



FCC Form 470 – Funding Year 2026

Form 470 Application Number: 260023532
2026 LPLS Cat 2

Billed Entity

LORAIN PUBLIC LIBRARY SYSTEM
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Billed Entity Number: 129433
FCC Registration Number: 0011949971

Number of Eligible Entities: 7

Application Type

Applicant Type: Library System
Recipients of Services: Main Branch; Public Library;
Public Library System

Consulting Firms

| Name | Consultant Registration Number | Phone Number | Email |
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| Northeast Ohio Regional Library System | 17015220 | 330-655-0531 | deb.blair@neo-rls.org |

RFPS

| ID | Name |
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| 231118 | LPLS 2026 Category 2 RFP |

Category One Service Requests

| Service Type | Function | Function Other Description | Minimum Capacity | Maximum Capacity | Entities | Quantity | Unit | Installation and Initial Configuration? | Associated RFPs |
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Description of Other Functions

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Category Two Service Requests

| Service Type | Function | Manufacturer | Manufacturer Other Description | Entities | Quantity | Unit | Installation and Initial Configuration? | Associated RFPs |
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| Internal Connections | Cabling | No Preference | | 1 | 52500 | Feet | Yes | 231118 |
| Internal Connections | Cabling | No Preference | | 1 | 1800 | Feet | Yes | 231118 |
| Internal Connections | Antennas, Connectors, and Related Components | No Preference | | 1 | 1500 | Each | Yes | 231118 |
| Internal Connections | Racks | No Preference | | | 6 | Each | Yes | 231118 |
| Internal Connections | Uninterruptible Power Supply/ Battery Backup and Necessary Software and Licenses | No Preference | | | 6 | Each | Yes | 231118 |

Description of Other Manufacturers

| ID | Name |
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| Narrative |
| <p>Scope of Requested Services The Library seeks proposals for eligible FCC E-Rate Category Two Internal Connections equipment and services, which may include, but are not limited to: Fiber and copper cabling necessary to support network switches and wireless access points Cabling pathways, terminations, patch panels, and related components required for installation Network racks Uninterruptible Power Supplies (UPS) Required software and licenses necessary for the operation of eligible equipment Installation, configuration, testing, labeling, and documentation</p> <p>Internal Connections Cabling Project Lorain Public Library System Main Branch Up to 150 network drops Up to 150 wire runs to the first-floor wiring closet Network racks for the first-floor wiring closet Patch Panels to support up to 150 network drops Multimode fiber from the first-floor wiring closet to the Technology department in Basement of building UPS for first-floor network racks Demo all cable and surface mount boxes not in use As-Built Drawings of network infrastructure</p> <p>Proposals may include eligible Category Two internal connections necessary to establish a new network distribution point on the first floor of the location and then integrate the new infrastructure into the existing network infrastructure. This may include: Installation of new fiber runs Fiber splicing Fiber termination</p> |

Patch panels and enclosures
Testing, labeling, and documentation

All fiber and related infrastructure shall remain library-owned and eligible under FCC E-Rate Category Two rules. Final count of network drops and associated wire runs to be determined during mandatory walkthrough.

Building Walkthrough (Mandatory)

The walkthrough will occur on Tuesday March 3, 2026, at 1:00 PM at 351 W 6th St, Lorain, Ohio 44052. Vendors must RSVP their intent to attend by emailing Technology.Services@lpls.info.

Vendor Eligibility and Selection Requirements

All hardware quoted must be compatible with existing infrastructure. If the equipment is different from what is requested, documentation must be provided with the proposal demonstrating that the proposed equipment is equivalent, or the proposal will not be considered.

Hardware quoted must be new with the manufacturers warranty (minimum of three years). Quotes for used equipment will not be considered.

The bidder shall provide their SPIN in their proposal (or provide documentation that a SPIN has been applied for) and shall document that they are an authorized reseller of the equipment being proposed.

Cabling vendors must be bonded/insured.

Vendor must ensure that all quoted prices will be honored at the time of purchase.

Vendors must conduct a mandatory walk-through of each location if bidding on the cabling project, and all quotes must include all cabling material, necessary components, and installation costs to complete the project. Bids received where a walk-through was not conducted will be disqualified.

Installation costs must be listed separately from hardware costs.

Proposals from vendors on Red Light Status with the FCC or delinquent on a debt to a state or federal governmental agency or entity will be disqualified.

Preference is given to Local and then In-state vendors.

Previous experience with vendor preferred.

Vendor must put in writing their willingness to provide discounted invoices.

The deadline for vendor proposals is 10:00 AM Eastern, 28 days from the date this Form 470 is posted. We reserve the right to reject late-submitted proposals.

SPAM and/or robotic responses will not be considered valid bid responses and will be disqualified from consideration.

All questions and proposals are to be emailed to Technology.Services@lpls.info.

