



Dear neighbors,

This week, I wanted to share some details about some new programs that will provide some much needed support for individuals and families across the district.

The Expanded Child Tax Credit

Most New Yorkers with children 17 and under will soon receive monthly payments

The federal American Rescue Plan provides monthly payments through an expanded Child Tax Credit from July through December to low- and middle-income families who qualify. Single parents making up to \$75,000 per year and joint filers making up to \$150,000 per year are eligible for the full payment of \$250 per child age 6 and over and \$300 per child under age 6.

Federal stimulus legislation that expands the existing federal child tax credit goes into effect soon. In addition to receiving monthly payments through December that represent the credit for the first half of the tax filing year 2020, recipients will receive the rest of their benefit as a credit next year when they file their 2021 tax returns. Parents can also opt out of the monthly payments and instead receive the full, expanded credit on their tax returns next year. To learn more, visit: www.irs.gov/credits-deductions/advance-child-tax-credit-payments-in-2021

La legislación sobre el estímulo federal que amplía el crédito contributivo federal actual por hijos entra en vigor pronto. Además de recibir pagos mensuales hasta diciembre que representen el crédito por la primera mitad de la declaración de impuestos del año 2020, los beneficiarios recibirán el resto de su beneficio como un crédito el próximo año cuando sometan sus declaraciones de impuestos del 2021. Los padres también pueden optar por no recibir los pagos mensuales y, en su lugar, recibir el crédito ampliado completo en sus declaraciones de impuestos del próximo año. Para obtener más

información, visite el sitio Web: <http://www.irs.gov/credits-deductions/advance-child-tax-credit-payments-in-2021>

Emergency Rental Assistance

The New York State Emergency Rental Assistance Program (ERAP) will provide significant economic relief to help low and moderate-income households at risk of experiencing homelessness or housing instability by providing rental arrears, temporary rental assistance and utility arrears assistance. **Check back [here](#) for more information on when applications will be accepted and for eligibility requirements.**

Emergency Broadband Benefit

The Federal Communications Commission has launched a temporary program to help families and households struggling to afford Internet service during the COVID-19 pandemic. The Emergency Broadband Benefit provides a discount of up to \$50 per month toward broadband service for eligible households and up to \$75 per month for households on qualifying Tribal lands. Eligible households can also receive a one-time discount of up to \$100 to purchase a laptop, desktop computer, or tablet from participating providers.

Eligible households can enroll through a [participating broadband provider](#) or directly with the Universal Service Administrative Company (USAC) using an [online](#) or mail in application.

You can learn more about the benefit, including eligibility and enrollment information, by visiting www.fcc.gov/broadbandbenefit, or by calling 833-511-0311



EMERGENCY BROADBAND BENEFIT

WHAT IS IT?

The Emergency Broadband Benefit is a temporary FCC program to help households struggling to afford internet service during the pandemic.

The benefit provides:

- Up to \$50/month discount for broadband services;
- Up to \$75/month discount for households on qualifying Tribal lands; and
- A one-time discount of up to \$100 for a laptop, desktop computer, or tablet purchased through a participating provider.

WHO IS ELIGIBLE?

A household is eligible if one member of the household:

- Has an income that is at or below 135% of the Federal Poverty Guide lines or participates in certain government assistance programs;
- Receives benefits under the free and reduced-price school lunch or breakfast program;
- Received a Federal Pell Grant during the current award year;
- Experienced a substantial loss of income due to job loss or furlough since February 29, 2020; or
- Meets the eligibility criteria for a participating provider's existing low-income or COVID-19 program.

THREE WAYS TO APPLY

1

Contact your preferred participating provider directly to learn about their application process.

2

Go to [GetEmergencyBroadband.org](https://www.getemergencybroadband.org) to submit an application and to find participating providers near you.

3

Complete a mail in application and send it along with proof of eligibility to:

Emergency Broadband Support Center
P.O. Box 7081
London, KY 40742

LEARN MORE



Call 833-511-0311, or



Visit [fcc.gov/broadbandbenefit](https://www.fcc.gov/broadbandbenefit)





BENEFICIO DE EMERGENCIA PARA INTERNET (EBB)

¿QUÉ ES?

Es un programa temporal de la FCC que ofrece ayuda a los hogares con problemas para pagar sus servicios de Internet durante la pandemia.

Este beneficio te proporciona:

- Máximo \$50 de descuento al mes para tu servicio de Internet.
- Máximo \$75 de descuento al mes para hogares elegibles en Territorios Tribales.
- Un descuento único de hasta \$100 por una computadora portátil, computadora de escritorio o una tableta electrónica a través de un proveedor participante.

¿QUIÉN ES ELEGIBLE?

Podrás participar en este programa si un miembro de tu hogar:

- Tiene un ingreso igual o menor al 135% del nivel federal de pobreza o participa en ciertos programas de asistencia social.
- Recibe beneficios en la escuela bajo el programa de almuerzo o desayuno gratuito o reducido.
- Recibió una beca Federal Pell Grant para la Universidad durante el año en curso.
- Experimentó una pérdida sustancial de ingresos debido a la pérdida de su empleo o a la suspensión de su trabajo, sin sueldo, desde el 29 de febrero de 2020.
- Cumple con los criterios de elegibilidad exigidos por un proveedor participante en un programa de bajos ingresos o en un programa COVID-19 ya existente.

TRES FORMAS DE SOLICITAR EL BENEFICIO

1

Contacta a tu proveedor de Internet preferido directamente.

Pregunta si participa en el programa EBB o utiliza nuestros servicios en línea para encontrar una empresa participante en tu localidad.

2

En línea

Usa la solicitud en el sitio web:
GetEmergencyBroadband.org


3

Por correo

Imprime la solicitud en inglés o español.
Complétala y envíala con tu comprobante de

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Para obtener más información:

 Llama al 833-511-0311 o

 visita: fcc.gov/bandaanchaprestacion



We'll be back next week with some legislative updates from Albany. In the meantime, if you have any questions, please give my office a call and my staff will be happy to help.

In good health,

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