

## FY23 BroadbandUSA Federal Funding Site Update

**Department:** Federal Communications Commission

1	<b>Federal Agency/Bureau</b>	Federal Communications Commission/Wireline Competition Bureau
2	<b>Program Name</b>	Lifeline
3	<b>Authorizing Legislation</b>	Communications Act of 1934, as amended
4	<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.
5	<b>CFDA</b>	32.003
6	<b>Program Website</b>	<a href="https://www.usac.org/lifeline/">https://www.usac.org/lifeline/</a>
7	<b>Type of funding</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> Discretionary <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Subsidy <input type="checkbox"/> Formula <input type="checkbox"/> Loan or loan guarantee <input type="checkbox"/> Other (i.e. loan-grant combo; if there is a set-aside amount for certain recipients please indicate the amount):
8	<b>Link to application site, NOFO, FOA, or Grants.gov (if different from program website above)</b>	<a href="https://nv.fcc.gov/lifeline">https://nv.fcc.gov/lifeline</a>
9	<b>Notice of Funding Opportunity (NOFO) or Federal Opportunity Announcement (FOA) Type</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> Initial <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Modification <input type="checkbox"/> Reissue/Renewal <input type="checkbox"/> Other (i.e. one-time funding):
10	<b>Important Dates (if applicable)</b>	Not Applicable
12	<b>FY2023 Appropriations Amount</b>	Total Amount: Approximately \$610 million was disbursed in Calendar Year 2022 (the FCC's Universal Service Programs are not funded through appropriations; funding instead comes through contributions collected from providers of interstate and international telecommunications).

		Amount Available Towards Broadband (if specified): The Lifeline program offers reimbursement to service providers for costs provided to consumers. Approximately 94% of Lifeline subscribers receive some broadband support in their service offering.		
13	<b>Matching Requirement</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes If yes, what is the matching requirement: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Other (i.e. if match is beneficial to an application but not required):		
14	<b>Complementary Federal Funding Option</b>	Lifeline leverages other federal programs' eligibility determinations by allowing consumers to establish eligibility through participation in any of the following federal programs: SNAP, Medicaid, SSI, Federal Public Housing Assistance or Veterans Pension and Survivors Benefit. In addition, persons living on Tribal Lands are eligible if they, or someone in their household, are eligible for BIA General Assistance, Head Start, Tribal TANF or Food Distribution Program on Indian Reservations. Consumers may use Lifeline participation to establish eligibility for the Affordable Connectivity Program.		
15	<b>Broadband-related Program Purpose/Eligible Expenditures (check all that apply)</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> Planning (e.g., feasibility, data collection, mapping) <input type="checkbox"/> Broadband Infrastructure Deployment (e.g., construction, equipment, materials) <input type="checkbox"/> Digital Inclusion (e.g. Broadband Adoption, Devices, Public Access, Digital Skills Training, Tech Support) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other: (e.g. Research and/or Evaluation, Telehealth, etc): Ensuring the availability and affordability of broadband and voice service for low-income consumers, while minimizing the impact on ratepayers.		
16	<b>Speed/Technical Requirement for Broadband Infrastructure</b>	Not Applicable		
17	<b>Eligible Recipients (check all that apply)</b>	<table border="0"> <tr> <td> <input type="checkbox"/> Libraries  <input type="checkbox"/> K-12 Schools  <input type="checkbox"/> Higher Education Institutions  <input type="checkbox"/> State Government  <input type="checkbox"/> Local Government  <input type="checkbox"/> Territorial Governments  <input type="checkbox"/> Tribal/Native American Government, Alaska Native Controlled Organizations, and Native Hawaiian Organizations  <input type="checkbox"/> Public Safety Entities           </td> <td> <input type="checkbox"/> Healthcare Facilities  <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> For-Profit Organizations (including Internet Service Providers)  <input type="checkbox"/> Non-Profit Organizations  <input type="checkbox"/> Electric Utilities/Co-ops  <input type="checkbox"/> Financial Institutions  <input type="checkbox"/> Individuals/Households  <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other: Providers of voice and broadband service, either wireless of wireline, designated as "eligible telecommunications carriers"           </td> </tr> </table>	<input type="checkbox"/> Libraries <input type="checkbox"/> K-12 Schools <input type="checkbox"/> Higher Education Institutions <input type="checkbox"/> State Government <input type="checkbox"/> Local Government <input type="checkbox"/> Territorial Governments <input type="checkbox"/> Tribal/Native American Government, Alaska Native Controlled Organizations, and Native Hawaiian Organizations <input type="checkbox"/> Public Safety Entities	<input type="checkbox"/> Healthcare Facilities <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> For-Profit Organizations (including Internet Service Providers) <input type="checkbox"/> Non-Profit Organizations <input type="checkbox"/> Electric Utilities/Co-ops <input type="checkbox"/> Financial Institutions <input type="checkbox"/> Individuals/Households <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other: Providers of voice and broadband service, either wireless of wireline, designated as "eligible telecommunications carriers"
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18	<b>Criteria for Eligible Recipients</b>	Consumers are eligible to receive Lifeline if their household income is 135% or less than the Federal Poverty Guidelines, or if a member of their household is eligible to participate in at least one of the following federal programs: SNAP, Medicaid, SSI, Federal Public Housing Assistance or Veterans Pension and Survivors Benefit. In addition, persons living on Tribal Lands are eligible if they, or someone in their household, are eligible for BIA General Assistance, Head Start, Tribal TANF or Food Distribution Program on Indian Reservations. See: <a href="https://www.lifelinesupport.org/do-i-qualify/">https://www.lifelinesupport.org/do-i-qualify/</a>
19	<b>Grant Beneficiaries (if different from eligible recipients)</b>	The intended beneficiaries of this funding are consumers in low-income households.
20	<b>Programmatic Resources</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <a href="https://www.usac.org/lifeline/">https://www.usac.org/lifeline/</a></li> <li>• <a href="https://www.fcc.gov/lifeline-consumers">https://www.fcc.gov/lifeline-consumers</a></li> <li>• <a href="https://www.lifelinesupport.org/">https://www.lifelinesupport.org/</a></li> </ul>
21	<b>Reporting Requirements</b>	<a href="https://www.usac.org/lifeline/rules-and-requirements/">https://www.usac.org/lifeline/rules-and-requirements/</a>
22	<b>Publicly-available programmatic data</b>	<a href="https://www.usac.org/lifeline/learn/program-data/">https://www.usac.org/lifeline/learn/program-data/</a>
23	<b>Contact information</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <a href="mailto:LifelineProgram@usac.org">LifelineProgram@usac.org</a></li> <li>• FCC, Wireline Competition Bureau, Telecommunications Access Policy Division: (202) 418-7400</li> </ul>
24	<b>Additional Information</b>	<a href="https://www.usac.org/lifeline/">https://www.usac.org/lifeline/</a>
25	<b>Updated</b>	March 2023