



Universal Service Fund Program Assistance

## BROAD OVERVIEW OF THE UNIVERSAL SERVICE FUND

Form 470 –	begins the process No specifics File anytime after July1 but before 471 form window
Form 471 -	need specifics Includes Free & Reduced Lunch Count File during window usually Nov – Jan
Form 486 -	allows vendors to collect money File quickly after funds are awarded and funding commitment report received (120-day deadline) Should be around Spring time
Vendor forms-	some vendors require forms filed with them File around the time of the award notification
Form 472 (BEAR) -	request for the money from the vendor Filed quarterly, semi-annually or annually Specific per vendor
Form 500 -	file when necessary: Correct funding, cancel funding, etc.
Technology Plan -	necessary for participating in USF to request more than Basic Telephone Service, which includes POTS, Cellular and Long Distance 3 year plan (or as directed) and approved by MDE through the ISD
CIPA -	Children's Internet Protection Act Necessary for USF Yr 4 and beyond if requesting funding for more than Basic Telephone Service

(Technology Plan and CIPA may not be needed if filing for Basic Telephone Service including POTS, Cellular and long distance.)

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