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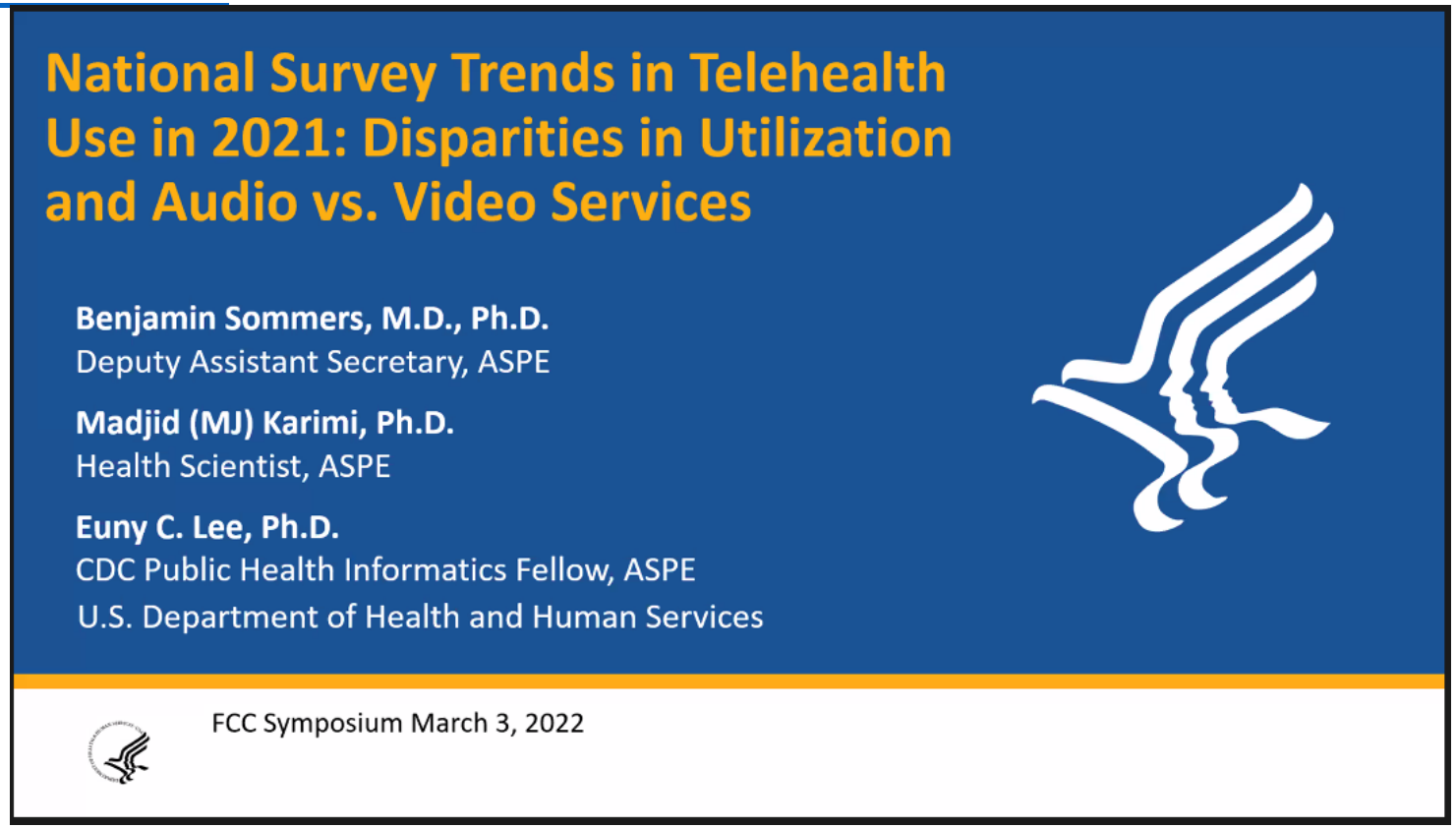
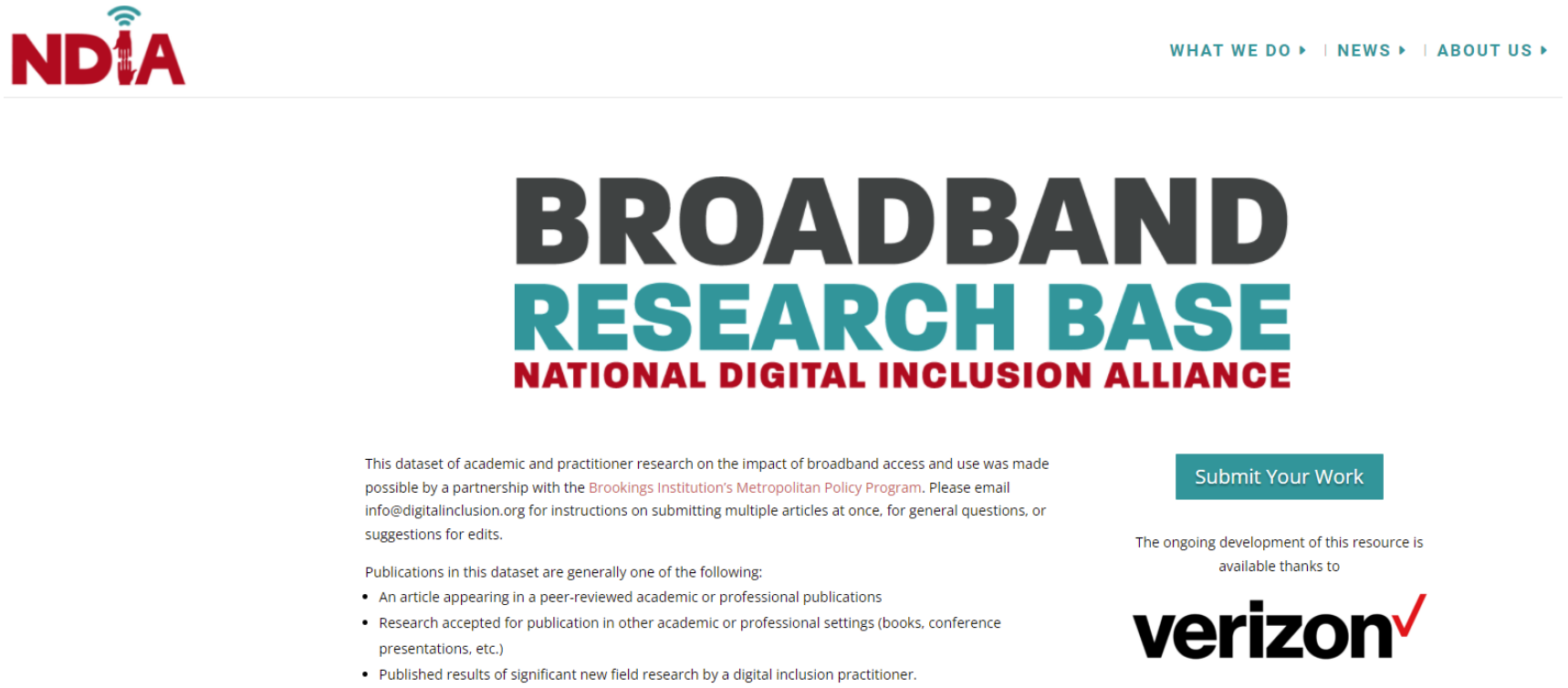


