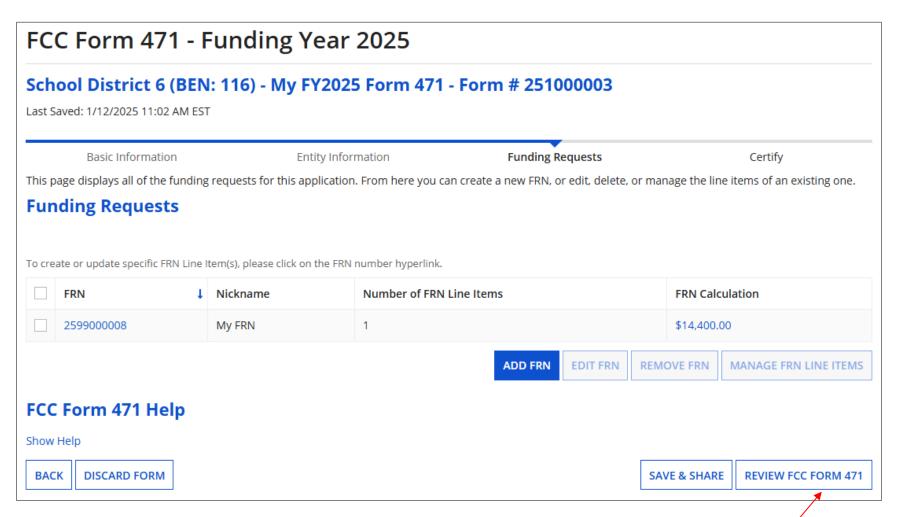
#### A summary of the total amounts requested for that FRN displays

Basic Information	Entity Information	Funding Requests	Certify
low is the detailed cost information for all li	ne items within the selected FRN.		
RN Calculation for FRN #2	599000001 - MY C1 FRN		
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Total Monthly Ineligible Charges	- \$0.00		+ \$10,000.00
Total Monthly Eligible Charges	= \$1,800.00	Total Eligible Pre-Discount One-Time Charges	
Total Number of Months of Service	x 12	Total Pre-Discount Charges	= \$31,600.00
Total Eligible Pre-Discount Recurring Charges	= \$21,600.00	Discount Rate	80%
charges		Funding Commitment Request	= \$25,280.00
One-Time Charges			
Total One-Time Charges	\$10,000.00	(5) Verify the amounts listed are accurately you can not receive more funding for	
Total Ineligible One-Time Charges	- \$0.00		
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Before certifying the form you will have the opportunity to review the form in its entirety.

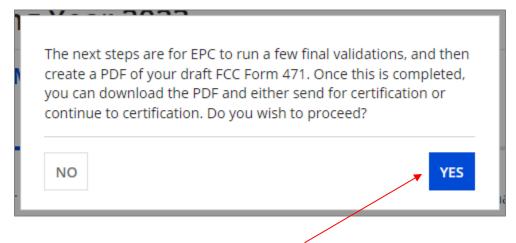




1 Click on the "REVIEW FCC FORM 471" button when your FRNs for this form are complete



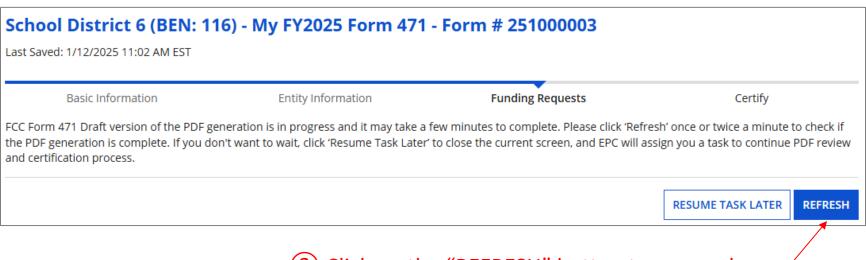
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2 Click on the "YES" button to proceed



