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CHA Receives \$240K for Outreach on Program That Provides Resident Internet, Device Discounts

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One of two Illinois housing authorities to receive connectivity funding

CHICAGO (April 5, 2023) – The Chicago Housing Authority (CHA) is one of two housing authorities in Illinois to receive funding from the Federal Communication Commission (FCC) for a Affordable Connectivity Outreach Grant Program (ACP) called “Your Home Your Internet.”

The ACP, which provides internet and device discounts to public housing residents and voucher holders, allows eligible CHA households to receive up to a \$30 monthly discount on their internet service, and a one-time discount of \$100 to purchase a computer, laptop, or tablet.

CHA was awarded \$240,940 for the one-year pilot program to educate, conduct outreach, and enroll households. Its goal is to reach 20,000 families and enroll 7,000 households in the program.

“This program is a great opportunity for our residents to not only save a substantial amount of money on what is an essential service, but also to obtain new equipment that will enhance digital literacy skills and confidence in their pursuit of stability and economic power,” said Patricia Steward, CHA’s Digital Inclusion Manager. “Our job now is to make as many residents and participants as possible aware and enroll in this program, so that they can reach their goals and achieve their dreams.”

CHA is one of 23 housing authorities to receive almost \$5 million in grants, and one of two in Illinois. The other is Lake County Housing Authority.

The ACP plays an integral role in helping to bridge the broadband affordability gap. In August 2022, the FCC adopted an order establishing the ACP to facilitate awareness of the ACP program among eligible households.

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About Chicago Housing Authority: *CHA's vision is to foster strong, vibrant communities throughout Chicago by increasing affordable housing choices for low-income families. As the largest rental housing provider in the City of Chicago, CHA serves more than 133,000 people in 63,000 households across the city through our Public Housing, Housing Choice Voucher, and Project-Based Voucher programs. For more information, visit www.thecha.org*