Connect with the Connect2Health[FCC] Task Force

- **Website:** https://www.fcc.gov/health
- **E-mail:** connect2health@fcc.gov
- **Twitter:** #C2HFCC
- **Schedule a Meeting:** engageC2H@fcc.gov

Broadband Research Base - National Digital Inclusion Alliance

https://www.digitalinclusion.org/broadband-research-base/



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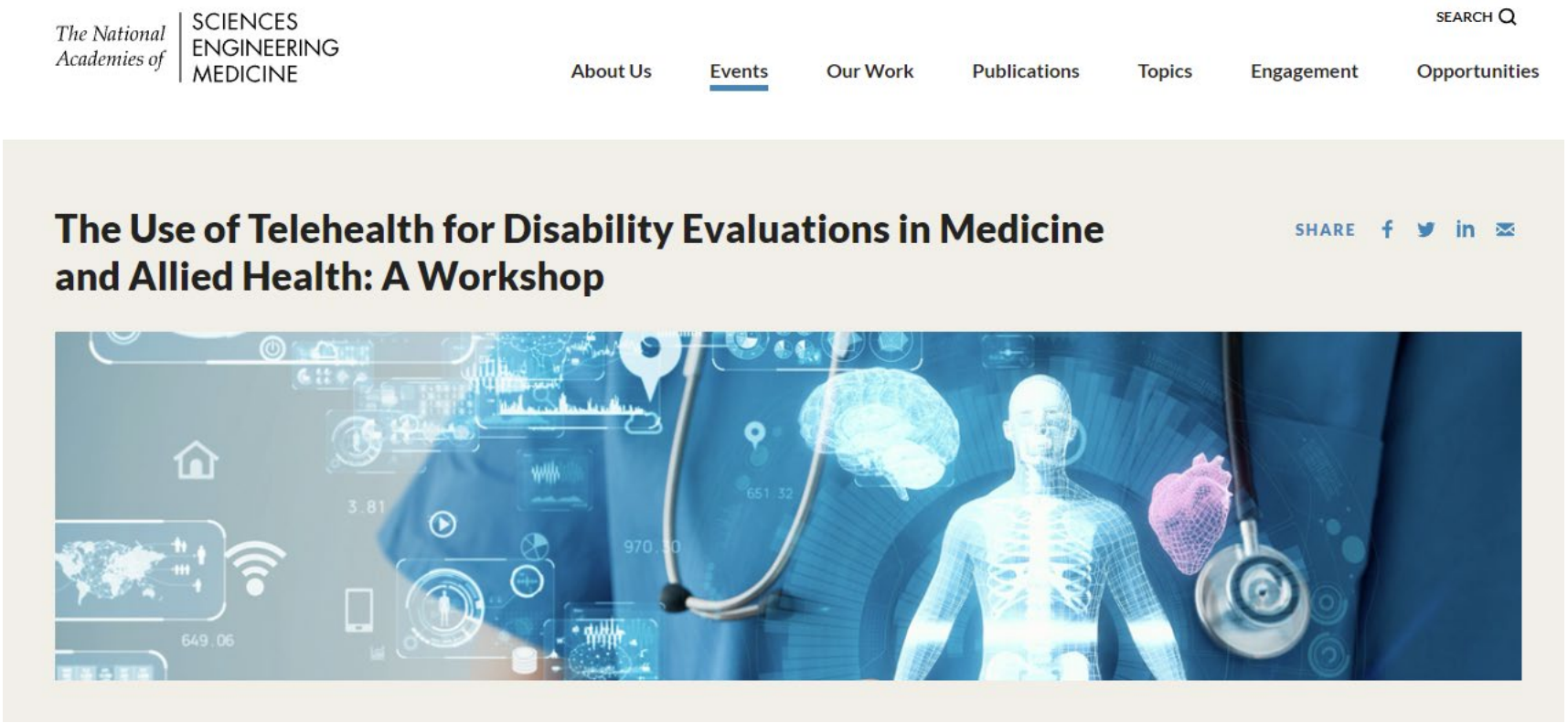

