



December 22, 2022

SUBJECT: Affordable Connectivity Program Funding Opportunity

Dear Mr. Southerland:

You may have heard that the Federal Communication Commission’s (FCC) [Affordable Connectivity Program \(ACP\)](#) is available to recipients of federal housing assistance. This includes a monthly benefit for Public Housing and Housing Choice Voucher households (up to \$30/month), and Tribal Housing households (up to \$75/month). In combination with many Internet Service Providers’ (ISP) low-cost, high-speed plans, the ACP can cover, or nearly cover, the full cost of in-home broadband internet access.

This means more children with access to the internet to do their homework, more seniors who can access vital communication with doctors and loved ones, and more families with access to ever-growing digital opportunities.

The **FCC has made an unprecedented amount of funding available** to help get the word out, with specific set-asides for Tribal (\$10 million) and Public Housing communities (\$5 million).

I encourage you to learn more about these [grant opportunities](#) to fund ACP outreach in your community. **Here are a few steps you can take:**

1. **Tune in** to the recordings of the ACP grant program webinars:
 1. [Affordable Connectivity Outreach Grant Program Webinar](#)
 2. [FCC Tribal Webinar](#)
2. **Register to attend** the upcoming **ACP Grants Office Hour** on Wednesday, January 4, 2023 @ 12pm EST
3. **Review** the [ACP Grants Program FAQ](#) and the [ACP Grants Webpage](#)
4. **Review the funding opportunities below to apply** before the application deadline, **Monday, January 9, 2023, at 9pm EST** ([Step-by-Step Application Instructions](#) are also available):

Opportunity	Funding	Purpose	Eligible Entities	Deadline
Your Home, Your Internet (YHYI)	\$5 million	Focus on funding outreach activities, including providing application assistance, for federal housing assistance recipients.	Includes PHAs & TDHEs	January 9, 2023
Navigator Pilot Program (NPP)	\$5 million	Support outreach activities (including application assistance) by third-party entities.	Includes PHAs & TDHEs	January 9, 2023
The National Competitive Outreach and Tribal Competitive Outreach Programs (NCOP)	\$70 million	Expand innovative outreach efforts – with a focus on reaching historically unserved and underserved populations.	Includes PHAs & TDHEs	January 9, 2023
Tribal Community Outreach Program (TCOP)	\$10 million	Support Tribal outreach and facilitate the promotion of the ACP on Tribal lands.	Includes TDHEs	January 9, 2023

Have questions about these pilot programs? Contact the FCC [at ACPpilots@fcc.gov](mailto:ACPpilots@fcc.gov).

Have technical questions or issues with using the FCC Pilot Application Portal? Email ACProgram@usac.org.

And as always, you can reach HUD's [ConnectHome](#) team [at](#)

ConnectHome@hud.gov. I hope you consider these opportunities to narrow the digital

divide in your community. Happy Holidays!

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Dominique Blom". The signature is written in a cursive style with a long horizontal stroke at the end.

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