Technical Contact

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State and Local Procurement Restrictions

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Billed Entities

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| 129433 | LORAIN PUBLIC LIBRARY SYSTEM |

Certifications

I certify that the applicant includes:

I certify that the applicant includes libraries or library consortia eligible for assistance from a State library administrative agency under the Library Services and Technology Act of 1996 that do not operate as for-profit businesses and, except for the limited case of Tribal colleges or universities, have budgets that are completely separate from any schools (including, but not limited to elementary and secondary schools, colleges, and universities).

Other Certifications

I certify that this FCC Form 470 and any applicable RFP will be available for review by potential bidders for at least 28 days before considering all bids received and selecting a service provider. I certify that all bids submitted will be carefully considered and the bid selected will be for the most cost-effective service or equipment offering, with price being the primary factor, and will be the most cost-effective means of meeting educational needs and technology goals.

I certify that I will retain required documents for a period of at least 10 years (or whatever retention period is required by the rules in effect at the time of this certification) after the later of the last day of the applicable funding year or the service delivery deadline for the associated funding request. I certify that I will retain all documents necessary to demonstrate compliance with the statute and Commission rules regarding the form for, receipt of, and delivery of services receiving schools and libraries discounts. I acknowledge that I may be audited pursuant to participation in the schools and libraries program.

I certify that I have reviewed all applicable FCC, state, and local procurement/competitive bidding requirements and that I have complied with them. I acknowledge that persons willfully making false statements on this form may be punished by fine or forfeiture, under the Communications Act, 47 U.S.C. §§ 502, 503(b), or fine or imprisonment under Title 18 of the United States Code, 18 U.S.C. § 1001.

I acknowledge that FCC rules provide that persons who have been convicted of criminal violations or held civilly liable for certain acts arising from their participation in the schools and libraries support mechanism are subject to suspension and debarment from the program.

I certify that the services the applicant purchases at discounts provided by 47 U.S.C. § 254 will be used primarily for educational purposes, see 47 C.F.R. § 54.500, and will not be sold, resold or transferred in consideration for money or any other thing of value, except as permitted by the Commission's rules at 47 C.F.R. § 54.513. Additionally, I certify that the entity or entities listed on this form have not received anything of value or a promise of anything of value, other than services and equipment sought by means of this form, from the service provider, or any representative or agent thereof or any consultant in connection with this request for services.

I acknowledge that support under this support mechanism is conditional upon the school(s) and/or library(ies) I represent securing access, separately or through this program, to all of the resources, including computers, training, software, internal connections, maintenance, and electrical capacity necessary to use the services purchased effectively. I recognize that some of the aforementioned resources are not eligible for support. I certify that I have considered what financial resources should be available to cover these costs. I certify that I am authorized to procure eligible services for the eligible entity(ies). I certify that I am authorized to submit this request on behalf of the eligible entity(ies) listed on this form, that I have examined this request, and to the best of my knowledge, information, and belief, all statements of fact contained herein are true.

NOTICE:

In accordance with Section 54.503 of the Federal Communications Commission's ("Commission") rules, certain schools and libraries ordering services that are eligible for and seeking universal service discounts must file this Description of Services Requested and Certification Form (FCC Form 470) with the Universal Service Administrator. 47 C.F.R. § 54.503. The collection of information stems from the Commission's authority under Section 254 of the Communications Act of 1934, as amended, 47 U.S.C. § 254. The data in the report will be used to ensure that schools and libraries comply with the competitive bidding requirement contained in 47 C.F.R. § 54.503. Schools and libraries must file this form themselves or as part of a consortium.

An agency may not conduct or sponsor, and a person is not required to respond to, a collection of information unless it displays a currently valid OMB control number.

The FCC is authorized under the Communications Act of 1934, as amended, to collect the information requested in this form. We will use the information you provide to determine whether you have complied with the competitive bidding requirements applicable to requests for universal service discounts. If we believe there may be a violation or a potential violation of any applicable statute, regulation, rule or order, the information you provide in this form may be referred to the Federal, state, or local agency responsible for investigating, prosecuting, enforcing, or implementing the statute, rule, regulation or order. In certain cases, the information you provide in this form may be disclosed to the Department of Justice or a court or adjudicative body when (a) the FCC; or (b) any employee of the FCC; or (c) the United States Government is a party of a proceeding before the body or has an interest in the proceeding. In addition, information provided in or submitted with this form, or in response to subsequent inquiries, may also be subject to disclosure consistent with the Communications Act of 1934, FCC regulations, the Freedom of Information Act, 5 U.S.C. § 552, or other applicable law.

If you owe a past due debt to the federal government, the information you provide in this form may also be disclosed to the Department of the Treasury Financial Management Service, other Federal agencies and/or your employer to offset your salary, IRS tax refund or other payments to collect that debt. The FCC may also provide the information to these agencies through the matching of computer records when authorized.

If you do not provide the information we request on the form, the FCC or Universal Service Administrator may return your form without action or deny a related request for universal service discounts.

The foregoing Notice is required by the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, Pub. L. No. 104-13, 44 U.S.C. § 3501, et seq.

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Certified Timestamp

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