

## Broadband Funding Guide

Department: Federal Communications Commission

1	<b>Today's Date</b>	2/7/2020	
2	<b>Federal Agency/Bureau</b>	Federal Communications Commission (FCC)	
3	<b>Agency Overview</b>	The FCC regulates interstate and international communications by radio, television, wire, satellite, and cable in all 50 states, the District of Columbia, and U.S. territories. An independent U.S. government agency overseen by Congress, the Commission is the United States' primary authority for communications law, regulation, and technological innovation.	
4	<b>Program Name</b>	Lifeline	
5	<b>Program Website</b>	<a href="https://www.usac.org/lifeline/">https://www.usac.org/lifeline/</a>	
6	<b>Program Overview</b>	The Lifeline program provides a discount on phone and broadband service for qualifying low-income households to ensure that all Americans have the opportunities and security that those services bring, including being able to connect to jobs, family, and emergency services.	
7	<b>Link to Notice of Funding Opportunity (NOFO) if applicable</b>		
8	<b>Program Purpose</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> Planning (e.g., feasibility) <input type="checkbox"/> Broadband Infrastructure (e.g., construction) <input type="checkbox"/> Broadband Adoption <input type="checkbox"/> Digital Skills Training <input type="checkbox"/> Public Computer Access	<input type="checkbox"/> Smart Cities <input type="checkbox"/> Evaluation <input type="checkbox"/> Research <input type="checkbox"/> Broadband Financing <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other: Broadband and phone service affordability.
9	<b>Eligible Recipients</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> Libraries <input type="checkbox"/> K-12 Schools <input type="checkbox"/> Higher Education Institutions <input type="checkbox"/> Hospitals <input type="checkbox"/> Public Safety Entities <input type="checkbox"/> State and Local Governments <input type="checkbox"/> Tribal Entities	<input type="checkbox"/> Commercial/Internet Service Providers <input type="checkbox"/> Non-Profit Organizations <input type="checkbox"/> Small Businesses <input type="checkbox"/> Rural Recipients <input type="checkbox"/> Electric Utilities/Co-ops <input type="checkbox"/> Financial Institutions <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other: Providers of voice and broadband service, either wireless or wireline, designated as "eligible telecommunications carriers"

10	<b>Agency Contact</b>	Telecommunications Access Policy Division Wireline Competition Bureau Federal Communications Commission 445 12 <sup>th</sup> Street, SW 20554 (202) 418-7400
11	<b>FY2020 Funding Type and Amount</b>	Subsidy; \$982,004,000 CY2019 disbursements
12	<b>Additional Information</b>	Prospective Lifeline subscribers can apply and find more information at <a href="http://www.checklifeline.org">www.checklifeline.org</a> . Announcements for Lifeline service providers can be found at <a href="https://www.usac.org/lifeline/contact-us/announcements/">https://www.usac.org/lifeline/contact-us/announcements/</a> .