

RESOLUTION
ESVBA Installation Assistance Program

WHEREAS, pursuant to the authority provided by §§ 2.2-4303(G) of the Code of Virginia, the Eastern Shore of Virginia Broadband Authority (“the Authority”) has determined to adopt certain procedures to be followed in to assist subscribers in offsetting costs for installation of ESVBA services;

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED, that during a meeting of the Eastern Shore of Virginia Broadband Authority’s Board of Directors authorized \$189,737 of funding to provide assistance to ESVBA subscribers to reduce or eliminate the cost for installation of ESVBA broadband services. The program will have the following eligibility requirements:

- A. Qualifies for the FCC EBB program using the following criteria and applied at www.checklifeline.org using one of the following four eligibility rules:
 - Qualifies for FCC Lifeline benefits through participation in SNAP, Medicaid, Supplemental Security Income, Federal Public Housing Assistance, or Veterans and Survivors Pension Benefit;
 - Experienced a substantial loss of income since February 29, 2020 due to job loss or furlough AND has a total household income in 2020 at or below \$99,000 for single filers and \$198,000 for joint filers;
 - Received a federal Pell Grant in the current award year; or
 - Received approval for benefits under the free and reduced-price school lunch program or the school breakfast program, including through the USDA Community Eligibility Provision, in the 2019-2020 or 2020-2021 school year; or
- B. Qualifies based upon the FY2021 HUD 80% low-income limits for the counties based upon the number of persons in family, see chart below:

HUD FY2021 Low (80%) Income Limits

FY 2021 Income Limit Area	Persons in Family			
	1	2	3	4
Accomack County, VA	\$ 33,450	\$ 38,200	\$ 43,000	\$ 47,750
Northampton County, VA	\$ 33,700	\$ 38,500	\$ 43,300	\$ 48,100

FY 2021 Income Limit Area	Persons in Family			
	5	6	7	8
Accomack County, VA	\$ 51,600	\$ 55,400	\$ 59,250	\$ 63,050
Northampton County, VA	\$ 51,950	\$ 55,800	\$ 59,650	\$ 63,500

This program will have the following constraints:

- This program will only apply to new users and will not be retroactive to any subscriber who has signed-up and has service or a signed-contract already.
- Users that have used the program at one location cannot leverage the program at a second location.

- For verified eligible users, the program will provide financial assistance of up-to \$1,000 off of their installation bill. Any installation costs exceeding the \$1,000 limit will be the responsibility of the end-user and must be paid prior to work commencing.
- The program will remain in effect until such time that the total funded amount has been fully expended.
- The ESVBA will leverage any external funding prior to expending funds within the ESVBA program with the exception that funding directly from either county will only be used after all other sources, including the ESVBA funding, is fully exhausted.
- The ESVBA will leverage any external funding program first before using the IAP however, at no time shall the total supportive funding of external and ESVBA funds cumulatively exceed the total installation costs for the individual subscriber.
- This program only applies to residential users and not business subscribers.
- Any extenuating circumstances shall be presented to the Executive Director for consideration.

Adopted this the 22nd day of July, 2021

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**EASTERN SHORE OF VIRGINIA
BROADBAND AUTHORITY**

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