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## **ELIGIBLE KANE COUNTY RESIDENTS CAN GET EMERGENCY BROADBAND BENEFITS**

### **Kane County Board Chair Corinne Pierog Encourages People Affected By Pandemic to Apply For Discounts on Broadband And/Or Purchase of a Computer, Laptop or Tablet**

GENEVA, IL – Kane County Board Chair Corinne Pierog is encouraging eligible Kane County residents to take part in the Federal Communications Commission’s [Emergency Broadband Benefit Program](#), which offers up to \$3.2 billion worth of consumer discounts on broadband services and equipment for people affected by the COVID-19 pandemic.

“This is a tremendous opportunity for families hit hard by the pandemic to receive a discount on broadband service and the electronic devices they need to take advantage of today’s health, education, and workplace opportunities,” she said.

Comcast, AT&T, Verizon and many other big-name broadband providers have signed on to the program. [Click this link for a list of providers in Illinois.](#)

The Emergency Broadband Benefit Program will continue until the \$3.2 billion in federal funding runs out or six months after the Department of Health and Human Services declares an end to the pandemic.

Eligible households will be able to receive on their broadband bill a discount of up to \$50 per month, or \$75 on qualifying Tribal lands. They will also be eligible for a one-time discount of up to \$100 to purchase a laptop, desktop computer, or tablet from participating providers if they contribute more than \$10 and less than \$50 toward the purchase price.

Households can qualify through their use of existing assistance programs like SNAP, Medicaid, Lifeline or if a child relies on reduced-price school meals programs.

The Emergency Broadband Benefit is also available to households who are eligible for a broadband provider’s existing relief program, to those who have received a Federal Pell Grant during the current award year, and to those low-income households who suffered a large loss in income during the pandemic due to job loss or furlough since Feb. 29, 2020.

The benefit is available to eligible new, prior, and existing customers of participating providers. Customers can sign up by contacting a participating provider, enroll online at [www.getemergencybroadband.org](http://www.getemergencybroadband.org), or sign up via mail.

To learn more or get a mail-in application, call (833) 511-0311.

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## Emergency Broadband Benefit

Eligible consumers can sign up for discounted broadband service and eligible equipment during the pandemic.

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