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Monthly Grant Series

Meet the Grant Writing Experts & Write a Successful Grant!

- Second Tuesdays = Webinars
- Tuesday February 8 Kick Off
  Meet the Experts/Overview of Grants & Share HOT Tips
- Tuesday March 8 RUS Distance Learning & Telemedicine Grants
  (RUS DLT Grants)
- Tuesday April 12 Broadband – AZ and Beyond
- Second Thursdays = Virtual Office Hours with Specific groups/regions/projects

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https://www.rd.usda.gov/programs-services/telecommunications-programs/distance-learning-telemedicine-grants

- Fact sheet @ link above
- Dates will be announced this spring or fall for this year

USDA Rural Development
U.S. DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

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USDA Distance Learning & Telemedicine Grant Program (DLT)

Opportunity to Apply for Funding

The USDA begins accepting applications for funding under the DLT program on April 5, 2021. Applications must be received no later than June 4, 2021, to be eligible for funding under this grant opportunity.

- **The Agency encourages applicants to consider projects that will promote equity and economic opportunity in rural America, specifically those that advance the following key priorities:**
  - **Containing the COVID-19 pandemic**
  - **Ensuring racial equity**
  - **Rebuilding our rural economy and**
  - **Addressing the climate crisis.**
- **Congress provided USDA Rural Development $57 million in DLT funding in Fiscal Year (FY) 2021. As it was authorized to do, the Agency**

What does this program do?
This grant program helps rural communities acquire the technology and training necessary to connect educational and medical professionals with students, teachers, and patients in rural areas.

Who may apply for this program?
Eligible applicants that provide education or health care services through telecommunications facilities, include:

- State and local governmental entities
- Federally recognized Tribes
- Nonprofit organizations
- For-profit businesses
- Consortia of eligible entities

What is an eligible area?
The intent of the DLT program is to benefit rural areas with populations of 20,000 or less.

How may funds be used?
Grant funds may be used for:

- Audio, video and interactive video equipment
- Broadband facilities that support distance learning or telemedicine

What kinds of funding are available?
Grants funds are awarded through a nationally competitive process. Funding is not currently available for DLT loans or loan / grant combinations.

What are some grant requirements?

- Awards can range from $50,000 to $1 million
- A minimum 15 percent match is required and cannot be from another federal source

How do we get started?

- Application windows for this program are announced through the national office on a periodic basis
- Program Resources are available online at rd.usda.gov (includes forms, guidance, certifications, etc.)
- Check back here or contact your General Field Representative for additional information

Who can answer questions?
Contact a General Field Representative that serves your area. Call (202) 720-0800 or email dltinfo@usda.gov.

What governs this program?

- Code of Federal Regulation:

