



# FCC Announces Temporary Emergency Broadband Benefit Program

## Helping Households Connect During the Pandemic

### ABOUT THE PROGRAM

The Federal Communications Commission (FCC) Emergency Broadband Benefit program will assist low-income households with broadband/internet access during the COVID-19 pandemic. The funding will provide up to \$50/household/month and up to \$75/household/month living on native tribal lands. The program includes a one-time reimbursement option of up to \$100 for purchasing desktops, laptops or tablets for connecting to the internet, with a co-pay of between \$10 and \$50. There is a limit of one monthly service discount and one device discount per household. This program will last approximately 6 months after the public health emergency.

### ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA

Households must meet one of the following criteria:

- Qualifies for the FCC Lifeline program
- Is approved for the free or reduced-price school breakfast/lunch program
- Demonstrates substantial documented loss of income since February 29, 2020
- Received a federal Pell grant in the current award year
- Qualifies for a participating provider's existing low-income or COVID-19 relief program, subject to FCC approval

### APPLICATION PROCESS

Participating internet service providers will be reimbursed for services. Funds will not go directly to the consumers.

The program has been authorized by the FCC, but the start date has not yet been announced.

*For more information, contact your local internet service providers or visit [www.fcc.gov/broadbandbenefit](http://www.fcc.gov/broadbandbenefit).*

*To locate an internet service provider in your area, visit [www.broadbandnow.com](http://www.broadbandnow.com)*

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