#### A message will display regarding the generation of the PDF

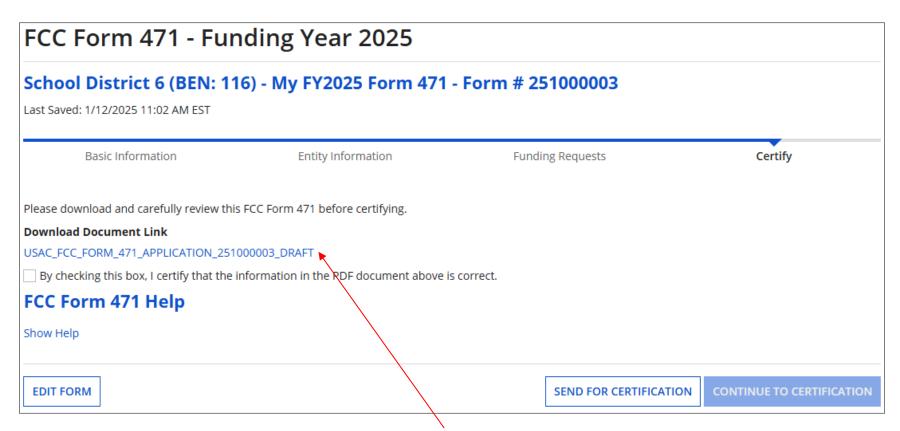


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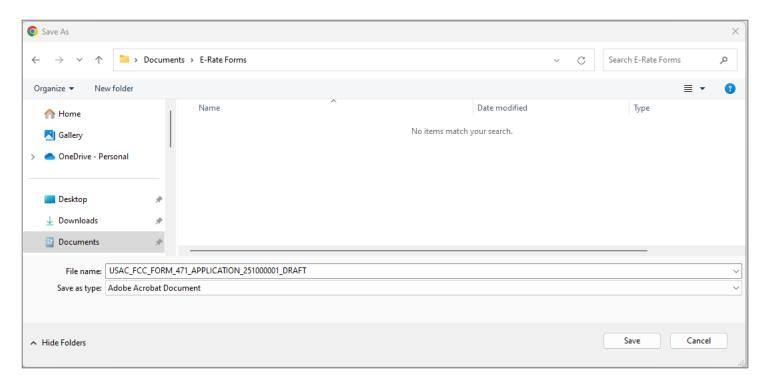
Once generated, a screen with a link to a draft version of the form will display



4 To review the application, click on the link for the document to download it to your computer



(5) Save the PDF to your computer





#### 6 Open the PDF to view the form draft and review it thoroughly for accuracy

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#### FCC Form 471

#### **Application Information**

Nickname My FY2025 Form 471

Funding Year 2025

#### **Billed Entity**

School District 6

100 Main Street Springfield ME 04487

555-555-7878

school.district6.user1@mailinator.com

Billed Entity Number 116

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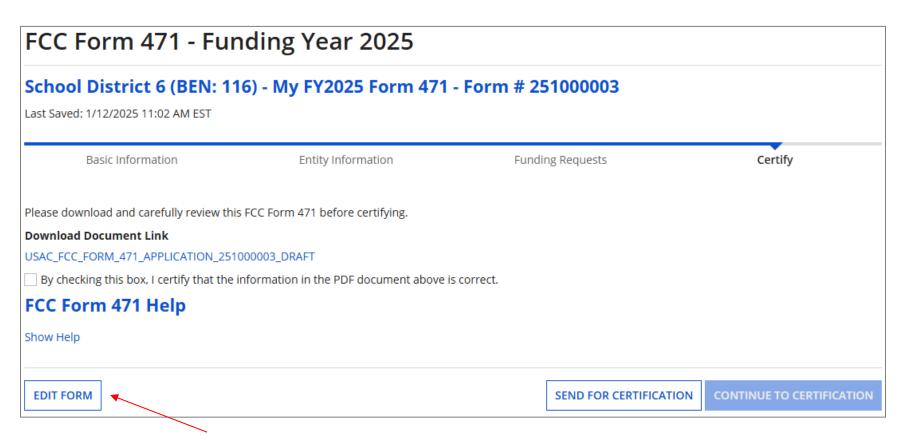
#### Contact Information

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# Certifying the Form

Finally, a user in your organization will certify and submit the application.



