

Cybersecurity Pilot Program

Overview

The FCC's Cybersecurity Pilot Program, managed by USAC, provides \$200 million over three years to help schools, libraries, and consortia strengthen their cybersecurity infrastructure. This program supports essential tools such as Network Access Control (NAC) and Zero Trust Architecture, with a focus on underserved communities. Applications are open from September 17 to November 1, 2024.

K-12 Cybersecurity Challenges and Solutions

1. Protecting Student Data

- ExtremeCloud Universal ZTNA enforces consistent identity-based security policies, continuous authentication, and secure access to applications and networks. ExtremeControl provides role-based access control on campus.

2. Increased Network Complexity

- ExtremeCloud Universal ZTNA and ExtremeControl integrate with Extreme Fabric to onboard and secure devices and users automatically to help manage the growing number of devices.

3. Cybersecurity Threats:

- The combination of ExtremeCloud Universal ZTNA and ExtremeControl provides role-based control and hypersegmentation to contain and mitigate threats, providing educational continuity.

Extreme Networks Eligible Solutions

Universal ZTNA - Provides complete zero trust network access, ensuring that only authenticated and authorized users can access specific applications, network services, and data from anywhere (e.g., campus, hotspots, remote, etc.)

ExtremeControl - A NAC solution that ensures only compliant and authorized devices can access the network on campus.

Additional Resources from the FCC and USAC

- [Cybersecurity Resource Guide from FCC and DOE](#)
- [Cybersecurity Pilot Program Overview](#)
- [Cybersecurity Pilot FAQs](#)
- [Getting Ready Guide](#)
- [Cybersecurity Pilot Program Application Guide](#)
- [USAC Cybersecurity Pilot Program Website](#)
- [USAC Applicant Process Guide](#)
- [Upcoming USAC Webinars and Trainings](#)

Key Dates And Additional Information

Part 1 of FCC Form 484 Application

Dates and Requirements

Window Opens:

Tuesday, September 17, 2024, at 8 am ET

Window Closes:

Friday, November 1, 2024, at 11:59 pm ET

Applicants will use Part 1 of the FCC Form 484 to provide general cybersecurity information and answer questions about their proposed pilot projects, including the eligible services and equipment they intend to seek funding for if selected for the pilot program.