



# **E-Rate CABIO Internet Bidding Exemption Guide FY 2026**

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# CABIO Internet Bidding Exemption

## Commercially Available Bundled Internet Option

- Schools and libraries seeking “Commercially-Available Business Class Internet Services” are not required to file a Form 470
- Commercially Available means that it is publicly available to non-residential customers (such as enterprise, small business, or other government customers) in the same form and at the same rates that it is offered to schools or libraries
  - In layman’s terms, this means an internet service that is available on a vendor’s website for its business customers.
  - Typically only Cable-Modem, DSL, or FIOS Internet Service
- Minimum speeds must be 100 Mbps downstream and 10 Mbps upstream
- Cost must be \$3,600 or less annually (pre-discount)
  - Cost must be per-building and cannot be averaged across multiple buildings
  - \$3,600 includes any installation costs, equipment rental, taxes and fees

**The CABIO option is geared toward small libraries and small non-public schools using cable modem-type services**

# CABIO Internet Bidding Exemption

- If your service qualifies for the CABIO Bidding Exemption, you can skip the Form 470 (competitive bidding form) and go straight to the Form 471 E-rate application form!
- Form 471 application window is typically open from mid January – mid March
- The following pages show what data to enter on the Form 471 when using CABIO
- Schools and libraries seeking “Commercially-Available Business Class Internet Services” are not required to file a Form 470

# M-T-M Funding Requests

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This page displays all of the funding requests for this application. From here you can create a new FRN, or edit, delete, or manage the line items of an existing one.

## Funding Requests

To create or update specific FRN Line Item(s), please click on the FRN number hyperlink.

<input type="checkbox"/>	FRN	Nickname	Number of FRN Line Items	FRN Calculation
<input type="checkbox"/>	<a href="#">2699000059</a>	FY2026 Bandwidth	1	\$16,200.00

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Click on "Add FRN" to begin.

**M-T-M** service means there are no contract terms. You pay for the service monthly, and you can cancel at any time, without penalty. This may be for monthly hotspot service for your bookmobile or kiosks, **or**

**CABIO** Internet Access (commercially available service such as DSL). To qualify, the bandwidth must be a minimum of 100MBx10MB, and the monthly recurring cost per site cannot exceed \$300.

# Funding Requests

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On this page, you will select a nickname and the service type of the product and services that you are requesting

### Funding Request Key Information

Please enter a Funding Request Nickname here \*

Is this Funding Request a continuation of an FRN from a previous funding year?

YES    NO

### Copy FRN

If you want to copy an existing Funding Request, select Copy FRN below. Note that if an FCDL has been issued for the FRN, the approved version of the FRN will be copied.

### Service Type

What is the service type of the product and services that you are requesting?

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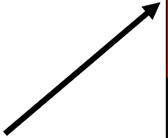
Enter a nickname for the FRN.



Choose "No" for MTM.



Do not select "Copy FRN"



"Data Transmission and/or Internet Access" will auto-populate.  
Click on "Continue"

# Funding Requests

**FRN Contract**

How are the services for this FRN being purchased?

Contract information is stored in your Profile; you can add a new Contract at any time. Details about your Tariff and Month-to-Month services will be entered in your FRN.

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Choose Month-to-Month. Because MTM does not have a contract, you would not have uploaded a contract beforehand. However, **MTM services , such as cellular data plans for a bookmobile, require you to file a Form 470 annually**, so we still need to provide the Form 470 information on the next screen. Click on “Continue.”

**BUT: If this is for CABIO service** (a minimum of 100MBx10MB IA, and monthly cost does not exceed \$300/site), **a Form 470 is not required!!**

**For any MTM service, be prepared to provide a copy of a current bill during PIA review to prove the cost and service provided.**

# Establishing Form 470

**Establishing FCC Form 470**

How many bids were received? \*

  
Enter the number of bids that you received for this product or service.

Was an FCC Form 470 posted for the product and/or services you are requesting?

YES  NO

Use the search tool below to find the establishing 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 before the Allowable Contract Date.