RUS-DLT Virtual Office Hours
Thursday March 10 @10am – 11am MST

jmajor@telemedicine.arizona.edu

Tuesday April 12 10am – 11:30am Broadband Grants

- **The need for broadband access and adoption is greater than ever. Please join us for an overview of broadband federal funding programs and the various services they can provide to your communities. Topics discussed will include:**
  - **USDA Community Connect Grant**
  - **NTIA Broadband Infrastructure Program**
  - **NTIA Tribal Broadband Connectivity Program**
  - **NTIA Connecting Minority Communities Program**
  - **NTIA State Formula Grants**
  - **NTIA Digital Equity Capacity Grant Program**
  - **And broadband funding best practices!**
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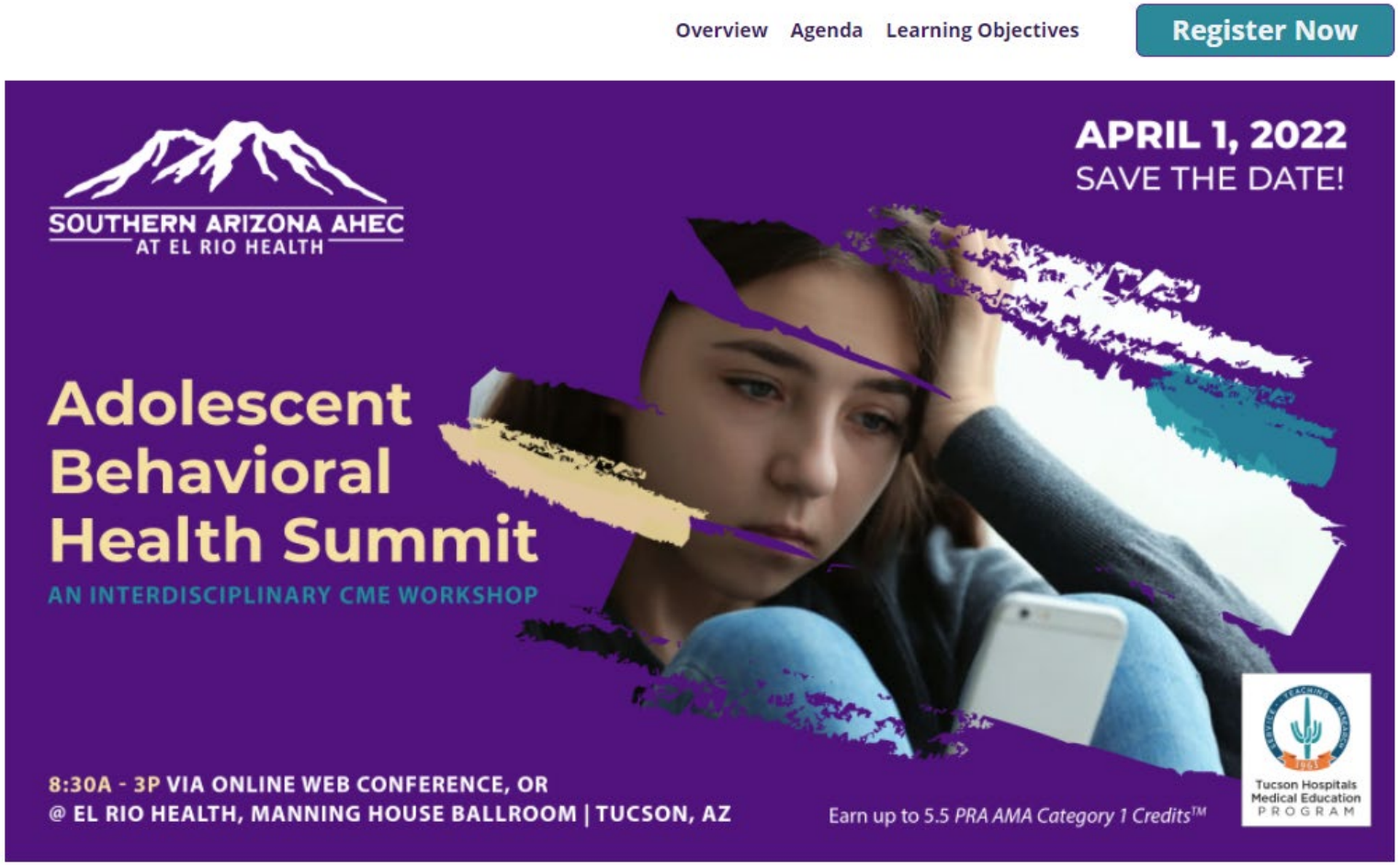

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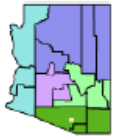

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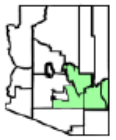

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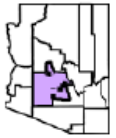

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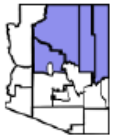

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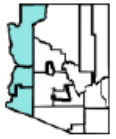

