

# The Emergency Broadband Benefit

Helping Households Connect During the Pandemic



## What is the Emergency Broadband Benefit (EBB)?

The EBB is a **temporary government program** funded by the FCC to help offset the cost of broadband services for eligible households during COVID-19.

The program **begins on May 12th, 2021** and will provide a discount of up to \$50 per month towards broadband service for eligible households and up to \$75 per month for eligible households on Tribal lands.

## Who will qualify for EBB funds?

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

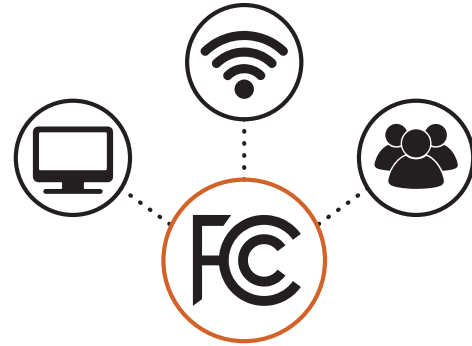
- ▶ Qualifies for the Lifeline program;
- ▶ Receives benefits under the free and reduced-price school lunch program or the school breakfast program, including through the USDA Community Eligibility Provision, or did so in the 2019-2020 school year;
- ▶ Received a Federal Pell Grant during the current award year;
- ▶ Experienced a substantial loss of income since February 29, 2020 and the household had a total income in 2020 below \$99,000 for single filers and \$198,000 for joint filers; or
- ▶ Meets the eligibility criteria for a participating providers' existing low-income or COVID-19 program.

## Speeds and Pricing

25 Down/3 Up **\$85** | 50 Down/10 Up **\$105**

Other speeds and prices available. No data caps. Price does not include discount.

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## How many months of internet service would be covered by the EBB?

The **EBB will not offer long-term subsidies** like the Lifeline program. The program will end when the fund runs out of money, or six months after the Department of Health and Human Services declares an end to the COVID-19 health emergency, whichever is sooner. Therefore, **we do not know** how long participants can expect a discount on internet services. As more details are released, we will be sure to share them with you here on our website.

The EBB Program is a **temporary** emergency federal government benefit program operated by the FCC and, upon its conclusion, customers will be subject to the provider's regular rates, terms, and conditions.

The FCC program has **limited funds** and there is no guarantee there will be funding for everyone.

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