$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.
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.
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
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](https://www.fcc.gov/announcements-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://getemergencybroadband.org) for more details
- Emergency Broadband Support Center:
  - (833)-511-0311 (9am-9pm ET 7 days a week)
  - Email: [EBBHelp@USAC.org](mailto:EBBHelp@USAC.org)
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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Please Register!
Questions/Comments?

https://www.digitalinclusion.org/emergency-broadband-benefit/