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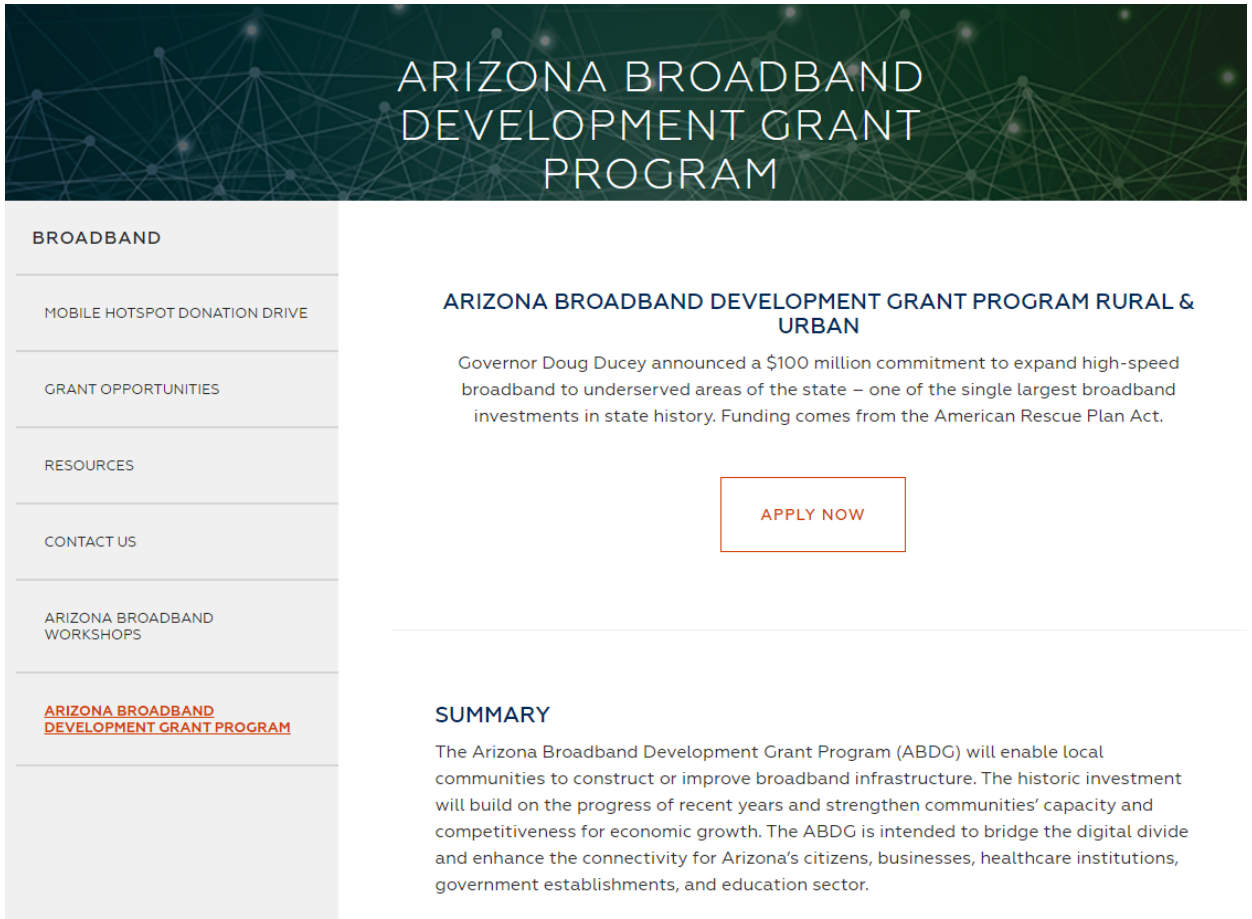

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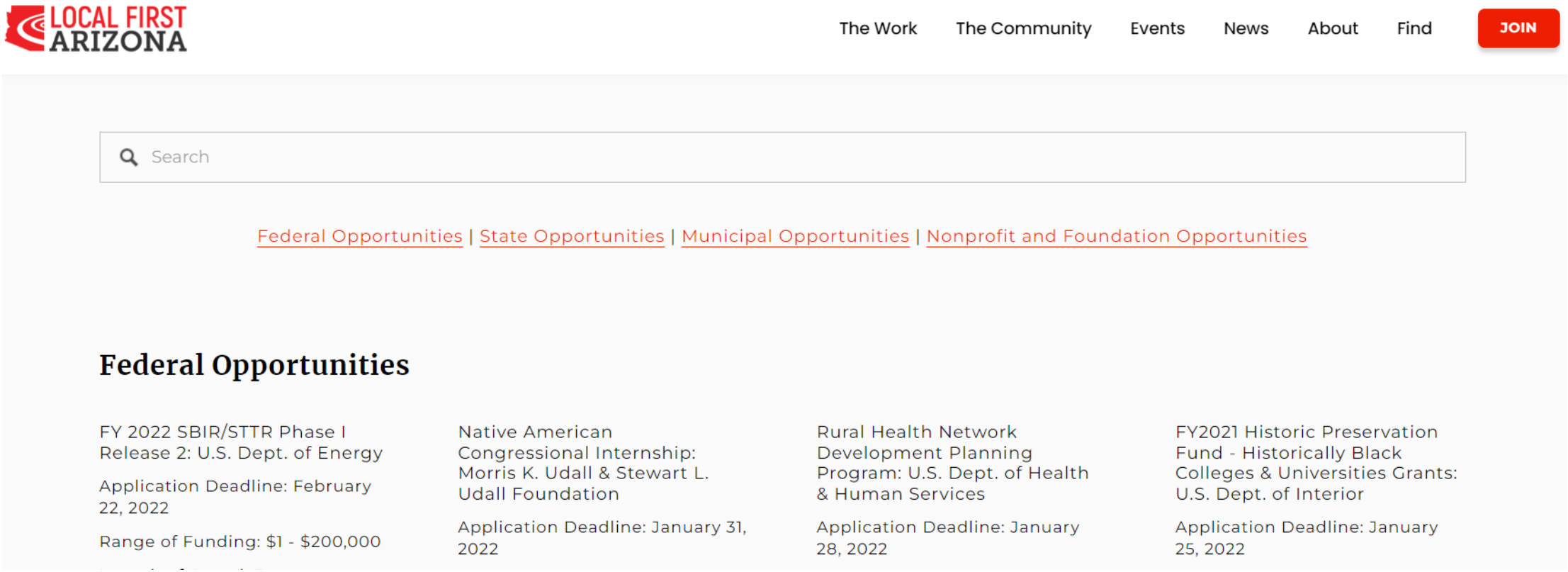

