

Phone and Technology Assistance Programs

Lifeline Telephone Assistance

Lifeline provides free or low-cost phone services for households with low income. You may choose either of the following: Lifeline landline service OR wireless service and a free cell phone. **Only one participant allowed per household.**

- **Eligibility** you may be eligible if you receive any of these benefits:
 - SNAP
 - MassHealth (Medicaid)
 - Supplemental Security Income (SSI)
 - Federal Housing/Section 8 Assistance
 - Veteran's Pension
 - Survivor's Pension
 - OR your total household income is at or below 135% of the poverty guidelines (For current guidelines see: https://www.lifelinesupport.org/do-i-qualify/)
 - You must also have a valid U.S. postal address.
 - One participant per household.
- Benefits you may choose wireless service and a free cell phone OR landline service
 - Wireless Service (Cell Phone) Programs: contact individual programs below to learn about plan details. Apply online through the company of your choice.
 - SafeLink Wireless
 1-800-723-3546
 safelinkwireless.com
 - Assurance Wireless
 1-888-321-5880
 assurancewireless.com/
 - Stand-Up Wireless1-800-544-4441standupwireless.com
 - TruConnect 1-800-430-0443 truconnect.com/lifeline
 - Landline Service: In Massachusetts the Lifeline Landline service program is through Verizon. You can apply for the program at: checklifeline.org/lifeline or

by mailing in the application below. Once approved by Lifeline you can contact Verizon at 1-800-Verizon to select a service.

- Application for Massachusetts Residents:
 verizon.com/supportresources/content/dam/verizon/support/consumer/doc uments/phone/low-cost/ll application nvstates.pdf
- More Information: <u>verizon.com/support/residential/account/manage-account/lifeline-discount</u>

Affordable Connectivity Program

fcc.gov/acp

This new federal program administered by the Federal Communications Commission (FCC) offers discounts on broadband service for eligible households. Device discounts may also be available.

- **Eligibility-** Income at or below 200% of the federal poverty guidelines or participates in or is eligible for certain benefits. Learn more at: fcc.gov/acp
- Benefits- Provides a monthly discount on broadband service of up to \$30 per eligible household (or up to \$75 per eligible household on Tribal lands) and a one-time discount of up to \$100 to purchase a device* (laptop, desktop computer, or tablet) from participating providers if participant contributes more than \$10 and less than \$50 toward the purchase price.
 - There is a limit of one monthly service discount and one device discount per household.
 - o This program can be used in combination with the Lifeline program.
 - *Check provider listings to see if they offer a device discount.
- **To Apply-** You must **both** apply for the program **and** contact a participating provider to select a service plan.
 - Visit <u>ACPBenefit.org</u> to submit an application or print out a mail-in application AND
 - Contact a participating provider to select a service plan and have the discount applied to your bill. See: <u>acpbenefit.org/companies-near-me/</u> for participating providers.

Tech Goes Home

techgoeshome.org/

617-398-7831

The TGH Community Program offers digital skills computer classes for adults led by certified instructors. Classes are held at community partner agencies and each participant who completes a TGH course earns a Chromebook and 12 months of internet service. See current course listings at: technology:recourses