## **Certifying the Form**

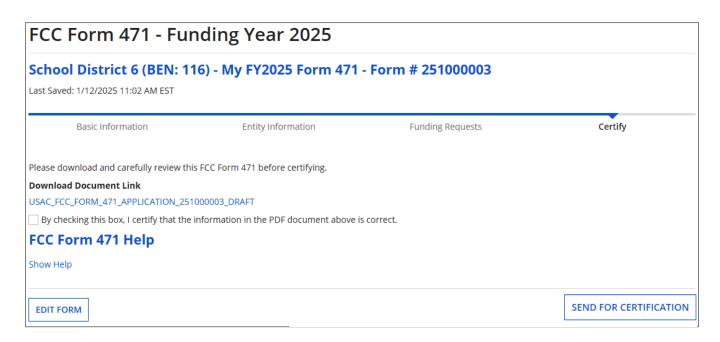
Certification of the form takes place in different manners depending on the rights assigned to users for your organization and who in your organization is responsible for certifying the form

- A If you are a partial rights user  $\rightarrow$  go to the next page in this guide
- B If you are a full rights user but not the person who will certify the form  $\rightarrow$  skip to page 134
- C If you are a full rights user who is responsible for certifying the form  $\rightarrow$  skip to page 135
- D If you are a full rights user certifying a form sent to you by another user  $\rightarrow$  skip to page 140
- E If you want to send a form to a user for revision  $\rightarrow$  skip to page 150
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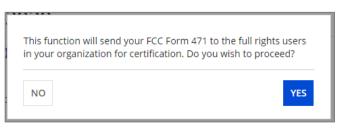


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#### A If you are a partial rights user:



- A 1 Click on the "SEND FOR CERTIFICATION" button
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- A 3 Click on the "YES" button to proceed
- A 4 You will be taken to the "Tasks" screen



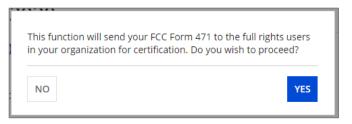


#### [Full Rights / Not the Certifier]

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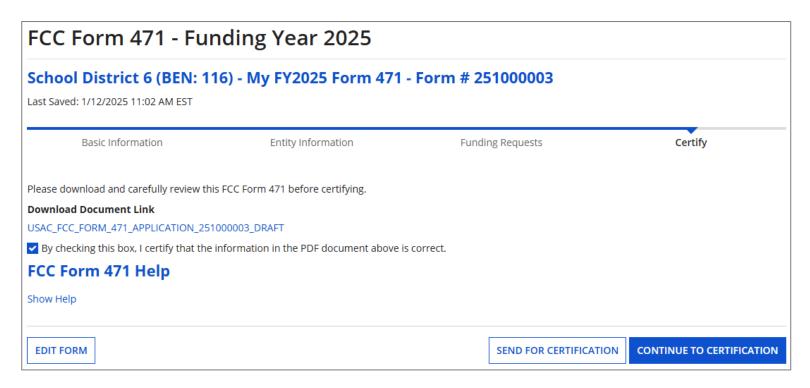


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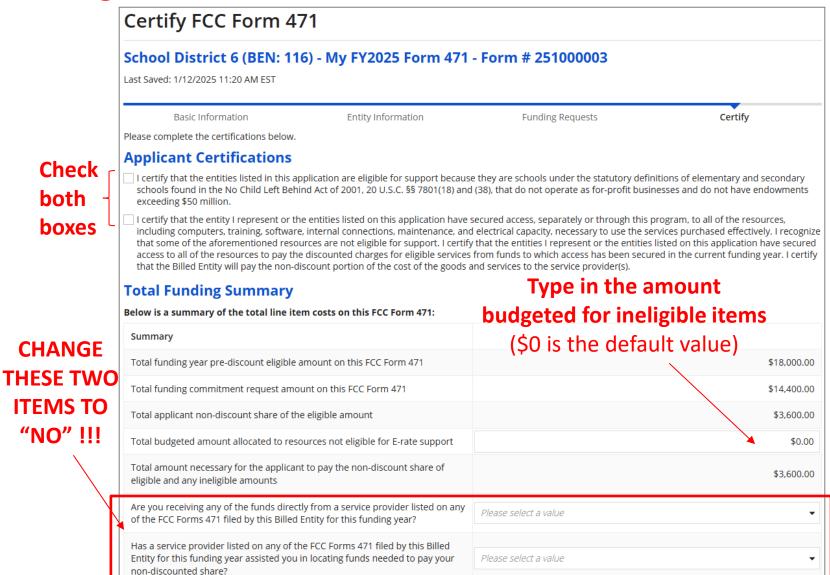


C If you are a **full rights user who is responsible for certifying the form**:



- C 1 First check the check box to certify that the information is correct
- C 2 Then click the "CONTINUE TO CERTIFICATION" button to proceed

- C 3 You will see the "Certifications" page
- C 4 Read the certification text carefully and select the appropriate certifications



- I certify an FCC Form 470 was posted and that any related RFP was made available for at least 28 days before considering all bids received and selecting a service provider. I certify that all bids submitted were carefully considered and the most cost-effective service offering was selected, with price being the primary factor considered, and is the most cost-effective means of meeting educational needs and technology goals.
- I certify that the entity responsible for selecting the service provider(s) has reviewed all applicable FCC, state, and local procurement/competitive bidding requirements and that the entity or entities listed on this application have complied with them.
- ✓ I certify that the services the applicant purchases at discounts provided by 47 U.S.C. § 254 will be used primarily for educational purposes, see 47 C.F.R. § 54.500 and will not be sold, resold or transferred in consideration for money or any other thing of value, except as permitted by the Commission's rules at 47 C.F.R. § 54.513. Additionally, I certify that the entity or entities listed on this application have not received anything of value or a promise of anything of value, as prohibited by the Commission's rules at 47 C.F.R. § 54.503(d), other than services and equipment sought by means of this form, from the service provider, or any representative or agent thereof or any consultant in connection with this request for services.
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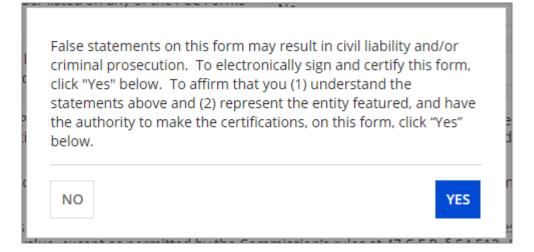
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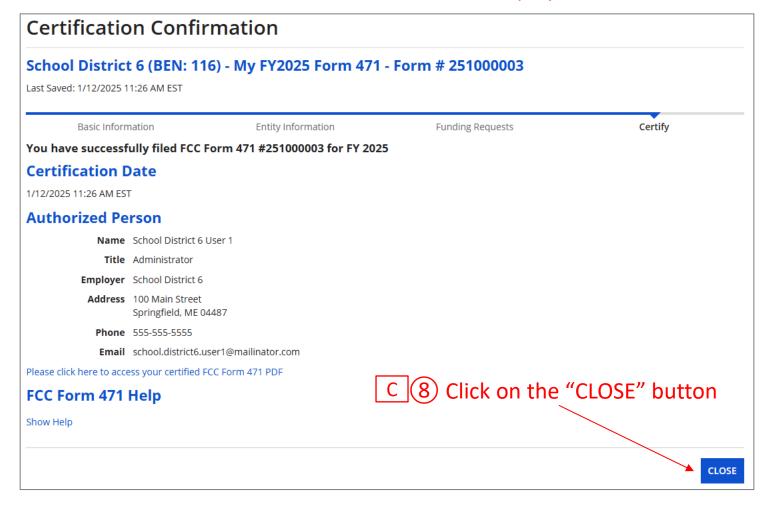


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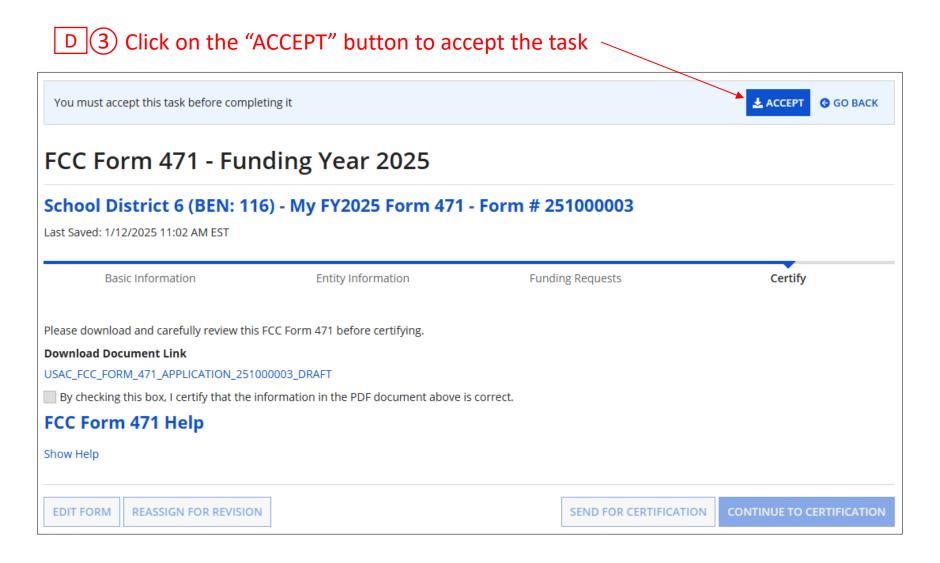


