

# Lifeline Information

BMTC provides a federal assistance program for low-income citizens. The Lifeline program provides reduced monthly charges to telephone or broadband customers who qualify. To be eligible, subscribers must have a household income that is at or below 135% of the Federal Poverty Guidelines or must participate in at least one of the following public assistance programs listed below. In addition to income qualifications or program participation, broadband customers must subscribe to speeds at or above 20mbps/3mbps.

**Medicaid**

**Federal Public Housing Assistance (FPHA)**

**Food Stamps**

**Veterans Pension or Survivors Pension Benefit**

**Supplemental Security Income (SSI)**

Lifeline provides eligible subscribers with a credit of \$5.25/month on their basic telephone service or \$9.25/month on their broadband charges with speeds at or above 20mbps/3mbps. The credit applies on the main home telephone line or broadband service listed in the name of the eligible telephone company subscriber. Lifeline subscribers also may receive blocking of long distance calling on their telephone line at no charge.

If you meet the eligibility requirements, you must completely fill out and sign an application form. You must also provide proof of program participation or income eligibility. Acceptable forms of documentation include:

**Prior year tax return**

**Paycheck stubs (must be 3 consecutive months within current calendar year)**

**Social Security Statement of Benefits**

**Veterans Administration Statement of Benefits**

**Retirement/Pension Statement of Benefits**

**Unemployment/Workman's Compensation Statement of Benefits**

**Divorce Decree, child support, or other official document**

***If you feel you qualify for this program or would like more information,***

***Please call us at 605-763-2500 or stop into our Main Office***