

American Rescue Plan (ARP) Resources for Native Americans

Child Tax Credit (CTC)

- Description: The expanded Child Tax Credit (CTC) offers nearly every family in the United States \$3,600 annually for young children and \$3,000 for older children, issued in monthly payments. 60 million+ families are automatically receiving the credit — but families who don't earn enough to have to file taxes are missing out. These families must sign up to receive payments at [GetCTC.org/ic](https://www.getctc.org/ic). This tool is mobile friendly, and most families can complete it within about 15 minutes. **Families must sign up by November 15 to get payments this year.**
- How to Apply:
 - If you have filed a tax return or received a stimulus check, you will automatically receive the payments.
 - If you have not, you can enroll in the CTC at [GetCTC.org/ic](https://www.getctc.org/ic)
 - Those with at least one qualifying child and earning less than \$24,800 a year as a married couple, \$18,650 as a head-of-household, or \$12,400 as single-filer can enroll at [GetCTC.org/ic](https://www.getctc.org/ic). You can also register for your EIP payment (described below) through this form.
- Deadline: Families must apply by Monday, November 15th to get their Child Tax Credit payment in 2021. Go to [GetCTC.org/ic](https://www.getctc.org/ic) to sign up today!
- Website: [GetCTC.org/ic](https://www.getctc.org/ic)
- Questions about how to get your CTC?: Contact BTFA's Trust Beneficiary Call Center (TBCC) at 888-678-6836.

Earned Income Tax Credit (EITC)

- Description: The ARP Earned Income Tax Credit extension raises the maximum EITC for low to moderate income workers without children from roughly \$540 to \$1,500 and raises the qualifying income cap to \$21,000. It also expands the age range of eligible workers to include younger adults aged 19-24 and older adults aged 65 and over.
- How to Apply:
 - To claim the EITC you must file a tax return, even if you are not required to file.
 - If you have a qualifying child, you must file the Schedule EIC listing the children with either the Form 1040A or the Form 1040.
 - If you do not have a qualifying child, you can use the Form 1040EZ.
 - To assist you, there are free and virtual tax preparation services offered through the [Volunteer Income Tax Assistance \(VITA\) program](#).
- Deadline: You can e-file your 2020 tax return with no late filing penalties before October 15, 2021.
- Website: <https://www.benefits.gov/benefit/939>

- Questions about how to get your EITC?: <https://www.irs.gov/credits-deductions/individuals/earned-income-tax-credit-eitc>

Economic Impact Payments (EIP)

- Description: The ARP Economic Impact Payments began rolling out in March 2021 and consist of direct payments of \$1,400 per single individual or \$2,800 for a married couple. Singles making \$75,000 or less, heads-of-household making \$112,500 or less, and married couples making \$150,000 or less will receive the full payments, with the payments gradually diminishing thereafter.
- How to Apply:
 - If you have filed a tax return, you will automatically receive the payment the same way you receive your tax refund (direct deposit, check, pre-paid card).
 - If you already receive federal benefits, you will also receive the payment the same way.
 - However, if you don't typically file a tax return because your income is below tax-filing thresholds, you have two options:
 - Use the IRS non-filer sign-up tool (linked below). You can also register for your Child Tax Credit through this form.
 - File a late 2020 tax return. You will face no late filing penalties if you have no balance due to the IRS. The "Recovery Rebate Credit" on Line 30 on the IRS Form 1040 is where you can claim any EIP you are eligible for but have not yet received. To assist you, there are free and virtual tax preparation services offered through the [Volunteer Income Tax Assistance \(VITA\) program](#).
- Deadline: Rolling – Apply now!
- Website: <https://www.irs.gov/credits-deductions/child-tax-credit-non-filer-sign-up-tool>
- Questions about how to get your EIP?:
<https://www.consumerfinance.gov/coronavirus/managing-your-finances/guide-economic-impact-payments/#more>

Emergency Broadband Benefit Program (EBB Program)

- Description: The ARP Emergency Broadband Benefit Program provides a temporary discount on monthly broadband bills for qualifying low-income households. Eligible households can receive up to \$75/month to discount broadband service and associated equipment rentals if your household is on qualifying Tribal lands and a one-time discount of up to \$100 for a laptop, tablet, or desktop computer (with a copayment between \$10-\$50). Only one EBB Program enrollment per household. Eligibility guidelines can be found [HERE](#).
- How to Apply:

- Eligible households must both apply for the program and contact a participating provider to select a service plan. There are three ways to apply:
 1. **Contact a [participating broadband provider](#)** directly to learn about their application process. If you are unable to apply through them directly, you will have to apply using option 2 or 3 below, and then contact a participating provider to select an eligible plan.
 2. **Go to [GetEmergencyBroadband.org](https://www.fcc.gov/emergency-broadband-benefit)** to apply online and to find participating providers near you. After you apply, you will have to contact a participating provider to select an eligible plan.
 3. **Call 833-511-0311 for a mail-in application or [print a copy](#)**, and return it along with copies of documents showing proof of eligibility to:
 - Emergency Broadband Support Center
P.O. Box 7081
London, KY 40742
- For Options 2 and 3: After you received a notice that you have qualified for the program, households must contact a participating provider to select an Emergency Broadband Benefit eligible service plan.
- **Deadline:** The program will end when it runs out of money or six months after the Department of Health and Human Services declares an end to the COVID-19 health emergency, whichever is sooner.
- **Website:** <https://www.fcc.gov/broadbandbenefit>
- **Questions about how to access the EBB program?:** <https://www.fcc.gov/consumer-faq-emergency-broadband-benefit>

Emergency Rental Assistance (ERA)

- **Description:** The ARP Emergency Rental Assistance program allows local programs to cover rent, utilities, and home energy costs. This includes electricity, gas, fuel oil, water and sewer, and trash removal. If your landlord normally pays for utilities or home energy costs, these are counted as part of your rent. Rental assistance can also cover reasonable late fees, internet service to your home, and moving expense and other rental-related fees (security deposits, application fees, etc.) for families who have to move. Eligibility is based on experiencing COVID-19 hardship (like loss of income or employment, or owing a large expense), housing instability, and income level. More information on eligibility can be found [HERE](#).
- **How to Apply:**
 - To apply visit the [CFPB's Find Rental Assistance Programs Tool](#) and search for your tribe or tribally designated housing authority. Tribal citizens may also access state programs.
 - Follow the link for your local ERA program and fill out the required application.

- You can initiate the application and, in some cases, your landlord may have already applied and you will need to complete your portion of the application.
- In some areas, you can receive the rental assistance directly, while in others payments go directly to the landlord.
- If you cannot find a program in your area, call 2-1-1 or your local housing authority for assistance.
- When applying, you will need to demonstrate that your income is eligible (ex. Unemployment benefits document, pay stubs, a statement from your employer) and that you're experiencing housing instability (ex. Past due utility or rent bill or eviction notice, proof that you live in unsafe or unhealthy living conditions).
- Note: In some states and cities, tenants are protected by an eviction moratorium or a rental assistance application can halt an eviction case. Check with your local legal aid office for information.
- Deadline: Rolling – Apply now!
- Website: Program website varies by location. Use the [CFPB Tool](#) to find a link for your local program.
- Questions about how to get ERA?: Contact your local program or housing authority.

Homeowner Assistance Fund (HAF)

- Description: The ARP Homeowner Assistance Fund will provide financial assistance for qualified expenses to homeowners who have experienced financial hardship and with incomes equal to or less than 150 percent of the area median income for their household size or 100 percent of the median income for the United States, whichever is greater. Qualified expenses include mortgage delinquencies, defaults, foreclosures, loss of utilities or home energy services, and displacement.
- How to Apply:
 - HAF is accessed through Tribal and local programs.
 - HAF funds have not yet been fully distributed to administering programs but once opened, eligible Tribal citizens may apply for their tribe or tribally designated housing authorities' program or a local program.
- Deadline: TBD
- Website: <https://home.treasury.gov/policy-issues/coronavirus/assistance-for-state-local-and-tribal-governments/homeowner-assistance-fund>
- Questions about HAF?: <https://home.treasury.gov/system/files/136/HAF-Guidance.pdf>

Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP)

- Description: LIHEAP helps keep families safe and healthy through initiatives that assist families with energy costs. LIHEAP provides federally funded assistance in managing costs associated with home energy bills, energy crises, weatherization and energy-related minor home repairs. LIHEAP can help you stay warm in the winter and cool in

the summer through programs that reduce the risk of health and safety problems that arise from unsafe heating and cooling practices.

- How to Apply:
 - LIHEAP is accessed through state, territory, and tribal programs; application deadlines and eligibility requirements differ.
 - Please see website information below for contact in your state or tribe; **you can also call the National Energy Assistance Referral (NEAR) hotline at 1-866-674-6327 or email energyassistance@ncat.org**
- Deadline: Varies – check with your [local agency](#)
- Website:
 - State and territory contact listing: <https://www.acf.hhs.gov/ocs/map/liheap-map-state-and-territory-contact-listing>
 - Tribal contact listing: <https://www.acf.hhs.gov/ocs/map/liheap-map-tribal-contact-listing>
 - Local intake agency by county: <https://hhs-acf.maps.arcgis.com/apps/opsdashboard/index.html#/683ba3b0c2064498a4a60fc04644a1ea>
- Questions about how to get LIHEAP?: Call the National Energy Assistance Referral (NEAR) hotline at 1-866-674-6327 or email energyassistance@ncat.org