The Emergency Broadband Benefit Program (EBB Program) is a temporary $3.2 billion federal program created through the Consolidated Appropriations Act of 2021 to help low-income households pay for broadband service and connected internet devices during the COVID-19 pandemic.

The Federal Communications Commission (FCC), which oversees the program, expects it to be open to eligible households before the end of April 2021. The FCC designated USAC as the administrator for the EBB Program.

The EBB Program will offer the following discounts:

- **Broadband Service Discount**
  - Up to a $50/month discount on broadband service and associated equipment rentals, OR
  - Up to a $75/month discount if a household is on qualifying Tribal lands.

- **Device Discount**
  - A one-time discount of up to $100 for a laptop, tablet, or desktop computer (with a co-payment of more than $10 but less than $50), where available.

Only one monthly service discount and one device discount is allowed per household. The program rules recognize there may be more than one eligible household at the same address.

The Emergency Broadband Benefit is temporary. The EBB Program will expire when funds are exhausted or six months after the Department of Health and Human Services declares the end of the COVID-19 health emergency.

**EBB Program Enhanced Tribal Benefit Webinar for Tribal Partners**

**April 22 at 4:00 p.m. ET: Register**

USAC and the [FCC Office of Native Affairs and Policy](https://www.fcc.gov/native) (ONAP) will host a free webinar on the Enhanced Tribal Benefit for Tribal Partners (e.g., Tribal governments, government agencies, and nonprofits serving Tribal communities) who will help consumers learn about the EBB Program and support their enrollment in the program.
Presenters:

- Jaymie Gustafson, Outreach Director, Shared Services, USAC
- Matthew Duchesne, Chief, FCC ONAP
- Kraynal Alfred, Tribal Liaison, Shared Services USAC

We will provide an overview of the program, demonstrate the eligibility process, discuss the Tribal lands definition, walk through the online application process, and share resources that consumer groups can use to help eligible consumers learn about the program and participate.

More Information

Consumers and consumer advocates seeking information about the EBB Program may visit GetEmergencyBroadband.org and the FCC’s website.

Broadband providers seeking more information about participation in the EBB Program may visit USAC’s website.

About USAC

As an independent not-for-profit designated by the FCC, USAC administers the Universal Service Fund (USF) programs and other programs as directed by the FCC. Learn more at USAC About page and USAC Tribal Nations page.

Need Help?
Tribal partners may email general inquiries to the USAC Tribal Liaison for guidance and to connect with public resources, call centers, or program teams.