**Federal Communications Commission Emergency Broadband Benefit Program – Help Spread the Word!**

A statewide Arizona coalition of government, education and nonprofit organizations is requesting your assistance to implement a statewide initiative to get eligible low-income households registered for the EBB Emergency Broadband Program launched May 13th by the Federal Communications Commission. The EBB addresses the unprecedented need by low-income households for **affordable digital access resources** including Internet and devices such as computers and cell phones. The EBB provides eligible households a subsidy of up to $50 per month on Internet service, or $75 per month for those living on Tribal lands. The EBB may also provide eligible households a one-time discount of up to $100 to purchase a laptop, desktop or tablet computer.

Today many Arizona citizens, including students, parents, teachers, seniors, businesses and employees, and library patrons still do not have affordable access to the Internet. **We need to ensure that all Arizona citizens have digital access resources including: 1) affordable devices such as computers, smartphones and home hotspots; 2) skills and technical support to enable them to use the devices, the Internet and applications effectively; 3) digital literacy and web literacy skills and 4) access to digital content, applications and other resources.**

It is urgent that we get the word out ASAP. EBB is a limited funding and limited duration program so we need to act now to help eligible Arizona consumers get signed up before time and money run out. We know that for many people, signing up for government programs can be scary and complicated. Therefore, the most effective way to educate and enroll eligible consumers is to connect with individuals and families through a trusted source such as schools, libraries, non-profit and faith-based organizations, social service and health care agencies, and local and state governments. **We are asking these organizations to identify a *Navigator* or *Point of Contact* within their organization to learn about the EBB, and the processes to help eligible consumers sign-up and take advantage of this program.**

We will provide a straight forward, brief training workshop for these volunteer Navigators so that they are fully equipped to assist local community members with their applications.

Toolkits are available as well, which include:

* An Emergency Broadband Benefit program FAQ sheet
* Flyers in both in English and Spanish outlining the EBB Program and eligibility requirements
* Half-page flyers in both in English and Spanish that can be printed and distributed to locally
* A PDF showing step-by-step instructions on how individuals can apply for EBB discounts
* A sample email to use as a template to share out to your networks.

**You can access the Toolkit and the relevant information and materials at:**<https://connect-arizona.com/ebb>

**Please note, this program is not limited to just students and their families.** The EBB program seeks to assist all individuals who require affordable internet access for telehealth, telework, and every day connection needs.

**We hope we can count on you to get eligible low-income households registered for the EBB Emergency Broadband Program.**

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