**Search FCC Forms 470**

Search by FCC Form 470 Number

Search by Nickname (Partial or Full)

Search by BEN

<input type="checkbox"/>	FCC Form 470 Number	Nickname	Funding Year ↓	BEN	BEN Name	Allowable Contract Date	Service Type
<input type="checkbox"/>	260000148	FY2026 - ABC Library - Cat 2	2026	1979	Library System 10344	11/9/2025	Basic Maintenance of Internal Connections; Internal Connections
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	260000147	FY2026 - ABC Library - Cat 1	2026	1979	Library System 10344	11/9/2025	Data Transmission and/or Internet Access

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Enter the number of bids received and select “Yes” to indicate a Form 470 was filed, if applicable. Click on “Search” for your Form 470 and check the box to the left to choose the form that includes the service type requested.

**If CABIO, and no Form 470 was filed, select “NO”, and enter “0” for the number of bids since you can’t leave the field blank.**

# Choose Service Provider

**Service Provider**

Account Number (e.g., billed telephone number)

If your service provider has given you one or more Account Numbers, please enter them.

Use the search tool below to find the establishing service provider

**Search Service Providers**

Search by SPIN  Search by Name (Full or Partial)

<input type="checkbox"/>	SPIN	Name	Doing Business As	State
<input type="checkbox"/>	14010001	USAC Service Provider Organization 1		VA

Enter your account number if known (but it's not required) and then search for your Service Provider. It's easiest to search by their SPIN. Click on "Search". Check the box to the left of the Provider. Once completed, click on "Continue"

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Next, you will identify the start and end dates for the services you are requesting.

### Dates

What is the service start date? ⓘ \*

07/01/2026 📅

Enter the date when services will start for this Funding Year

When will the services end? \*

06/30/2027 📅

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The Service Start Date will auto-populate for the start of FY2026. Enter the Service End Date. The date cannot be after 6/30/2027 for month-to-month service. Click on "Continue"

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**Library System 10344 (BEN: 1979) - FY2026 ABC Co Pub Lib - Cat 1 Bandwidth - Form # 261000060**

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Next, you will identify any pricing confidentiality restrictions for the product or services you are requesting.

**Pricing Confidentiality**

Is there a statute, rule, or other restriction which prohibits publication of the specific pricing information for this contract?

YES    NO ✓

Indicate if there is a restriction prohibiting publication of the pricing for this contract. This is typically **“No”**. If **“Yes”**, you must state the type of restriction (State Law, Local Rule, Court Order, Contract with Restrictive Terms), and upload Restriction Document.

Click on **“Continue”**.

# Funding Requests

## Library System 10344 (BEN: 1979) - FY2026 ABC Co Pub Lib - Cat 1 Bandwidth - Form # 261000060

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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.

YES NO ✓

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Select "No" and click on "Continue"

# Funding Request Narrative

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## Narrative

Provide a brief explanation of the products and services that you are requesting, or provide any other relevant information regarding this Funding Request. You should also use this field to describe any updates to your entity data, such as revised student counts, entity relationships, etc. that you were unable to make after the close of the Administrative filing window for profile updates. These changes will be addressed during the application review process. \*

CABIO example — Internet access for our 3 branch library locations.

Hotspot example — Mobile hotspots to be used for our bookmobile.

## Invoicing Method

Please indicate who will be submitting invoices and receiving reimbursement for this funding request \*

Applicant - FCC Form 472 (BEAR Form)

Service Provider - FCC Form 474 (SPI Form)

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Provide a narrative to describe the service and choose the preferred invoicing method.

Click on “Save & Add/Manage FRN Line Items”.

# Adding FRN Line Items

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This page displays all of the funding request line items for this FRN. Click on a line item number below to edit the line items and their recipients of service.

### FRN Line Items for FRN #2699000061 - FY2026 Bookmobile/Kiosk Hotspot

<input type="checkbox"/>	FRN Line Item Number	↓	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.							

**ADD NEW FRN LINE ITEM**   REMOVE FRN LINE ITEM   BULK UPLOAD

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Begin by clicking on “Add New FRN Line Item” to add cost information.

# Product/Service Details – Hotspot Example

**Product and Service Details for new FRN Line Item for FRN #2699000061 - FY2026 Bookmobile/Kiosk Hotspot**

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**Purpose** ⓘ\*

Internet access service that includes a connection from any applicant site directly to the Internet Service Provider

Data Connection between two or more sites entirely within the applicant's network

Data connection(s) for an applicant's hub site to an Internet Service Provider or state/regional network where Internet access service is billed separately

Internet access service with no circuit (data circuit to ISP state/regional network is billed separately)

**Function** ⓘ\*

Wireless

**Type of Connection**\*

Data plan for portable device

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Select the “Purpose”, “Functions”, and “Type of Connection” then click on “Save & Continue”.