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EBB is now ACP!
ACPBenefit.org

- NEWSFLASH: the FCC's EBB Emergency Broadband Benefit is now ACP: the Affordable Connectivity Program.
- This continues an FCC benefit program that helps ensure that households can afford the broadband they need for work, school, healthcare and more. The benefit provides a discount of up to $30 per month toward internet service for eligible households and up to $75 per month for households on qualifying Tribal lands. Eligible households can also receive a one-time discount of up to $100 to purchase a laptop, desktop computer, or tablet from participating providers if they contribute more than $10 and less than $50 toward the purchase price.
- The Affordable Connectivity Program is limited to one monthly service discount and one device discount per household.

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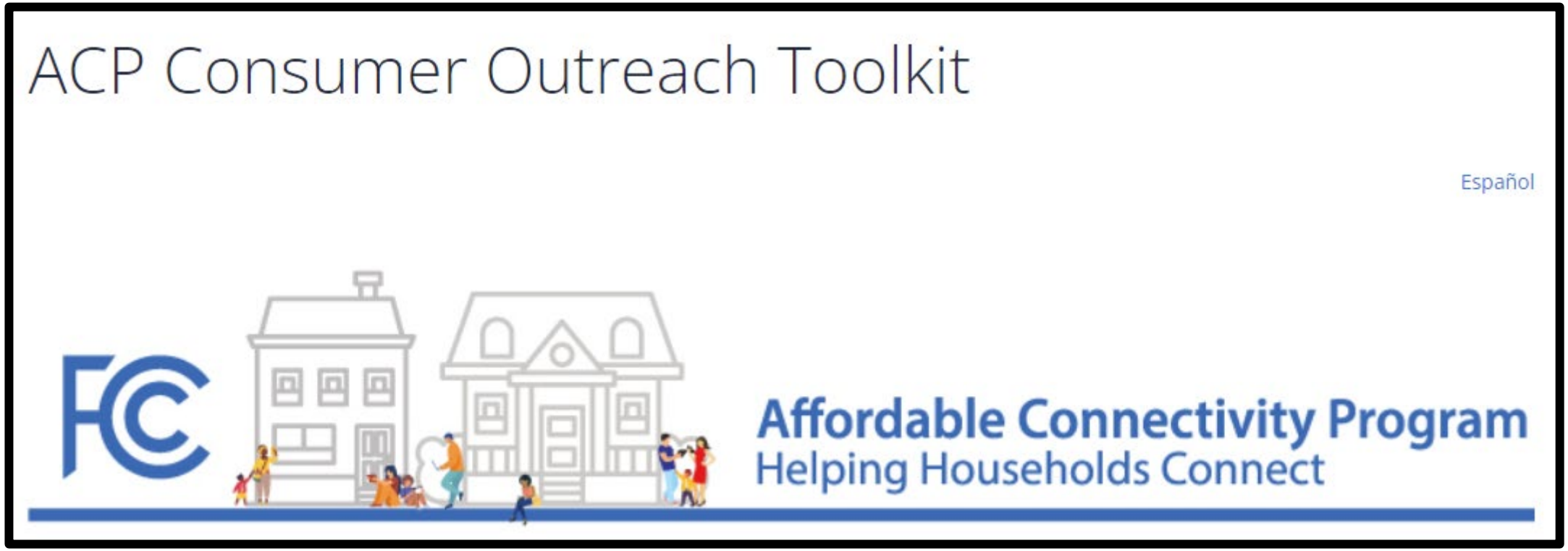
ACP Affordable Connectivity Program Toolkit Webpage

- https://www.fcc.gov/acp-consumer-outreach-toolkit



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Consumer Awareness Content

- **Fact Sheet** (8 1/2" x 11" Word) - English | Spanish
- **Fact Sheet** (8 1/2" x 11" PDF) - English | Spanish
- **Flyer I** (8 1/2" x 11" PDF) - English | Spanish
- **Flyer I** (8 1/2" x 11" PNG) - English | Spanish
- **Flyer II** (8 1/2" x 11" PDF) - English | Spanish
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- **Consumer Handout** (9" x 5" PDF) - English | Spanish
- **Consumer Handout** (4" x 4" PDF) - English | Spanish
- **Audio PSA** (MP3) - English | Spanish
- **Audio PSA** (Word) - English | Spanish
- **Tribal Benefit PSA** - MP3 | Word
- **Overview Videos** - English | Spanish | ASL
- **Newsletter Blurb** (Word) - English | Spanish
- **Press Release** - Word
- **Social Media Posts** (Word) - English | Spanish

Consumer handouts and the fact sheet are also available in Arabic, Chinese-Traditional, Chinese-Simplified, French, Haitian-Creole, Korean, Portuguese, Russian, Spanish, Tagalog, and Vietnamese.