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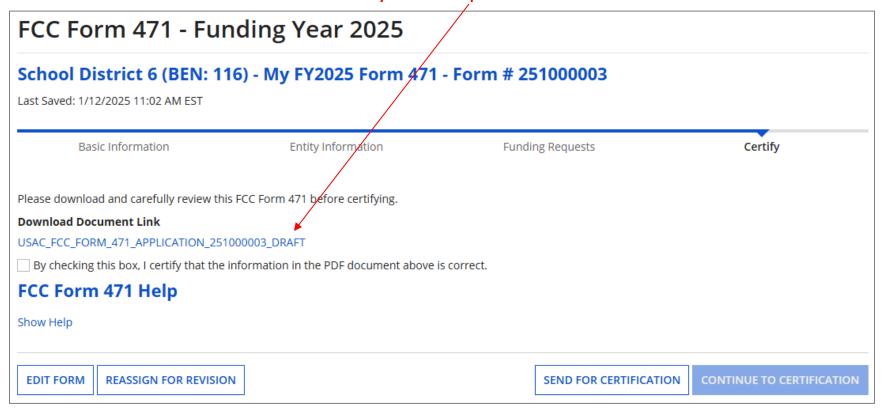
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#### FCC Form 471

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Nickname My FY2025 Form 471

Funding Year 2025

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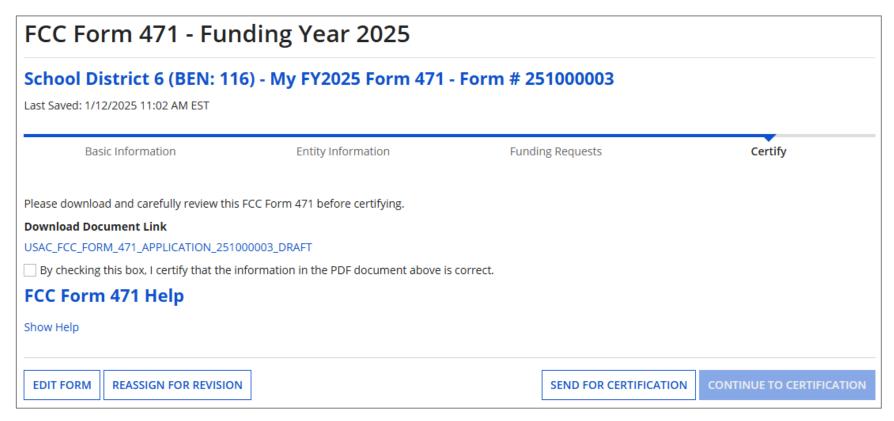
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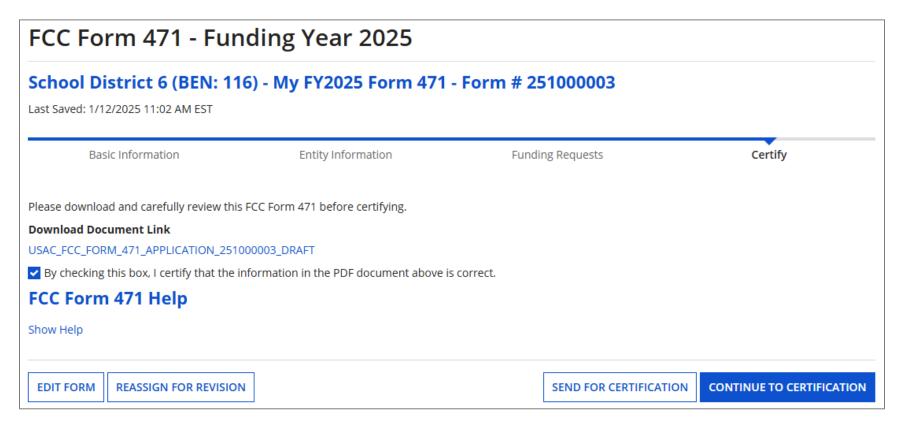
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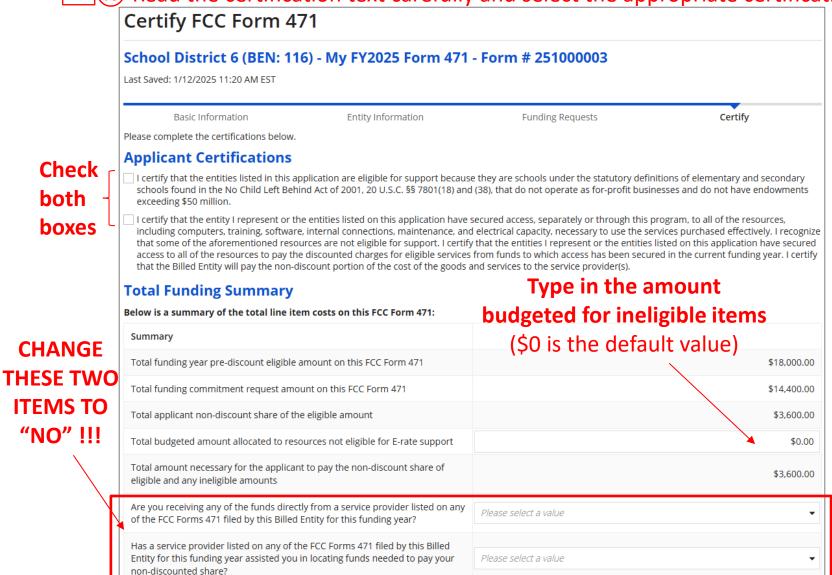