# Bandwidth Speeds – Hotspot Example

**Bandwidth Speed for new FRN Line Item for FRN #2699000061 - FY2026 Bookmobile/Kiosk Hotspot**

**Bandwidth Download Speed \*** **Burstable Bandwidth?**

4.000

**Bandwidth Download Units \***

Gbps

**Bandwidth Upload Speed \***

4.000

Please specify the upload speed if it is different than the download speed.

**Bandwidth Upload Units \***

Gbps

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Enter Bandwidth Speed Information, indicating if the bandwidth is burstable, then click on "Continue".

Again, if you are unsure of the information, contact your Service Provider

# Product/Service Details – CABIO Example

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**Purpose ?\***

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**Function ?\***

Copper

**Type of Connection \***

Cable Modem

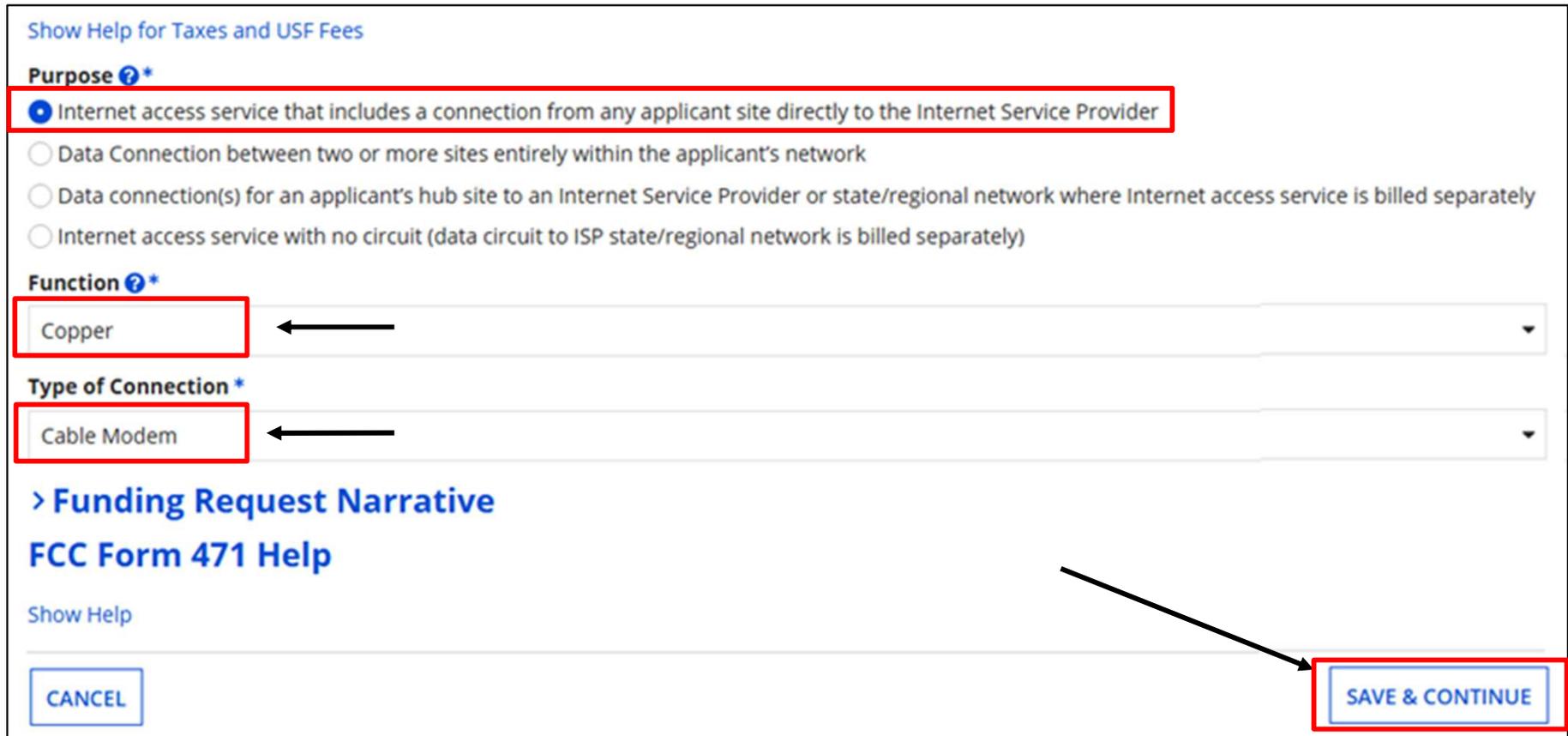
> Funding Request Narrative

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Select the “Purpose”, “Functions”, and “Type of Connection” then click on “Save & Continue”.

