

Dear Tribal Leaders,

The Emergency Broadband Benefit Program (EBB Program) was created to help families in Indian Country affordably access the broadband services necessary to maintain public health and mitigate against the economic injury of COVID-19.

Created by the Federal Communications Commission (FCC) the EBB program will provide a discount of up to \$50 per month towards broadband service for eligible households and up to \$75 per month for households on qualifying Tribal lands. Eligible households can also receive a one-time discount of up to \$100 to purchase a laptop, desktop computer, or tablet from participating providers if they contribute more than \$10 and less than \$50 toward the purchase price.

As of May 12, 2021, eligible households will be able to enroll in the program to receive a monthly discount on the cost of broadband service from an approved provider. The EBB Program is temporary and will end when funding runs out.

Here are two ways to see providers that offer the Emergency Broadband Benefit in Washington state. These links are currently also being updated on the www.broadband.wa.gov website.

1. **Search for Emergency Broadband Benefit providers in your area by entering your zip code or city/state:**
<https://getemergencybroadband.org/companies-near-me/>
2. **Current list of Emergency Broadband Benefit Providers in Washington:**
<https://www.fcc.gov/emergency-broadband-benefit-providers#Washington>

A household on Tribal lands is eligible if at least one person in the household participates in Bureau of Indian Affairs general assistance, Tribally administered Temporary Assistance for Needy Families, Head Start (only those households meeting its income qualifying standard), or the Food Distribution Program on Indian Reservations. More information about which areas are eligible Tribal lands is available at www.lifelinesupport.org/additional-support-for-tribal-land.

This program requires applicants to apply through the Lifeline program either online or through the mail to confirm eligibility. After receiving an eligibility determination, households can contact their local service provider to select an Emergency Broadband Benefit eligible service plan. The companies are required to notify households when the discount is set to expire.

Additionally, we want to ensure you are aware of potential predatory activity related to this program. People pose as providers to get personal information from folks trying to “sign up”. Similar problems have surfaced with other benefit programs for low income families. We would suggest any family should work with a trusted community group or sign up directly online through lifelinesupport.org than respond to a call.

Please contact [Ernie Rasmussen](#), Tribal Liaison, for more information.