

**Joint Village Strategic Planning  
MEETING NOTES  
Tuesday, May 24, 2022  
10 AM MST  
Zoom Videoconference and Telephone**

**1. Call to Order**

Brian Cole called the meeting to order at 10:10 am MST.

**2. Self-introductions**

Meeting attendees included Andrew Gashwazra, Travis Hyer, Le Roy Shingoitewa, Sam Shingoitewa, Fred Shupla, Leroy Sumatzkuku, Robert Sumatzkuku, Philton Talahyewa and Brian Cole.

**3. Efforts to Refine Projects and Budgets and Seek Federal Funding**

Brian Cole reported that he had no update on the potential of \$1.5 million of Congressional funding supporting the water infrastructure project. He indicated he remained hopeful and optimistic.

Philton Talahyewa responded that it would be timely for JVSP to submit a \$1.5 million request to the Hopi Tribe for ARPA funding. This could be viewed as a “backup plan.” Talahyewa stated that it would be helpful for the Hopi Tribal Council to receive a bona fide shovel-ready project in order to push their project along. Fred Shupla sent the Action Item and Action Item Checklist to Brian Cole. Brian Cole indicated he would draft the checklist and draft a supporting resolution for consideration by the Hopi Tribal Council.

Leroy Sumatzkuku spoke of the need to develop a Memorandum of Understanding between Upper Moenkopi Village and the Village of Moencopi (Lower) to advance funding for water infrastructure improvements. He stated that it would be important that “recognized boards” from each Village entered into the agreement.

Leroy Sumatzkuku continued that UMV is working to compile information on all of their shovel-ready projects. William Charley has been helpful in pulling such information together.

**4. Telecommunications Report**

No report.

**5. Reports from Villages/Community**

**a. Upper Moenkopi Village**

Leroy Sumatzkuku talked about the importance of making a favorable presentation to the Hopi Tribal Council related to water infrastructure. Brian Cole indicated he would come prepared with a PowerPoint. Cole also noted that Le Roy Shingoitewa was prepared to provide a high-level overview of the efforts of JVSP and the importance of the water infrastructure project.

**b. Village of Moencopi (Lower)**

Robert Sumatzkuku reported that the Chairperson for VML would probably be in attendance at the tour.

**c. Yuwehloo Pahki Community**

It was noted that YPC is not in attendance. Everyone agreed that YPC remains a very important partner in the overall effort.

**6. Other Business**

Le Roy Sumatzkuku indicated that the Hopi Tribal Council has received a proposal from Blue Stone to assist with the management of the ARPA funding. There is some confusion as to whether or not the Tribe has made a commitment to the services for Blue Stone. There is also discussion of a forthcoming RFP to be distributed on that front. The group suggested that Building Communities might offer its services in this regard.

Brian Cole responded that he would be interested in offering this type of service. He stated that he could “write grants for Hopi for the rest of his life” and not come close to the \$68 million that is already “in the bank.” The real key for Hopi is the wise and strategic deployment of those resources. Philton Talahyewa noted that Brian Cole was very familiar with the priorities of the Villages. This would position Building Communities well for this type of service.

Le Roy Shingoitewa noted that back in 2012 when the HAMP project was originally being designed, there was discussion that this water infrastructure would go throughout Hopi. There was an effort to show how each of the Villages could connect to the transmission water infrastructure. It would be great to utilize the ARPA funding to fully extend infrastructure so the Villages could be served (rather than just bypassed by the mainline water infrastructure).

Philton Talahyewa asked about the Emergency Broadband Benefit program. Brian Cole responded by showing program information on the [www.hopiresilience.org](http://www.hopiresilience.org) website. That information is shown as Attachment A.

**7. Next Meeting**

The next meeting will be held on Tuesday, May 31 at 10 am MST.

**8. Adjourn**

The meeting was adjourned at 11:35 am Arizona Time.

# Emergency Broadband Benefit

## EBB: What It Is & How It Works

FCC Acting Chairwoman Jessica Rosenworcel gives an overview of the Emergency Broadband Benefit.

**More Video:** [En español](#) | [American Sign Language](#)

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**Help Has Arrived:** The Emergency Broadband Fund is now available to help eligible American households connect to broadband; the Emergency Connectivity Fund will soon help schools and libraries.

The Emergency Broadband Benefit is an [FCC program](#) to help families and households struggling to afford internet service during the COVID-19 pandemic. This new benefit will connect eligible households to jobs, critical healthcare services, virtual classrooms, and so much more.

### About the Emergency Broadband Benefit

The Emergency Broadband Benefit will provide a discount of up to \$50 per month towards 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 if they contribute more than \$10 and less than \$50 toward the purchase price.

The Emergency Broadband Benefit is limited to one monthly service discount and one device discount per household.

### Who Is Eligible for the Emergency Broadband Benefit Program?

A household is eligible if a member of the household meets *one* of the criteria below:

- Has an income that is at or below 135% of the [Federal Poverty Guidelines](#) or participates in certain assistance programs, such as SNAP, Medicaid, or [Lifeline](#);
- Approved to receive 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;
- 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 and the household had a total income in 2020 at or below \$99,000 for single filers and \$198,000 for joint filers; or
- Meets the eligibility criteria for a participating provider's existing low-income or COVID-19 program.

## How to Apply

Eligible households must **both apply for the program and contact a participating provider to select a service plan.**

There are three ways for eligible households to apply:

1. **Contact a [participating broadband provider](#)** directly to learn about their application process. If you are unable to apply through them directly, you will have to apply using option 2 or 3 below, and then contact a participating provider to select an eligible plan.
2. **Go to [GetEmergencyBroadband.org](https://www.getemergencybroadband.org)** to apply online and to find participating providers near you. After you apply, you will have to contact a participating provider to select an eligible plan.
3. **Call 833-511-0311 for a mail-in application or [print a copy](#)**, and return it along with copies of documents showing proof of eligibility to:

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

After you received a notice that you have qualified for the program, households must contact a participating provider to select an Emergency Broadband Benefit eligible service plan.

## Get More Consumer Information

Check out the [Broadband Benefit Consumer FAQ for more information about the benefit.](#)

## Which Broadband Providers Are Participating in the Emergency Broadband Benefit?

Various broadband providers, including those offering landline and wireless broadband, are participating in the Emergency Broadband Benefit. [Find broadband service providers](#) offering the Emergency Broadband Benefit in your state or territory.

Broadband providers can find more information about how to participate [here](#)