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Dear Tribal TANF Grantees,

The Office of Family Assistance (OFA) would like to make you aware of the Affordable Connectivity Program (ACP). The ACP is a Federal Communications Commission (FCC) program to help low-income households pay for internet service and connected devices.

Eligible households may receive:

- Up to \$30/month discount on internet service.
- Up to \$75/month discount if the household is on qualifying Tribal lands.
- A one-time discount of up to \$100 for a laptop, table, or desktop computer (with a co-payment of more than \$10 but less than \$50)

Families that are receiving Tribal TANF cash assistance are automatically eligible to receive these benefits.

There are a couple of ways that Tribal TANF programs can help families gain access to these benefits:

1. **Contact TANF cash assistance recipients to inform them about this benefit.** Tell the families that you serve about ACP so that they may apply directly. Eligible households can enroll in the ACP through an approved provider or by visiting one of two simple and easy-to-use websites: ACPBenefit.org or GetInternet.gov.

To help spread the word, the FCC has a [toolkit](#) with flyers, social media content, ACP application materials and more. More detailed facts about the overall program can be found on the [ACP fact sheet](#).

Only one monthly service discount and one device discount is allowed per household. Not all participating internet service providers offer device discounts.

2. **Establish data-sharing agreements with FCC/Universal Service Administrative Company (USAC).** These agreements would enable USAC to use beneficiary data to verify a consumer's eligibility for the ACP program, streamlining the application process for families. All agencies with information that could simplify the ACP approval process should consider entering into a computer matching agreement with USAC. Tribal

partners can learn more information about the ACP program and obtain contact information at <https://www.fcc.gov/acp>.

There is no federal requirement to include ACP benefits when determining or redetermining eligibility for TANF, and OFA encourages grantees to exclude them.

To learn more about the ACP program or to become a partner, visit www.fcc.gov/acp. If you have any questions you can send an e-mail to ACPinfo@fcc.gov.

We hope that you'll join us in promoting the Affordable Connectivity Program so that more families and households struggling to afford internet service might get connected.

Sincerely,



Susan Golonka
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