Affordable Housing Connectivity Program



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New York's Digital Divide

Affordable housing—whether in urban, suburban, or rural settings—is linked with low broadband adoption rates and slower speeds. Studies also show that low-income households are paying more for lowerspeed internet services.

37% of low-income New Yorkers do not have home broadband subscriptions, and tens of thousands of households do not have sufficient broadband service available.

Families and individuals of all ages living in affordable housing will benefit from better internet connections, improving access to critical services, healthcare, educational resources, and job opportunities. New York State's ConnectALL Office, in consultation with NYS Homes and Community Renewal, is launching a program to provide \$100 million for internet retrofits for affordable housing rental units across the state to support high-speed internet.

The Affordable Housing Connectivity Program (AHCP) will expand the affordability of broadband by funding new or upgraded broadband at affordable housing properties across the State of New York.

How the program works

By completing the <u>survey</u>, owners of affordable housing properties in New York State will be considered for **no-cost** broadband upgrades to their building. Following this, the ConnectALL Office will work with Internet Service Providers to create a plan to upgrade as many eligible properties as possible. Properties that are selected will be paired with an Internet Service Provider to complete the installation.

Properties include those:

- Lacking access to reliable high-speed broadband
- Lacking fiber connectivity
- Having older internal wiring insufficient for high-speed broadband
- Having no choice of internet provider
- Located in urban, suburban, and rural locations
- That are workforce, senior, veteran, supportive, or other types of affordable housing
- That are townhomes, multi-family, or single-family housing

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