



EMERGENCY BROADBAND BENEFIT

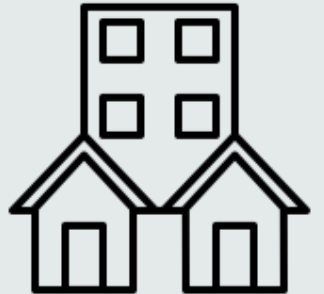
\$3.2 billion emergency federal initiative to help lower the cost of internet service for eligible households.

What is the Benefit?

- \$10 to \$50/month discount for broadband services;
- Up to \$75/month discount for broadband services for households on Tribal lands; and
- A one-time discount of up to \$100 for a laptop, desktop computer, or tablet purchased through a participating ISP.
- Limited to one monthly service discount and one device discount per eligible household.

What about bulk plans?

- A bulk purchase agreement is a contract between an entity and an ISP.
- Community pays the ISP directly for internet accounts in bulk for their community members.
- Bulk sponsors are not eligible to be providers unless agreement stipulates that households pay for the monthly service.



Understanding the Emergency Connectivity Fund

- Anchor Institutions can utilize [The Emergency Connectivity Fund](#).
- The ECF is a \$7.171B provision within the American Rescue Plan.
- Partner with Schools or Libraries

What do Households Get?

- The benefit covers anything above dial up
- Per GB data plans are excluded
- Eligible devices need to be Wi-Fi enabled and support video conferencing
- ISPs can improve offers available since December 1, 2020



Who is Eligible?

A household is eligible if one member of the household:

- experienced a substantial loss of income since February 29, 2020
- received a Federal Pell Grant in the current award year
- qualifies for the Lifeline program
- has an income at or below 135% of the Federal Poverty Guidelines
- meets the eligibility criteria for a participating broadband Internet service provider's existing low-income or COVID-19 program

How Do Households Apply?

- Households may apply through
 - National Verifier,
 - a participating ISP website,
 - the mail.
- When applying through the ISP, households must provide identifiable information: name, mailing address, phone number, date of birth.

When does this begin?

- May 12th, 2021
- Households can submit applications via National Verifier, through the provider or via mail
- Households should sign-on as early as possible to maximize the benefit
- USAC will maintain a monthly tracker to report remaining funds
- The program will end when all of the money is exhausted



5 Largest ISPs

- [Comcast](#): Offering fixed internet services
- [AT&T](#): Offering fixed and wireless internet service
- [T-Mobile](#): Offering fixed and wireless internet service along with devices
- [Cox](#): Offering fixed internet service and devices
- [Verizon](#): Offering fixed and mobile internet service
- Check the [FCC participating providers](#) page for more information



What about outreach?

- FCC is creating materials (sign-up to become an [EBB outreach partner](#))
- NDIA [EBB Webpage](#)
- Public agencies and community organizations are creating materials
- Plan frequent updates to community members



Questions?

- Go to [Getemergencybroadband.org](https://www.getemergencybroadband.org) for more details
- Emergency Broadband Support Center:
 - (833)-511-0311 (9am-9pm ET 7 days a week)
 - Email: EBBHelp@USAC.org

EBB & Lifeline

- Households can utilize both Lifeline and EBB credits either with the same ISP or two separate ISPs.
- Households who are currently enrolled in Lifeline do not have to provide documentation to sign up for EBB. Upon signing up for EBB through the National Verifier, a provider will see that the eligible participant qualifies.

Digital Equity Stimulus Funding

- [Consolidated Appropriations Act](#)
 - Emergency Broadband Benefit (\$3.2 B)
 - Tribal Connectivity (\$1 B)
 - Broadband Expansion To Underserved Communities (\$300 M)
- [American Rescue Plan](#)
 - Institute for Museum & Library Services (\$200 B)
 - The Local Fiscal Recovery Fund (\$350 B)
 - The Homeowners Assistance Fund (\$9.961 B)





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2021 WEBINAR SERIES

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