



Tucson Device & Connectivity Resources

Purpose: This document helps people in need find free or reduced-cost phones, tablets, and internet access through government programs and local options.



Federally Supported Phone & Internet Programs

1. Lifeline Phone Service (Free or Discounted Phone & Service)

Lifeline is a federal benefit that provides **free or discounted wireless telephone service** to low-income individuals. You may qualify if you participate in programs like SNAP, Medicaid, SSI, or meet low-income guidelines. (lifelinearizona.org)

👉 Apply & learn more: <https://lifelinearizona.org/> (lifelinearizona.org)

Arizona Lifeline Providers:

- **AirTalk Wireless (Arizona Lifeline Phones)** – Offers free phones and service through Lifeline: <https://airtalkwireless.com/my-state/arizona> ([AirTalk Wireless](http://airtalkwireless.com))
 - **TAG Mobile (Lifeline in Arizona)** – Free phone & service options for eligible individuals: <https://tagmobile.com/my-state/arizona> (tagmobile.com)
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Free Government Phone & Tablet Opportunities

2. Free Government Phones in Arizona

Eligible Tucson residents can apply for **free smartphones** that include talk, text, and data (availability varies by provider and eligibility). Programs tie into Lifeline and previous Affordable Connectivity benefits. ([Government Phones](http://tucson-az.governmentphone.org))

👉 Apply to see if you qualify: <https://tucson-az.governmentphone.org/> ([Government Phones](http://tucson-az.governmentphone.org))

⚠️ *Note:* Always apply through official government or verified provider sites — avoid offers that request payment upfront or claim unrelated affiliations. ([Linkedln](https://www.linkedin.com/company/tucson-az-gov))

Internet & Device Support

3. Affordable Connectivity Program (ACP) – City of Tucson Support

The Affordable Connectivity Program provides discounts on internet service and may help with device costs. Check eligibility and how to apply:

<https://www.tucsonaz.gov/Government/Office-of-the-City-Manager/Affordable-Connectivity-Program-Connect-Arizona> ([tucsonaz.gov](https://www.tucsonaz.gov))

Note: While ACP focuses on internet service cost discounts, it used to support connected devices through provider offers. Confirm current availability on the ACP application tools.

Low-Cost Refurbished Devices

4. Low-Cost Computers & Tablets (Refurbished)

- **We Care Tucson (Tucson, AZ)** – Refurbishes donated computers and sells them affordably (often providing digital access tools). ([Connect Arizona](#))
- **Computers 2 Kids & RefurbIT** – Organizations offering low-cost refurbished devices across Arizona. ([Connect Arizona](#))

👉 Find low-cost devices: <https://connect-arizona.com/get-online/find-a-computer> ([Connect Arizona](#))

Digital Help & Internet Access

5. Library & Free Wi-Fi Access

If a personal device isn't available, Tucson residents can often access free internet and computers at public libraries and community centers. Contact your local branch for hours and available tech support.

6. Connect Arizona Digital Programs

Connect Arizona provides information on internet plans, digital inclusion resources, and free Wi-Fi map spots: <https://connect-arizona.com/get-online/internet-offers> ([Connect Arizona](#))

Safety Tips When Applying

- ✓ Apply only through official government benefits or verified providers. ([LinkedIn](#))
- ✓ Never pay money to “get a free phone” — this is a common scam tactic. ([LinkedIn](#))

✓ Bring proof of income or qualifying assistance benefit when applying if required.
(lifelinearizona.org)

Summary

Resource

What It Helps With

Lifeline Program

Free or discounted phone service & devices

Free Government Phones AZ

Qualify for free smartphone offers

Affordable Connectivity Program (ACP)

Internet cost support & device discounts

Low-Cost Refurbished Computers

Affordable tablets and laptops

Library Tech & Free Wi-Fi

Access to internet and devices locally

Connect Arizona Resource Hub

Digital inclusion support and info