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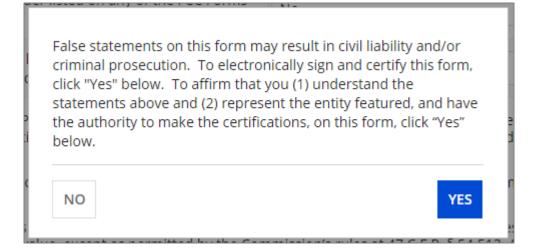
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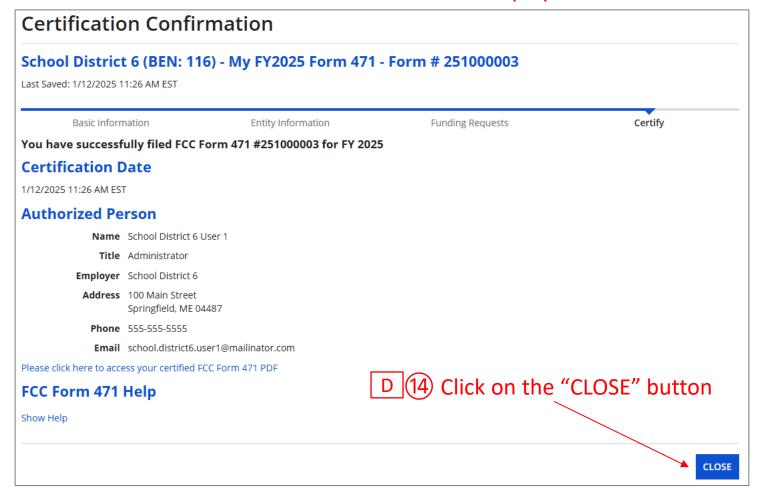


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#### [Sending a Form For Revision]

E If you want to send a form to a user for revision:



E 1 Select the "REASSIGN FOR REVISION" button to reassign the form to another user to make changes



### [Sending a Form For Revision]

FCC Form 471 - Funding Year 2025						
School District 6 (BEN: 116) - My FY2 Last Saved: 1/12/2025 11:02 AM EST Please select an assignment for this revision. Original Form Owner School District 6 User 1 Assignee(s) for Revision * All users with partial rights to this form All users with full rights to this form All users with partial rights or full rights to this form Select an individual recipient Instructions for Revision To:  Please describe the revisions that are required for this FCC	E 2 Choose the type of user or an individual to assign the form to for revision, provide any instructions such as the items to revise, and then click on the "REASSIGN FOR REVISION" button					
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#### [User Sent a Form for Revising]

