



EDUCATION

OPAQ & E-Rate

OPAQ's security-as-a-service is even more affordable for eligible schools

What is E-Rate?

E-Rate is a federal program administered by the FCC which provides discounts on broadband and networking equipment and services. Eligible applicants receive discounts ranging from 20% to 90% on all eligible goods and services. Discount levels are determined by measuring the percentage of low income students. Additional information on the program may be found at www.usac.org/sl.

Who is eligible?

All public and private K-12 schools as well as public libraries. Schools do not have to participate in the Free and Reduced Lunch program to be eligible. The program allows for alternative means to determine poverty levels. Entity eligibility information may be found at <https://www.usac.org/sl/applicants/beforeyoubegin/definitions.aspx>.

What is eligible?

Internet and broadband connectivity are eligible to be funded on a yearly basis as a Category One service. Networking equipment and services along with the management and maintenance of that equipment is eligible to be funded as a Category Two service. Category Two services are subject to a five year per student budget for schools and per square foot budget for libraries. The 2018 eligible services list may be found at https://apps.fcc.gov/edocs_public/attachmatch/DA-17-973A1.pdf.

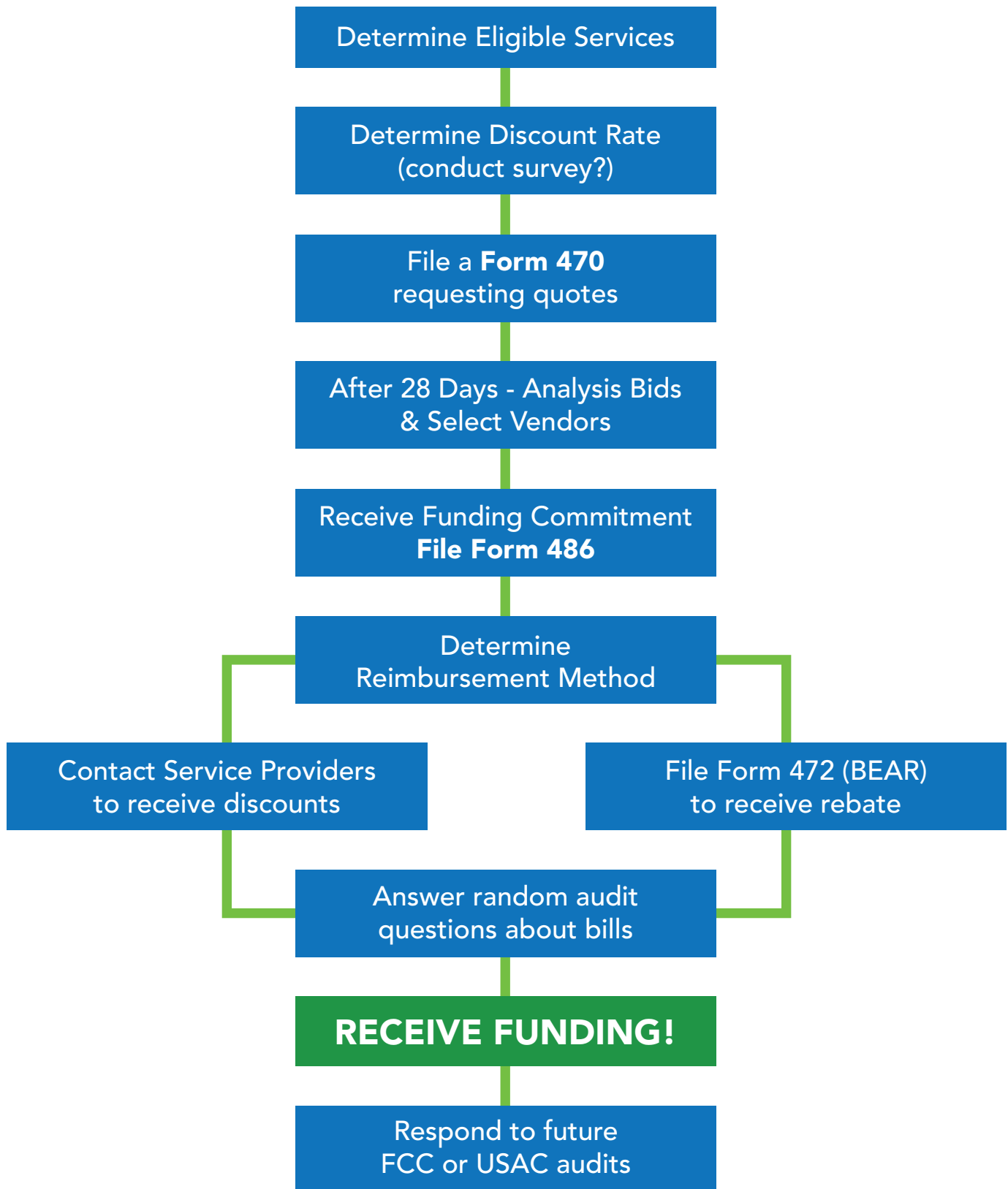
Firewall Services as a Category Two Service

Firewall services are an eligible network component covered as a Category Two service under the E-Rate program. Every applicant is given a five-year budget to spend on C-2 services and OPAQ's solution qualifies as an eligible service in this category when quoted and invoiced as a separate service from broadband connectivity.

Bundled Firewall as a Category One Service

Unlike with applicant-owned appliances, firewall services may be bundled with broadband access and then quoted and billed as one service. This allows OPAQ's solution to become a Category One service and eliminates the need to use the applicant's limited Category Two budget.

E-Rate Application process



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