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## PRESS RELEASE

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**MOSCOW, ID—July 21, 2022**—Today, the Latah County Broadband Coalition announced it is working to help build awareness about the Affordable Connectivity Program, a Federal Communications Commission (FCC) program. The new long-term benefit will help to lower the cost of broadband service for eligible households struggling to afford internet service.

The \$14 billion Affordable Connectivity Program provides a discount of up to a \$30 per month toward broadband service for eligible households and up to \$75 per month for qualifying households on qualifying Tribal lands. The benefit also provides up to a \$100 per household discount toward a one-time purchase of a computer, laptop, or tablet if the household contributes more than \$10 and less than \$50 toward the purchase through a participating broadband provider.

Currently, fewer than 12% of eligible households in Latah County are receiving this benefit, according to the program's [enrollment map](#). \*Details are below:

<b>Latah County Community</b>	<b>Eligible Households</b>	<b>Number Enrolled</b>	<b>Percentage with Benefit</b>
Moscow	4,408	497	11%
Viola	30	3	10%
Potlatch & Onaway	368	13	3.5%
Princeton	73	2	2.7%
Harvard	14	2	14%
Deary & Bovill	136	3	2.2%
Troy	129	7	5.4%
Genesee	114	10	8.8%
Juliaetta	95	9	9.5%
Kendrick	112	4	3.6%

*\*Data pulled from enrollment map in March 2022*

A household is eligible if one member of the household meets at least *one* of the criteria below:

- Has an income that is at or below 200% of the [Federal Poverty Guidelines](#);
- Participates in certain assistance programs, such as SNAP, Medicaid, Federal Public Housing Assistance, SSI, WIC, or [Lifeline](#);

- Participates in one of several Tribal specific programs, such as Bureau of Indian Affairs General Assistance, Tribal Head Start (only households meeting the relevant income qualifying standard) Tribal TANF, or Food Distribution Program on Indian Reservations;
- Is 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;
- Received a Federal Pell Grant during the current award year; or
- Meets the eligibility criteria for a participating broadband provider's existing low-income program.

Affordable Connectivity Program enrollment opened on December 31, 2021. Eligible households can enroll through a [participating broadband provider](#) or by (1) going to [AffordableConnectivity.gov](#) to submit an online application or print a mail-in application and (2) contacting their preferred participating broadband provider and selecting a plan. Additional information about the benefit is available at [www.fcc.gov/ACP](#), or by calling 877-384-2575 between 9 a.m. and 9 p.m. ET any day of the week.

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## **ABOUT**

The [Latah County Broadband Coalition](#) engages stakeholders across the County to communicate broadband needs and offer support in developing projects to address those needs. The coalition's aim is to find local, state, and federal funding to facilitate the build-out of future-proof broadband infrastructure throughout Latah County.

The [Affordable Connectivity Program](#), formerly the Emergency Broadband Benefit, is an FCC benefit program that helps ensure that households can afford the broadband they need for work, school, healthcare, and more. It is administered by the Universal Service Administrative Company (USAC), an independent not-for-profit, with oversight from the FCC.

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