- F If you are a user who was sent a form that needs revision:
  - F 1 You will receive a task indicating a form needs revision



F 2 Click on the task to continue



#### [User Sent a Form for Revising]

F 3 Click on the "ACCEPT" button to accept the task <

You must accept this task before completing it **♣** ACCEPT G GO BACK FCC Form 471 - Funding Year 2025 School District 6 (BEN: 116) - My FY2025 Form 471 - Form # 251000003 Last Saved: 1/12/2025 11:02 AM EST Please carefully review the required revisions for the FCC Form 471 below. Instructions for Revision From: School District 6 User 1 MRC for line 1 changed FCC Form 471 Help Show Help **CONTINUE TO FORM** 



#### [User Sent a Form for Revising]

#### FCC Form 471 - Funding Year 2025

School District 6 (BEN: 116) - My FY2025 Form 471 - Form # 251000003

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Instructions for Revision

From: School District 6 User 1

MRC for line 1 changed

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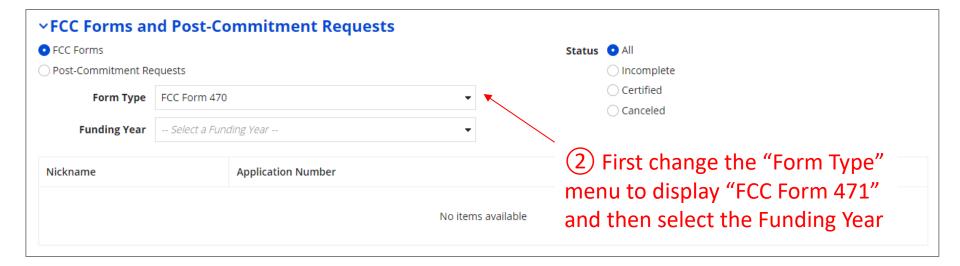
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From the Landing Page, you can revisit both incomplete and certified forms

1 Scroll to the "FCC Forms and Post-Commitment Requests" section of the Landing Page





Use the "Status" options to change whether all forms, just incomplete forms, just certified forms, or just committed forms are listed

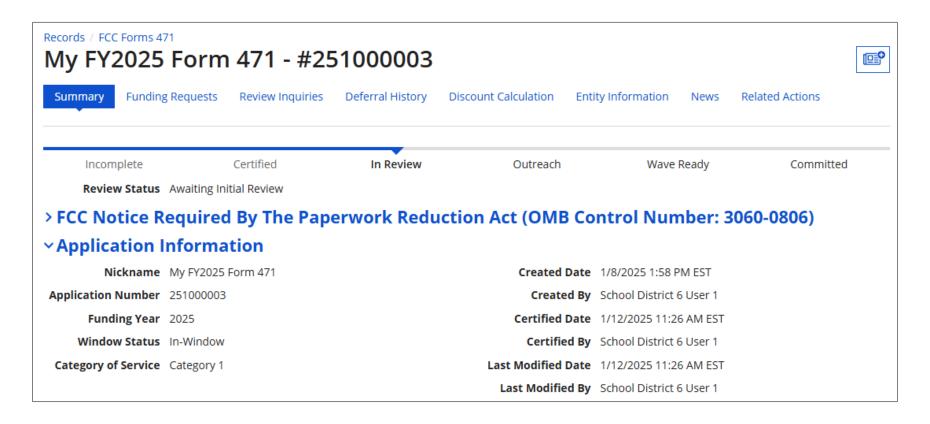
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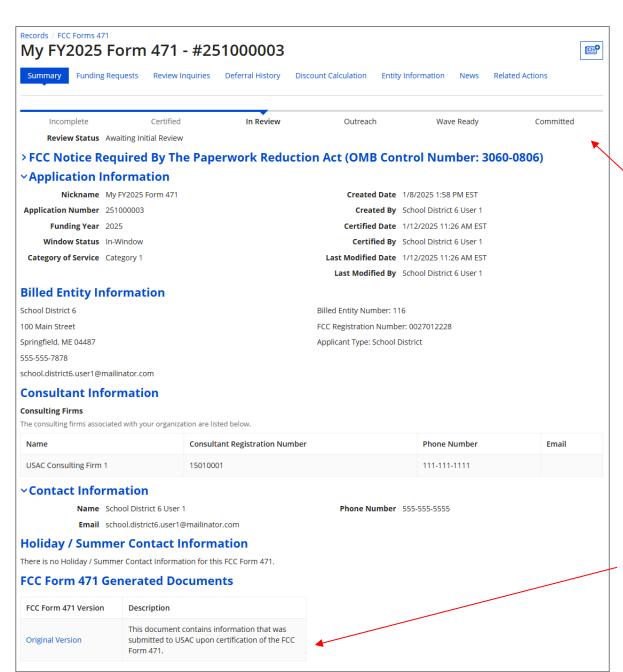