# Bandwidth Speeds – CABIO Example

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Please enter Bandwidth Speed Information for this Data Transmission and/or Internet Access Line Item

### Bandwidth Speed for new FRN Line Item for FRN #2699000061

**Bandwidth Download Speed \***  
300.000

**Bandwidth Download Units \***  
Mbps

**Bandwidth Upload Speed \***  
30.000  
Please specify the upload speed if it is different than the download speed.

**Bandwidth Upload Units \***  
Mbps

**Burstable Bandwidth?**

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Enter Bandwidth Speed Information, indicating if the bandwidth is burstable, then click on "Continue".

Again, if you are unsure of the information, contact your Service Provider

# Connection Information

**Connection Information for new FRN Line Item for FRN #2699000061**

Is this a direct connection to a single school, library or a NIF for Internet access? ⓘ\*

Does this include firewall services? \*

Note: If the request is for direct connections, you will be required to allocate the total number of lines (monthly quantity) among the recipients listed for this line item.

YES ✓ NO

YES NO ✓

Is this a connection between eligible schools, libraries and NIFs (i.e., a connection that provides a "Wide area network")? ⓘ\*

YES NO ✓

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Provide Connection Information and firewall inclusion. When done, click on "Continue". For hotspots and CABIO service, answer "Yes" for the first question and "No" for the second one.

**Note:** The system will not allow you to answer "Yes" to both questions displayed in the left-hand column above. If you do, you will receive an error message.

# Cost Calculations

Enter cost information. Fields cannot be left blank. If there is no cost, enter zero.

“Cost” is listed per unit. The “Monthly Quantity” indicates the total number of units included in the service, such as the number of circuits. The table calculates the total costs.

Monthly Cost		One-Time Cost	
Monthly Recurring Unit Cost	<input type="text" value="\$39.99"/>	One-time Unit Cost	<input type="text" value="\$0.00"/>
Monthly Recurring Unit Ineligible Costs	<input type="text" value="\$0.00"/>	One-time Ineligible Unit Cost	<input type="text" value="\$0.00"/>
Monthly Recurring Unit Eligible Costs	= \$39.99	One-time Eligible Unit Cost	<input type="text" value="= \$0.00"/>
Monthly Quantity	<input type="text" value="2"/>	One-time Quantity	<input type="text" value="0"/>
Total Monthly Eligible Recurring Costs	= \$79.98	Total Eligible One-time Costs	= \$0.00
Months of Service	x 12		
Total Eligible Recurring Costs	= \$959.76		
<a href="#">&gt; More Help with the Costs Above</a> <a href="#">FCC Form 471 Help</a>			
<input type="button" value="BACK"/>	<input type="button" value="CANCEL"/>		<input type="button" value="SAVE &amp; CONTINUE"/>

When completed, click on “Save & Continue”

# Manage Recipients of Service

**Manage Recipients of Service**

Is every entity for this organization receiving service?

YES  NO ✓

**All Entities**

Search by BEN

Please select the organizations you wish to include as recipients of service for this FRN and click the Add button. You can find all entities in a school district or library system by entering the district or system entity number in the field above.

<input type="checkbox"/>	BEN	BEN Name
<input type="checkbox"/>	172	NORTHWEST LIBRARY
<input type="checkbox"/>	173	WORTHINGTON PARK LIBRARY
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	171	Book Mobile

**Selected Entities**

<input type="checkbox"/>	BEN	BEN Name
<input type="checkbox"/>	171	Book Mobile

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For a hotspot, if you don't have a bookmobile listed as an entity or it's used for remote programs, select the Main Library

Indicate which entities will receive service for this line item and click on "Add". Click on "Save & Continue". Selected recipients will be listed, click on "Save & Continue" again to see FRN info .

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<input type="checkbox"/>	2699000061.001	Copper	Cable Modem	2	0	\$959.76

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When done adding line items, click on “Save & Continue” to see completed FRNs.