

# ARIZONA



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# 2021 Additional Federal Funding

- **Emergency Broadband Benefit Program**
  - Launched by the FCC, provides a discount of \$50 per month towards broadband service for eligible households and up to \$75 per month for those on tribal lands. Eligible households may also receive up to \$100 to purchase a laptop, desktop or tablet from participating providers if they contribute \$10-\$50 toward the purchase price
  - I have been encouraging schools to sign up as “Outreach” partners in order to get parents notified of the program
  - Schools will be required to verify NSLP for their students
  - <https://www.fcc.gov/broadbandbenefit>
  
- **American Rescue Plan signed into law March 11, 2021 gives \$7.1B for Erate**
  - The FCC will have 60 days to write the rules for the program
  - Another program within USAC
  - 100% funding (Not based on NSLP) on home purchases
  - Reimbursement program – Not vendor billing (SPI)
  - Retroactive but unknown how far back
  - Eligible devices are to be defined (hotspots, “devices”)
  - Extending the school network to the community

# Emergency Connectivity Fund \$7.1B

- Funds are a one-time addition to the Erate Fund and are 100% reimbursable
- Cannot double dip / must have validation / proof of need
- Filing window open from June 29, 2021 – August 13, 2021
  - Laptops / Chromebooks (\$400)
  - Hotspots, modem router (\$250)
  - Infrastructure builds in rural UNserved areas