

Affordable Connectivity Program



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Access to quality broadband internet is essential to our everyday lives – for job searches, shopping, education, telehealth visits, entertainment, social communications, business and so much more. But too many residents of our community don't have the access they need.

Thanks to advocacy from our Federal partners, Sens. Charles Schumer and Kirsten Gillibrand and Congressman Joe Morelle, the Federal Communications Commission's **Affordable Connectivity Program is helping bridge the digital divide here and across the country**, letting more people work remotely, take online classes, obtain government services and telehealth services, and participate in social activities.

I encourage all qualified residents to sign up for this important program to ensure they have access to reliable, high-speed internet services.



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Are You Eligible?

A household is eligible if a member meets at least one of the criteria below:

- > Has an income that is at or below 200% of the Federal Poverty Guidelines;
- > Participates in certain assistance programs, such as SNAP, Medicaid, Federal Public Housing Assistance, SSI, WIC, or Lifeline;
- > Participates in Tribal specific programs such as a Bureau of Indian Affairs General Assistance, Tribal TANF, or Food Distribution Program on Indian Reservations;
- > Is approved to receive benefits under the free and reduced-price school lunch program or the school breakfast program, including through the USDA Community Eligibility Provision;
- > Received a Federal Pell Grant during the current award year; or
- > Meets the eligibility criteria for a participating broadband provider's existing low income program.

Two-Steps to Enroll

- 1.** Go to **AffordableConnectivity.gov** to submit an application or print out a mail-in application; and
- 2.** Contact your preferred participating provider to select an eligible plan and have the discount applied to your bill.

> Up to \$30/month discount for Internet service:

> Up to \$75/month discount for households on qualifying Tribal lands; and

> One-time discount of up to \$100 for laptop, desktop computer, or tablet purchased through a participating provider.