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Resources

Arizona

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Utah

- Telemedicine & Telehealth Service Provider Directory
- Business & Finance
- Form Templates
- Policy & Sustainability
- Standards & Guidelines
- Telemedicine Information
- Tools & Tips
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National Consortium of Telehealth Resource Centers (NCTRC) - Find your TRC

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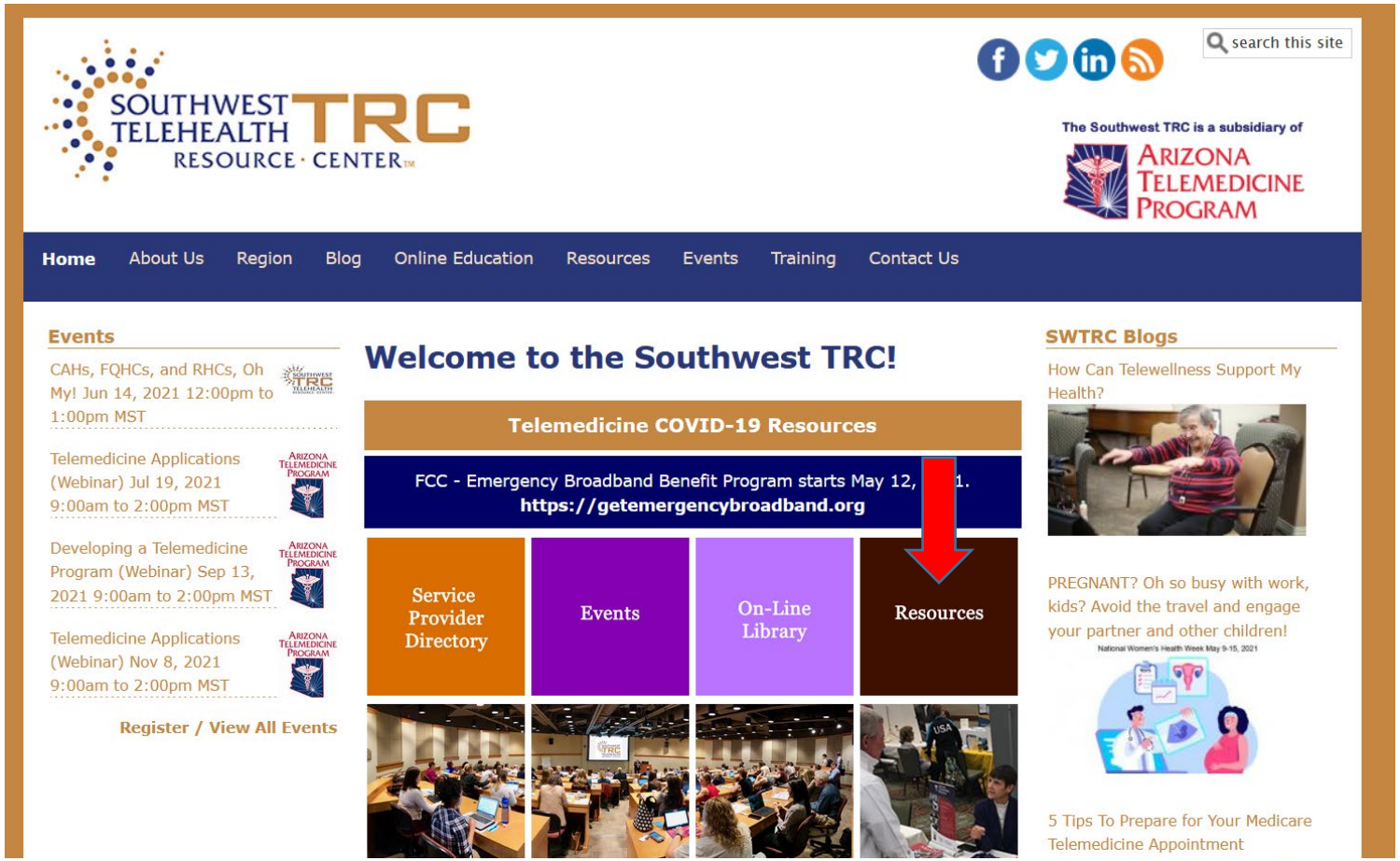

https://southwesttrc.org/

Top 10 Grant Writing Tips

- Start early
- Reach out to PO to verify fit
- Read review/scoring criteria & tailor grant to them
- Many require matching funds – get commitments & budget appropriately
- Clearly assess, document & summarize need/rationale/population served
- Have clear work plan with deliverables & timeline
- Metrics, benchmarks & criteria for success
- Collaborate – stakeholders, patients, industry, TRCs etc. – letters support
- Experience, skills, capabilities
- Have others read (critically) proposal

