

E-Rate Report
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Year One

Appeals - As of Nov. 2nd, there were only twenty Y1 Appeals awaiting decision.

Unclaimed Money - According to SLD, over \$100 million in funding commitments have been made to applicants that have not filed Form 486. Only one library in Montana was on the list, apparently in error. They had indeed filed their form and have already received the money.

Year Two

Wave 20 went out on Nov. 18. The waves are essentially done with just a few (approx. 200) Y2 applications still pending. Funding commitments with Wave 20 come to about \$1.92 billion of the \$2.25 billion targeted budget. The SLD is working with the FCC to determine the process of possibly funding Y2 applications received after the April window closed. There are about 2,000 applications in this group. Some funding will be retained to deal with appeals and the few Y2 applications still pending. There are several appeals pending for Montana libraries.

Consultations for Y2 continue with requests for information on: when to file BEAR forms and how to complete form 486.

The Montana funding totals for Year Two to date:

Institution Type	Total \$
Consortia	30,725
Private School	60,140
Public Library	119,284
Public School	3,555,164
TOTAL	3,765,313

Year Three

Consultations with libraries on Y3 include: changes to forms, how to file on-line, as well as explanations of the process for new librarians and libraries planning to join the e-rate program in Y3. An on-line Power Point presentation covering changes for Y3 was prepared but is not yet available due to problems moving it to the web server. As of Mon. Nov. 22, thirty-one Montana public libraries and consortia had Form 470 filed and on the SLD web site. A number of other applications are in various stages of completion. These forms must be filed and available on the web site for 28 days before Form 471 can be filed. The window for form 471 is scheduled to close on January 19, 2000.