

The Covid-19 stimulus bill expands broadband internet access during the pandemic | Vox

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Tucked inside the \$900 billion Covid-19 stimulus bill are some pretty big broadband provisions aimed at getting more Americans the internet, at a time when connection is so pivotal in so many parts of everyday life.

The pandemic relief bill, passed by both houses of Congress at the start of the week, sets aside \$7 billion in funding for broadband connectivity and infrastructure. That amount includes \$3.2 billion for a \$50-a-month emergency broadband benefit for low-income households and those that have suffered a significant loss of income in 2020, and a \$75-a-month rebate for those living on tribal lands. It also includes \$1 billion in grants for tribal broadband programs, \$300 million for rural broadband grants, and funds toward telehealth, broadband mapping, and broadband in communities surrounding historically Black colleges and universities.

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