

MEMORANDUM NO. 2021-119

TO: School District Superintendents
Business Managers
Curriculum Coordinators
Virtual Education Coordinators
Computer/Technology Coordinators
Food Service Directors
Principals

FROM: Trent Carroll, Chief Operations Officer

DATE: September 27, 2021

SUBJECT: Emergency Broadband Benefit Program Information

EMERGENCY BROADBAND BENEFIT PROGRAM INFORMATION

The Emergency Broadband Benefit (EBB) is a new federal program to help low-income families and households afford internet service and computing devices during the COVID-19 pandemic.

The EBB program provides 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.

A household is eligible for the EBB program if a member of the household meets one of the criteria below:

- Has an income that is at or below 135% of the Federal Poverty Guidelines or participates in certain assistance programs, such as SNAP, Medicaid, or Lifeline.

- 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 due to job loss or furlough since February 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.

Additional program information can be found [here](#).

A current list of participating EBB providers in Wyoming can be found [here](#).

To assist with communication to parents and households, the Federal Communications Commission offers the [Emergency Broadband Benefit Outreach Toolkit](#) as a resource.

For more information, contact Ken Reynolds, Information Management Division Director, at 307-777-8014 or ken.reynolds@wyo.gov.