

# Affordable Connectivity Program Helping Households Connect

The Affordable Connectivity Program is an FCC program that helps connect families and households struggling to afford internet service.

The Affordable Connectivity Program provides:

- Up to \$30/month discount for broadband service;
- Up to \$75/month discount for households on qualifying Tribal lands; and
- A one-time discount of up to \$100 for a laptop, desktop computer, or tablet purchased through a participating provider if the household contributes more than \$10 but less than \$50 toward the purchase price.

The Affordable Connectivity Program is limited to one monthly service discount and one device discount per household.

#### Who Is Eligible?

A household is eligible for the Affordable Connectivity Program if the household income is at or below 200% of the <u>Federal Poverty Guidelines</u>, or if a member of the household meets at least *one* of the criteria below:

- Received a Federal Pell Grant during the current award year;
- Meets the eligibility criteria for a participating provider's existing low-income internet program;
- Participates in one of these assistance programs:
  - SNAP
  - Medicaid
  - Federal Public Housing Assistance
  - Supplemental Security Income (SSI)
  - WIC
  - Veterans Pension or Survivor Benefits
  - or Lifeline;
- Participates in one of these assistance programs and lives on Qualifying Tribal lands:
  - Bureau of Indian Affairs General Assistance
  - Tribal TANF
  - Food Distribution Program on Indian Reservations
  - Tribal Head Start (income based)

Check out fcc.gov/ACP for a Consumer FAQ and other program resources.

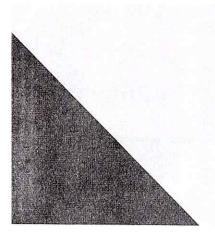
#### Two-Steps to Enroll

- 1. Go to AffordableConnectivity.gov to submit an application or print out a mail-in application; and
- Contact your preferred participating provider to select a plan and have the discount applied to your bill.

Some providers may have an alternative application that they will ask you to complete.

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

Call 877-384-2575



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# About the **Organization**

Austin Free-Net works with the community to provide access to technology training, devices and affordable internet. We have programs to serve a variety of needs, and we focus on helping anyone and everyone!

### **Our Services**

Monday - Friday | 9AM - 4PM

- Public Access Computer Lab
- One-on-One Technical Assistance
- Access to Affordable Devices
- Access to Affordable Internet
- Technology Classes & Workshops

## Classes & Workshops

Ask about our current schedule!

Our computer labs, workshops and classes allow individuals to define their unique needs and receive training that is relevant to their motivations, interests, and goals.

#### Contact:

(512) 236-8225 | access@uastinfree.net www.austinfree.net | @austinfreenet 2209 Rosewood Ave. | Austin TX 78702



I really didn't understand computers - I found them intimidating. Now, I find them exciting.

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CLIENT SINCE 2020 SENIOR TECH CLASS



Increasing access to convenient and private digital devices while simultaneously educating participants on how to use those devices. Complete one of two pathways to earn a FREE device.



Providing community members with one-onone customized and dedicated technology and digital literacy support necessary to accomplish their goals. Schedule an appointment with a qualified Digital Navigator based on your goals and your needs.







# Central Texas Resources for Digital Needs

This **resource list** was put together by Travis County, the City of Austin, and the organizations listed below to provide residents with information on digital Central Texas resources.

