# The Emergency Broadband Benefit Program

### WHAT IS THE EMERGENCY BROADBAND BENEFIT PROGRAM?

The Emergency Broadband Benefit Program was established by the Federal Communications Commission (FCC) earlier this year to help households struggling to pay for internet service during the COVID-19 pandemic. Under the Emergency Broadband Benefit Program, eligible households can receive up to \$50 a month towards broadband service and up to \$75 for households on Hawaiian Home Lands.

The program is limited to one monthly service discount. Eligible households may also receive a one-time discount of up to \$100 to purchase a laptop, desktop computer or tablet from participating Hawaii internet service providers if they contribute a minimum of \$10 towards the purchase price.

### WHO IS ELIGIBLE FOR THE PROGRAM?

Your household qualifies if at least <u>one member</u>:

- Qualifies for the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP),
   Supplemental Security Income (SSI), Medicaid, Federal Public Housing
   Assistance, Veterans and Survivors Pension Benefit, or Lifeline program.
- Received benefits under the free and reduced-price school breakfast or lunch program
- Filed for unemployment or PUA or experienced a decrease of hours in the last year
- Received a Federal Pell Grant during the current award year
- Meets the eligibility criteria for a participating providers' existing lowincome or COVID-19 program

### **HOW IS THE PROGRAM FUNDED?**

This program is funded through the Consolidated Appropriations Act of 2021 – passed by Congress in December 2020 – which established the Emergency Broadband Connectivity Fund and allocated \$3.2 billion for the Emergency Broadband Benefit Program.

### WHO ARE THE PARTICIPATING HAWAII SERVICE PROVIDERS?

Aloha Broadband

American Broadband and

Telecommunications Company

AT&T

Boost Mobile
Charter Spectrum
Cricket Wireless

enTouch Wireless
good2go Mobile
Hawaiian Telcom
Metro by T-Mobile
PCsforPeople
Q Link Wireless
Ready Wireless

Sano Health
Selectel Wireless
StandUp Wireless
T-Mobile
TracPhone Wireless
Truconnect
Verizon

### HOW DO I APPLY?

You can apply for the program in three ways:

- 1. Contact your internet service provider directly to learn about their application process and what benefits they will offer
- 2. Apply online at <u>GetEmergencyBroadband.org</u>
- 3. Call 833-511-0311 for a mail-in application and mail it with your proof of eligibility to: Emergency Broadband Support Center, P.O. Box 7081 London, KY 40742

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Please visit **broadband.hawaii.gov/ebb** for the latest

information on the Emergency Broadband Benefit Program.







## Ka Polokalamu Pōpilikia Kōkua Punaewele

### HE AHA KA PAPAHANA PŌPILIKIA KŌKUA PUNAEWELE?

Ua hoʻokumu ʻia ka Papahana Pōpilikia Kōkua Punaewele e ke Kōmike Kaʻaʻike Pekelala (FCC) ma ka hoʻomaka o kēia makahiki i mea e kōkua i nā ʻohana i ka uku ʻana no ka punaewele ma kēia wā maʻi ahulau COVID-19. Ma kēia Papahana Pōpilikia Kōkua Punaewele, hāʻawi ʻia ke kālā i kēlā me kēia mahina no ka punaewele broadband. ʻO ke \$50 ka nui e loaʻa ai, a ʻo ke \$75 ka nui e loaʻa ai ma nā hale ʻĀina Hoʻopulapula.

Ma kēia Papahana, he hoʻokahi wale nō uku hōʻemi o ka mahina. Ma kēia polokalamu hiki i nā hale i ʻae ʻia ke loaʻa he \$100 no ke kūʻai ʻana i kekahi lolouila mai kekahi o nā pāʻoihana punaewele e komo ana ma kēia polokalamu inā uku ʻia ma ka liʻiliʻi loa he \$10 no ke kūʻai ʻana.

#### **'O WAI KE 'AE 'IA MA KA POLOKALAMU?**

'Ae 'ia nā home inā e noho ana ho'okahi kanaka ma ka hale:

- I 'ae 'ia ma kekahi o nā Papahana Supplemental Nutrition Assistance
   Program (SNAP), Supplemental Security Income (SSI), Medicaid, Federal
   Public Housing Assistance, Veterans and Survivors Pension Benefit, a i 'ole ka
   Papahana Lifeline.
- Ua kōkua 'ia ma ka papahana mea'ai kumukū'ai emi a i 'ole manuahi ma ke kula
- Ua kāinoa no ka uku kōkua ma muli o ka hana 'ole, PUA, a i 'ole ua emi mai nā hola hana i ka makahiki nei
- Ua loa'a ka ha'awina kālā pekelala Pell i ka makahiki nei
- Ua 'ae 'ia ma nā koina o nā polokalamu COVID-19 a loa'a makahiki o nā pā'oihana punaewele.

### PEHEA I LOA'A AI KE KĀLĀ I KĒIA PAPAHANA?

Ua loa'a ke kālā i kēia papahana ma o ke Kānāwai Consolidated Appropriations i ka makahiki 2021 -- ua 'āpono 'ia e ka 'Aha'ōlelo Lāhui i ka mahina o Kēkāmapa i ka makahiki 2020 – penei i ho'okumu 'ia ka Waihona Kālā "Emergency Broadband Connectivity" a ho'omāhele 'ia he \$3.2 biliona no ka Polokalamu Pōpilikia Kōkua Punaewele.

### 'O WAI NĀ PĀ'OIHANA PUNAEWELE MA HAWAI'I E KOMO PŪ ANA MA KA PAPAHANA?

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### PEHEA E KĀINOA AI?

E kāomi i kēia mau 'ano he 'ekolu ma lalo:

- 1. E kama'ilio me kāu pā'oihana punaewele no ka 'ikepili e pili ana i ke kāinoa 'ana a me nā pono keu e hā'awi 'ia ana.
- 2. E kāinoa ma kēia loulou <u>GetEmergencyBroadband.org</u>
- 3. E kelepona mai 833-511-0311 i ka palapala noi a e hoʻouna i ka leka me kou pepa hōʻike ʻae ʻia iā: Emergency Broadband Support Center, P.O. Box 7081 London, KY 40742

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E kāomi i kēia loulou **broadband.hawaii.gov/ebb** no ka

nūhou e pili ana i ka Polokalamu Popilikia Kokua Punaewele.





