

Calendar for Creating An E-rate Funding Request

Min. 28-day bidding window required.

Recommended minimum: 45-days for smaller projects, 60-days for fiber construction

July 2023 **August 2023** **September 2023** **October 2023**

Create detailed RFP, set timeline for scoring and approval, post Form 470 to start the bidding window.

To qualify for B.I.I.G., Form 470 must be posted by November 1st

November 2023 **December 2023** **January 2024** **February 2024**

Determine award, sign final contract.

E-rate Form 471 Application Window

March 2024 **April 2024** **May 2024** **June 2024**

Window Closes

Funding commitments announced

Once requests are "Funded," and services have started, file Form 486 to finish and begin claiming reimbursements