



Maryland

**DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING
AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT**

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Maryland Emergency Broadband Benefit Program



OFFICE OF STATEWIDE BROADBAND

Created by Governor Hogan via Executive Order in 2018 as Governor's Office of "Rural Broadband".

Digital Connectivity Act of 2021 reestablished the Office as Office of Statewide Broadband (OSB) at the Department of Housing and Community Development (DHCD).

Mission:

To ensure that every Marylander has access to broadband services, regardless of their zip code. Through partnerships with local jurisdictions and the private sector, OSB offers direct funding and technical assistance to help entities applying for federal funding opportunities.

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Major Funding Programs:

- Broadband Network Infrastructure Grant Program
 - Offers grants between \$1 Million - \$3 Million to ISP's in partnership with Local Jurisdictions for up to 50% of the construction costs for new broadband networks to service unserved areas.
- Expansion of Existing Broadband Networks Grant Program
 - Offers grants of up to \$200,000 to Local Jurisdictions for up to 50% of the construction costs related to an ISP extending service to unserved neighborhoods.
- Federal Funding Application Assistance
 - Offers 100% grants to Local Jurisdictions and their ISP partners for the costs associated with Federal Funding Applications.
- Maryland Emergency Broadband Benefit Program (Service Subsidy & Device Subsidy)

MARYLAND EMERGENCY BROADBAND BENEFIT PROGRAM – SERVICE SUBSIDY

What is the Maryland EBB Subsidy?

- The MEBB subsidy will provide up to \$15/month against a low-income household's internet service cost.
 - Adding to the \$50 per month provided by the Federal EBB program, eligible consumers can obtain a total benefit of \$65 discount each month.
- Households must be enrolled in the Federal EBB program to receive this benefit.
 - The subsidy will be paid directly to the Internet Service Provider who will reduce the household's monthly bill.
- The MEBB funding will last for 12 months or until funds are exhausted, whichever comes first.

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How do ISP's Participate in the MEBB Subsidy?

1. The ISP must be participating in the Federal EBB Program.
2. ISP wishing to participate in the MEBB Program must register with OSB via an application form to be provided.
 - a) The ISP must submit their Form W-9 to the Office of Statewide Broadband.
 - b) A completed ACH form must be completed and submitted to the Office of Statewide Broadband.
3. A contract must be signed and executed between the ISP and DHCD. A draft of this contract will be provided to participating ISP's.

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MEBB Claims Procedures

The claims procedures for Maryland EBB follows subsequent process required by USAC. OSB will need the following 3 items.

1. Screenshot from the USAC site that shows your “Claims to Certify” as seen below:

May 2021
Claims to Certify

Displaying 1 to 1 of 1 records

Select All Filter claims by: Ready to Certify Type a keyword to search

Ready to Certify	SPIN	SAC	Name	Status	EBBP	One-Time Device Benefit	Total Support	Support Details
<input type="checkbox"/>	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	Ready to Certify	\$34.67	\$0.00	\$34.67	View

Show 5 records/page < 1 > of 1 pages

Certify and Sign

I certify, under penalty of perjury, that:

1. I am an officer authorized to submit the reimbursement request on behalf of the participating provider;
2. I have read the instructions relating to the reimbursements and the funds sought in the reimbursement request are for services and/or devices that were provided in accordance with the Emergency Broadband Benefit Program rules and requirements;

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MEBB Claims Procedures Continued

2. Proof that claim was successfully certified. A screenshot that shows successful submission (as seen below) is acceptable.

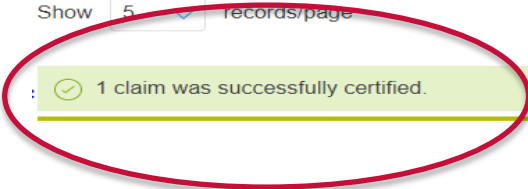
May 2021 Claims to Certify

Displaying 1 to 0 of 0 records (filtered from 1 total records)

Select All Filter claims by Ready to Certify

Ready to Certify	SPIN	SAC	Name ▾	Status	EBBP	One-Time Device Benefit	Total Support	Support Details
No matching records found								

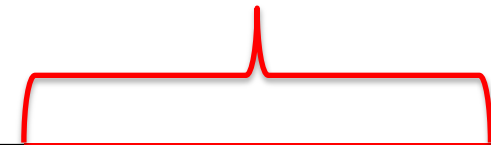
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MEBB Claims Procedures Continued

- Claim spreadsheet submitted to USAC, updated to include 3 additional columns:



Subscriber ID	Rate	Reason Code	Device Benefit	SPIN	SAC	Last Name	First Name	Service Type	Tribal Benefit Flag	Subscriber Broadband Charge (this period)	Subscriber Charge after EBB subsidy (\$50 max subsidy)	MEBB Request (\$15/month maximum subsidy)
1BH3AW16U	75		45	144000001	909993	BUNNY	BUGS	FIXED	0	75	25	15
H2W42261F	0	U1	45	144000001	909993	BUNNY	LOLA	FIXED	0	0	0	0
N254BN3NN	125		45	144000001	909993	DUCK	DAFFY	FIXED	0	125	75	15





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