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## **CONSUMER AND GOVERNMENTAL AFFAIRS BUREAU AND WIRELINE COMPETITION BUREAU ANNOUNCE ACP PILOT PROGRAM GRANTS TARGET FUNDING**

### **WC Docket No. 21-450**

The Federal Communications Commission (FCC) is announcing today target funding allocations for the Affordable Connectivity Outreach Grant Program—Pilot Program Grants (ACP Pilot Program Grants). The total amount of targeted funding is \$4,995,831 for the Your Home, Your Internet (YHYI) Outreach Grants, and \$2,449,311 for the Navigator Pilot Program (NPP) Outreach Grants.

The ACP continues to play an integral role in helping to bridge the broadband affordability gap. In August 2022, the FCC adopted an order establishing the Affordable Connectivity Outreach Grant Program (ACP Outreach Grant Program) to facilitate the promotion and awareness of and participation in the Affordable Connectivity Program (ACP) among eligible households.<sup>1</sup> In November 2022, the FCC released a Notice of Funding Opportunity (NOFO) for the ACP Pilot Program Grants.<sup>2</sup> Today, as part of this announcement, the FCC is enlisting partners to serve as trusted community messengers and providing those partners with the funding and resources needed to implement innovative outreach strategies to reach historically underserved and unserved communities in connection with their participation in two one-year ACP Pilot Programs: (1) the Your Home, Your Internet Pilot Program, which is focused on ACP outreach and application support to recipients of federal housing assistance; and (2) the ACP Navigator Pilot Program, which provides selected applicants access to the National Verifier to help low-income households complete and submit their ACP application.<sup>3</sup>

The ACP Outreach Grant Program also includes the National Competitive Outreach Program (NCOP) and the Tribal Competitive Outreach Program (TCOP). On March 10, 2023, the FCC announced combined funding allocations of \$66 million for NCOP and TCOP.<sup>4</sup>

In determining funding allocations for the ACP Pilot Program Grants, FCC reviewed over 75 grant applications to determine the impact of proposed projects against the ACP Pilot Program Grants' goals,

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<sup>1</sup> See generally *Affordable Connectivity Program*, Second Report and Order, WC Docket No. 21-450, FCC 22-64 (2022) (*Second ACP Order*) (establishing ACP Outreach Grant Program).

<sup>2</sup> See *Affordable Connectivity Outreach Grant Program – Pilot Programs*, Notice of Funding Opportunity, FCC-ACOGP-23-002 (Nov. 21, 2022).

<sup>3</sup> Additional information on the two Pilot Programs is available at <https://www.fcc.gov/affordable-connectivity-pilot-programs>.

<sup>4</sup> Public Notice, *Consumer and Governmental Affairs Bureau Announces ACP Outreach Grant Program Target Funding*, WC Docket No. 21-450, DA 23-194 (CGB Mar. 10, 2023).

objectives, and priorities. Submitted applicants were assessed using the following three-step review process:

1. **Eligibility** review to determine if the applicant is eligible and submitted a complete application package as required in the NOFO;
2. **Merit** review to determine the quality of proposed projects against program objectives, activities, and costs/budget using pre-determined criteria; and
3. **Risk** review to determine fiscal stability of an applicant using many factors including the quality of the management systems, history of grant performance, and audit reports and findings.

At the conclusion of the three-step review process, applicants were selected for funding consistent with the funding determination process outlined in the ACP Pilot Program Grants NOFO.

#### **Target Funding Allocations**

Target funding allocations for the two ACP Pilot Programs:<sup>5</sup>

- Your Home, Your Internet Pilot Program: \$4,995,831
- ACP Navigator Pilot Program: \$2,449,311

Entity-specific target funding allocations are enclosed as part of the Appendices contained within this Public Notice. Following today's announcement, the FCC's Consumer and Governmental Affairs Bureau will contact applicable entities to finalize allocations and subsequently issue Notices of Award (NOAs). The Wireline Competition Bureau will provide information to pilot participants on the start of their one-year (12 months) period of performance for the two pilot programs.

Further questions regarding today's announcement can be directed to: [acpgrants@fcc.gov](mailto:acpgrants@fcc.gov).

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<sup>5</sup> While a NOFO was released for both Pilot Programs to provide funding to support outreach activities of eligible entities selected to participate in the Your Home, Your Internet Pilot Program and ACP Navigator Pilot Programs, entities could still participate in those Pilot Programs without funding. Accordingly, this Public Notice does not serve as an exhaustive list of entities selected to participate in the Pilot Programs. The Wireline Competition Bureau will make a forthcoming announcement with the full list of Pilot Program participants.

The FY 2023 Your Home, Your Internet recipients and target funding amounts are provided in the table below.

<b>ACP Your Home, Your Internet Pilot Program</b>			
<b>#</b>	<b>Name</b>	<b>State</b>	<b>Target Funding Amount</b>
1	Housing Authority of the Birmingham District	Alabama	\$262,397
2	Housing Authority of the City of Santa Barbara	California	\$75,000
3	San Diego Housing Commission	California	\$230,114
4	Adams County Housing Authority dba Maiker Housing Partners	Colorado	\$557,265
5	Housing Authority of the City of Tampa	Florida	\$152,413
6	Chicago Housing Authority	Illinois	\$242,940
7	Lake County Housing Authority	Illinois	\$167,383
8	Fort Wayne Housing Authority	Indiana	\$403,432
9	Louisville Metro Housing Authority	Kentucky	\$33,937
10	Housing Authority of Baltimore City	Maryland	\$229,061
11	Maryland Department of Housing and Community Development	Maryland	\$88,237
12	Sturgis Housing Commission	Michigan	\$421,569
13	Housing Authority of the City of Reno	Nevada	\$57,459
14	Jersey City Housing Authority	New Jersey	\$141,309
15	INLIVIAN	North Carolina	\$301,892
16	Akron Metropolitan Housing Authority	Ohio	\$183,737
17	Cheyenne and Arapaho Housing Authority	Oklahoma	\$241,200
18	Home Forward	Oregon	\$331,989
19	Metropolitan Development and Housing Agency	Tennessee	\$372,109
20	Housing Authority of the City of Austin	Texas	\$250,980
21	Housing Authority of the City of Brownsville	Texas	\$30,145
22	Utah Paiute Tribal Housing Authority, LLC	Utah	\$50,000
23	King County Housing Authority	Washington	\$171,263
<b>TOTAL:</b>			<b>\$4,995,831</b>

The FY 2023 ACP Navigator Pilot Program recipients and target funding amounts are provided in the table below.

<b>ACP Navigator Pilot Program</b>			
<b>#</b>	<b>Name</b>	<b>State</b>	<b>Target Funding Amount</b>
1	Coconino County	Arizona	\$228,266
2	University of Arkansas for Medical Sciences	Arkansas	\$474,943
3	City of South Bend	Indiana	\$193,200
4	Montgomery County, Maryland	Maryland	\$250,000
5	Jersey City Housing Authority	New Jersey	\$356,205
6	Brooklyn Public Library	New York	\$250,003
7	Cuyahoga County Public Library	Ohio	\$377,154
8	Harris County, Texas	Texas	\$149,824
9	Government of Salt Lake County	Utah	\$169,716
<b>TOTAL:</b>			<b>\$2,449,311</b>