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Subject: FCC Announces Outreach Grants in the Affordable Connectivity Program and an Additional \$10 Million Funding Opportunity

Greetings from the Office of Native Affairs and Policy.

On March 10 and March 15, the Federal Communications Commission (FCC) announced target funding allocations for the Affordable Connectivity Outreach Grant Program (ACP Outreach Grant Program) and the Affordable Connectivity Outreach Grant Program–Pilot Program Grants (ACP Pilot Program Grants). These grant programs include the following sub-programs: National Competitive Outreach Program (NCOP); Tribal Competitive Outreach Program (TCOP); Your Home, Your Internet (YHYI) Outreach Grants; and the ACP Navigator Pilot Program (NPP) Outreach Grants.

The purpose of the grants is to drive and increase awareness and enrollment in the Affordable Connectivity Program (ACP), the country's largest broadband affordability program in the nation's history. The FCC is providing financial support to select partner organizations nationwide to serve as trusted community messengers about the ACP and equipping them with funding to pursue innovative outreach strategies to reach historically underserved and unserved communities.

Selected partner organizations will now be able to use grant funds to reach these communities in a variety of ways including conducting digital campaigns, canvassing door-to-door, operating phone banks, distributing direct mail, and hosting ACP application enrollment and outreach events.

Here is a link to the March 10 <u>Public Notice and the March 15 Public Notice</u>. The notices provide further instructions for selected recipients, and its appendices list the names of all ACP Outreach Grant Program NCOP and TCOP recipients, and ACP Pilot Program Grants recipients, and the target funding allocations.

In a separate March 15 <u>Order</u> the Commission announced it will offer an additional funding opportunity of up to \$10 million for NCOP and TCOP, which will come from a combination of unspent funding allocated to the Outreach Grant Program and unobligated funding from the ACP Outreach Grant Program budget. The FCC's Consumer and Governmental Affairs Bureau will issue a Notice of Funding Opportunity (NOFO) in the near future to initiate the application process for this additional funding. ONAP will provide information sessions tailored to prospective Tribal applicants during the second TCOP application window.

Further questions regarding the announcement can be directed to: <u>acpgrants@fcc.gov</u>.

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