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**Local organizations work together to increase participation in the Emergency Broadband Benefit**

**[INSERT DATE]** — Today, **[your organization’s name]** announced it is working alongside King County, and other state and local partners, to help increase community participation in the Emergency Broadband Benefit.

The $3.2 billion Emergency Broadband Benefit is a new Federal Communications Commission (FCC) program to help to lower the cost of broadband service for eligible households during the COVID-19 pandemic.

The program provides a discount of up to a $50 per month toward broadband service for eligible households and up to $75 per month for qualifying households on qualifying Tribal lands. The benefit also provides up to a $100-per-household discount toward a onetime purchase of a computer, laptop, or tablet.

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

* Has an income that is at or below 135% of the [Federal Poverty Guidelines](https://aspe.hhs.gov/poverty-guidelines) or participates in certain assistance programs, such as SNAP, Medicaid or the FCC’s [Lifeline](https://www.fcc.gov/lifeline-consumers) program;
* 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, in the 2019-20 or 2020-21 school year;
* Received a Federal Pell Grant during the current award year;
* Experienced a substantial loss of income through job loss or furlough since Feb. 29, 2020, and the household had a total income in 2020 at or below $99,000 for single filers and $198,000 for joint filers; or
* Meets the eligibility criteria for a participating provider’s existing low-income or COVID-19 program.

Eligible households can enroll through a [participating broadband provider](https://www.fcc.gov/emergency-broadband-benefit-providers) or directly with the [Universal Service Administrative Company (USAC)](http://www.getemergencybroadband.org) using an online or mail-in application.

Additional information about the Emergency Broadband Benefit is available at [fcc.gov/broadbandbenefit](http://www.fcc.gov/broadbandbenefit), or by calling 833-511-0311 between 9 a.m. and 9 p.m. daily.

Visit **kingcounty.gov/PlaceholderURL** to learn more about local efforts to increase participation in the Emergency Broadband Benefit.