

OFFICE OF PUBLIC & INDIAN HOUSING

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Dear PHA Executive Directors and Tribal Leaders:

You may have heard that the Federal Communication Commission's (FCC) <u>Affordable</u> <u>Connectivity Program (ACP)</u> 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 <u>grant opportunities to fund ACP outreach in</u> 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. <u>Register to attend the upcoming ACP Grants Office Hour</u> on Wednesday, January 4, 2023 @ 12pm EST
- 3. Review the ACP Grants Program FAQ and the ACP Grants Webpage
- Review the funding opportunities below to apply before the application deadline, Monday, January 9, 2023, at 9pm EST <u>(Step-by-Step Application Instructions</u> are also available):

Opportunity	Funding	PUINASA	Eligible Entities	Deadline
<u>Your Home, Your Internet</u> (YHYI)	\$5 millio	Focus on funding outreach activities, including providing application assistance, for federal housing assistance recipients.	Includes PHAs & TDHEs	January 9, 2023
<u>Navigator Pilot Program</u> (NPP)	C¢. millio	Support outreach activities (including application assistance) by third-party entities.	Includes PHAs & TDHEs	January 9, 2023

	\$70 million	Expand innovative outreach efforts – with a focus on reaching historically unserved and underserved populations.		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.

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

And as always, you can reach HUD's <u>ConnectHome</u> team at <u>ConnectHome@hud.gov</u>.

I hope you consider these opportunities to narrow the digital divide in your community.

Many thanks and happy holidays,

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