\*Indicates bilingual assistance

Organization and Program	Contact	
Who gives out free or discounted devices?		
Austin Free-Net's Learn	www.austinfree.net/learnandearn	
and Earn program		
Austin Public Library's	https://data.austintexas.gov/stories/s/Technology-	
technology lending program	Access/n5ud-qjtt	
*EveryoneOn	www.everyoneon.org/find-offers	
Human-I-T	www.human-i-t.org/affordable-devices	
PC's for People	www.pcsforpeople.org	
Pflugerville Public	https://library.pflugervilletx.gov/services/computers-and-	
Library's hotspot and laptop	internet	
checkout program		
*Workforce Solutions	www.wfscapitalarea.com	
Capital Area		
Where can I access free or discounted internet?		
Affordable Connectivity	www.affordableconnectivity.gov or 877-384-2575	
Program		
*Austin Free-Net	www.austinfree.net	
*EveryoneOn	www.everyoneon.org/find-offers	
Human-I-T	www.human-i-t.org/low-cost-internet or	
	https://store.human-i-t.org	
Pflugerville Public	https://library.pflugervilletx.gov/services/computers-and-	
Library's computer labs and	internet	
free Wi-Fi in building and		
parking lot  Travis County Community	www.google.com/maps/d/viewer?mid=15og-	
Resource centers	UclXtmzZGopnHX3258V321C_NNUG&II=30.34586968	
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Who can help sign people up t	for the Affordable Connectivity Program, a US	
government program to help low-income households pay for internet service and		
connected devices?		
*Austin Free-Net	www.austinfree.net/digital-navigators or 512-236-8225	

*Austin Urban Technology	www.autmhq.org/individuals
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Goodwill Central Texas	CareerAdvancement@goodwillcentraltexas.org
Human-I-T	www.human-i-t.org/acp
Who offers public access to co	
Austin Free-Net	www.austinfree.net
Austin Urban League	https://aaul.org/tca
City of Austin	https://data.austintexas.gov/stories/s/Technology-
	Access/n5ud-qjtt
*El Buen Samaritano	https://elbuen.org/services/adult-education/
Goodwill Central Texas	Goodwill Community Center location
	1015 Norwood Park Blvd open M-Th 8AM-12PM
	and 1PM-4:30PM
	Goodwill Resource Center
	6505 Burleson Road open 8AM-4:30PM
	intake@goodwillcentraltexas.org or 512-637-7569
Pflugerville Public Library	https://library.pflugervilletx.gov/services/computers-and
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Who can help with computer is	
Austin Free-Net's digital	www.austinfree.net/digital-navigators or 512-236-8225
navigators	
Who can help build technology	v skills?
African American Youth	https://aayhf.org
Harvest Foundation's adult	
computer literacy training	
and certifications	
Austin Film Society	www.austinfilm.org/classes-events
Austin Free-Net's digital	www.austinfree.net/public-access-programs
literacy classes and	
workshops	
Austin Public Library's	https://library.austintexas.gov/events/computers-
computer classes at select	technology
libraries	
Austin Urban League	https://aaul.org/tca
*Austin Urban Technology	www.autmhq.org/individuals
Movement (AUTMHQ)	
Community Tech	www.communitytechnetwork.org/blog/category/tech-
Network's Tech Teach-Ins	teach-ins
<b>Community Tech Network</b>	www.communitytechnetwork.org/blog/senior-connect-
and AGE of Central TX's	<u>update</u>
Senior Connect program	
	www.compudopt.org/digitalskills or 855-532-5060
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Goodwill Central Texas's digital skills and online tools	www.goodwillcentraltexas.org/indeed Digital training: intake@goodwillcentraltexas.org or 512-637-7580	
Human-I-T's online computer basics courses and office hours	www.human-i-t.org/digital-training	
Where can I get online resources for building digital skills in multiple languages?		
Austin Free-Net's Digital Navigators	www.austinfree.net	
*Austin Urban Technology Movement (AUTMHQ)	www.autmhq.org/individuals	
*Immigrant Connections	www.immigrantsrefugeesandschools.org/post/google- classroom-and-more-in-multiple-languages	
Texas State Library and Archives Commission	www.tsl.texas.gov/ld/AEL/LandLtoolkit	

### General Assistance

\*ConnectATX (<u>www.unitedwayaustin.org/connectatx</u>) and \*2-1-1 (<u>www.211texas.org</u> or call 2-1-1) also connect you to digital resources along with assistance on food, health, transportation, childcare, job training, and housing.

If you are an organization that provides free or discounted internet, devices, and skills training to Central Texas residents and would like to be added to this list, please contact <a href="mailto:internet@traviscountytx.gov">internet@traviscountytx.gov</a>.

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