#### The form's summary information screen displays

- Use the links along the top to view the various sections of the form and other tasks/information related to it
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Note the breadcrumb trail indicating the current status of the form (In Review, Outreach, Wave Ready, or Committed)

Completed,
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## **Next Steps**



### What happens after I submit the form?

### Check the News feed for updates related to the form.



E-rate Productivity Center This Receipt Acknowledgement Letter (RAL) is an acknowledgement that USAC has received School District 6's FCC Form 471 - 251000003 for Funding Year 2025 on 1/12/2025. Each service provider featured on this form will also be notified of the information submitted for the service provider.

It is important that you review this form now to make sure the products and services you have listed on your FCC Form 471 are correct and complete, and if necessary, take the appropriate corrective action as soon as possible. You are allowed to correct certain errors on your form, but not others. For fields that allow a correction, you will be able to edit the information in the form field directly. To determine what corrections are allowed and why, see the "List of Correctable Ministerial and Clerical Errors" on our website.

#### NEXT STEPS

- Gather the documentation you used to complete your form and the entries in your profile (e.g., NSLP numbers, list of entities receiving services, Category Two cost allocations) so that you can respond to questions from USAC about your form.
- Retain documentation showing that you have complied with all standards, with all statutes and Erate program rules for at least 10 years after the last day of service delivered.
- Remember that applicant budgeted funds to provide necessary resources MUST NOT come directly or indirectly from a service provider.
- Work with your service provider to ensure timely delivery of discounted services.
- You can view your entire Form 471 by clicking the link below.
- You can access the Funding Request report using the link provided in More Info section.

Please keep a copy of this notification for your records. To print this notification, click on the Date below, and use your browser's print function.

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The Receipt Acknowledgment Letter will be included in your News feed



### What happens after I submit the form?

Program Integrity Assurance (PIA) will review your application after it is submitted and communicate with you through EPC.





## What happens during review?

- Reviewers verify the eligibility of the schools and libraries and their discount levels.
- Reviewers verify that the services requested are eligible for E-Rate discounts.
- You are given an opportunity to make allowable corrections to your form.
- Reviewers communicate with you with requests for additional documentation.
- Reviewers may ask for additional verification of your compliance with program rules.



## What do I do during a PIA Review?

- Have documentation ready
- Respond to inquiries and provide information promptly, by the deadline (usually 15 days)
- Ask for clarification if you are unsure what is needed
- Ask early for an extension if you need it
- Put responses in writing
- Document all responses



## What happens after the review?



#### **E-Rate Productivity Center**

Nov 7, 2019 · 🖴

Thank you for submitting your application for Funding Year 2019 Schools and Libraries Program (E-rate) funding. Attached to this post, you will find the funding statuses for the FCC Form(s) 471, Services Ordered and Certification Form, that you submitted.

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. 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 undiscounted 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 ...More

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After the review is completed, USAC makes a funding decision on your application and issues a Funding Commitment Decision Letter (FCDL) in EPC and via email.



### What is the FCDL?

The Funding Commitment Decision Letter (FCDL) is a letter issued by USAC to both the applicant and the service provider that contains decisions on their funding requests. The letter states which funding requests of the Form 471 are approved or denied.

Applicants and service providers should carefully review their FCDL for details on approved or denied requests and any adjustments made to the original requests, as well as next steps (such as the deadline for filing an appeal).



## What do I save for my files?

- **★** Save all records for at least 10 years from the last date of service ★
- Copies of mechanisms used to gather NSLP data
- A copy of the completed Form 471
- Copies of spreadsheets or any other mechanisms used to calculate costs
- FCC Form 471 Receipt Acknowledgement Letter
- A copy of all correspondence with reviewers
- A copy of all documentation submitted during PIA review
- Funding Commitment Decision Letter

