

NEWS RELEASE

Broadband Coordination Office

AMERICAN SAMOA DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE



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BCORD OFFICE AWARDED AFFORDABLE CONNECTIVITY OUTREACH GRANT

The American Samoa Department of Commerce's Broadband Coordination, Opportunities, Redevelopment and Deployment Office (BCORD) is a recipient of the Affordable Connectivity Outreach (ACP) grant program funding (National Competitive Outreach Program - NCOP) Round 2 funding from the Federal Communications Commission (FCC).

The BCORD Office stands to receive \$342,760 in funding under the ACP NCOP Round 2 program funding, of which \$4.3 million was available to eligible entities.

The ACP subsidy ensures families can afford broadband services needed for work, school, and their daily lives. The FCC established the ACP Outreach Grant Program to support outreach efforts that encourage engagement and participation in local communities for the ACP. The ACP grants eligible households a discount on their monthly internet bills. The program also offers a one-time discount on a device purchased at a participating internet service provider.

Additional Information:

On April 4, 2023, Governor Lemanu issued an executive order to formally establish the Broadband Coordination office under the American Samoa Department of Commerce. The BCORD office will oversee the management of the BEAD funding, FCC's ACP funding, forthcoming digital equity projects (NTIA), and other technology-driven economic development projects.

For more information on this press release and the other broadband projects, please call the American Samoa Department of Commerce at 684-633-5155 or email bcord@doc.as.gov.

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