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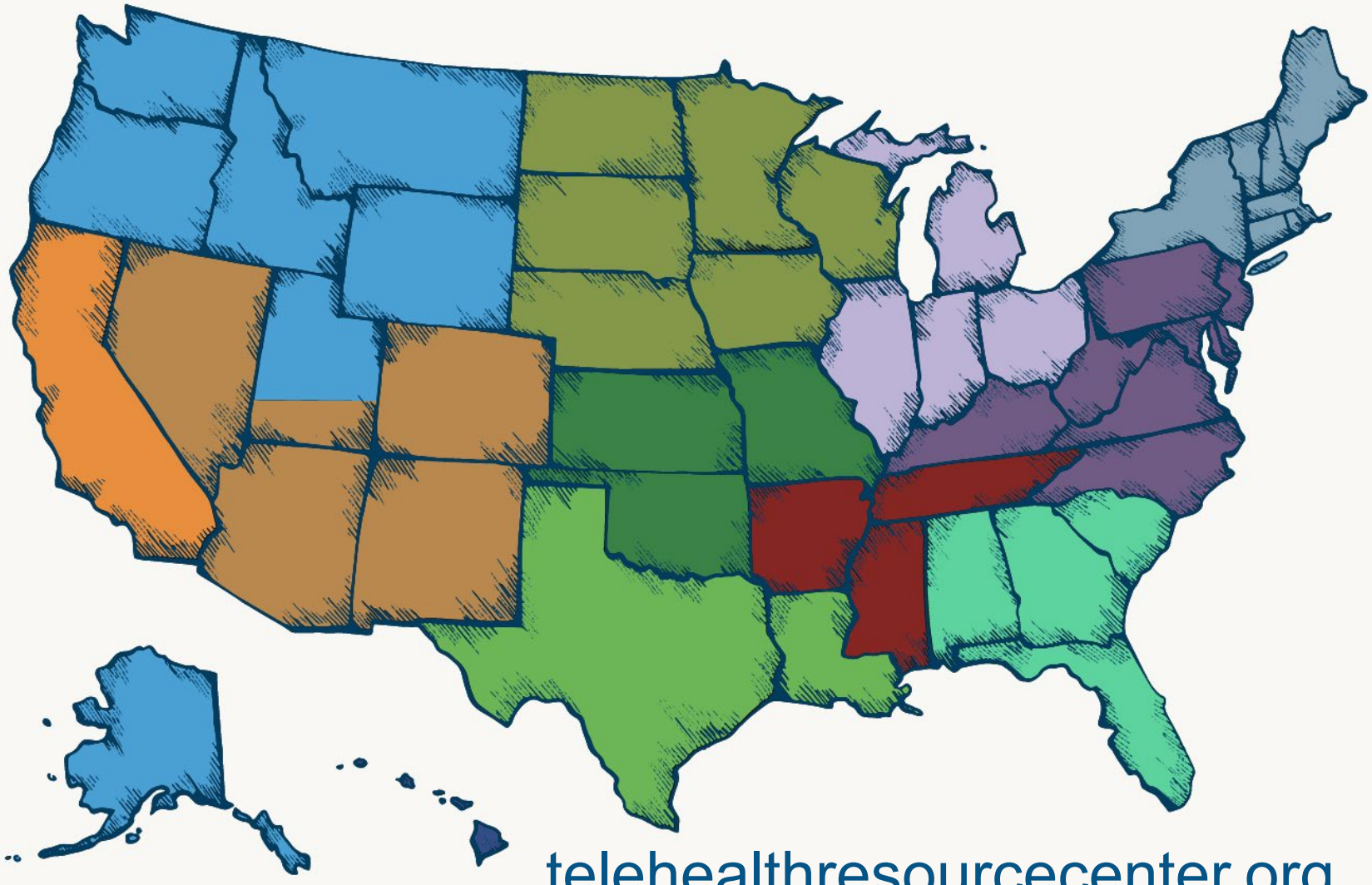

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NATIONAL CENTERS

Center for Connected Health Policy
The National Telehealth Policy Resource Center

TTAC
TelehealthTechnology.org

REGIONAL CENTERS

NRTRC Northwest Regional Telehealth Resource Center

gpTRAC Great Plains Telehealth Resource & Assistance Center

Upper Midwest Telehealth Resource Center

Mid-Atlantic Telehealth Resource Center

Northeast Telehealth Resource Center

California Telehealth Resource Center
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Southwest TRC Telehealth Resource Center

TexLa Telehealth Resource Center

HTRC Heartland Telehealth Resource Center

University of Arkansas for Medical Sciences
South Central Telehealth Resource Center
LearnTelehealth.org

Southeastern telehealth Resource Center

Pacific Basin Telehealth Resource Center
The University of Hawai'i at Mānoa

NCTRC Webinars

https://telehealthresourcecenter.org/events/

- CHC Series
- Best Practices
- Information Security
- Medicaid and Permanent COVID-19 Telehealth Policies
- Provider Burnout and the EMR
- Remote Specialty Coverage: Telehealth Beyond Stroke

https://www.matrc.org/6371/

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It's Grant Season! See Winter Funding Opportunities Here!

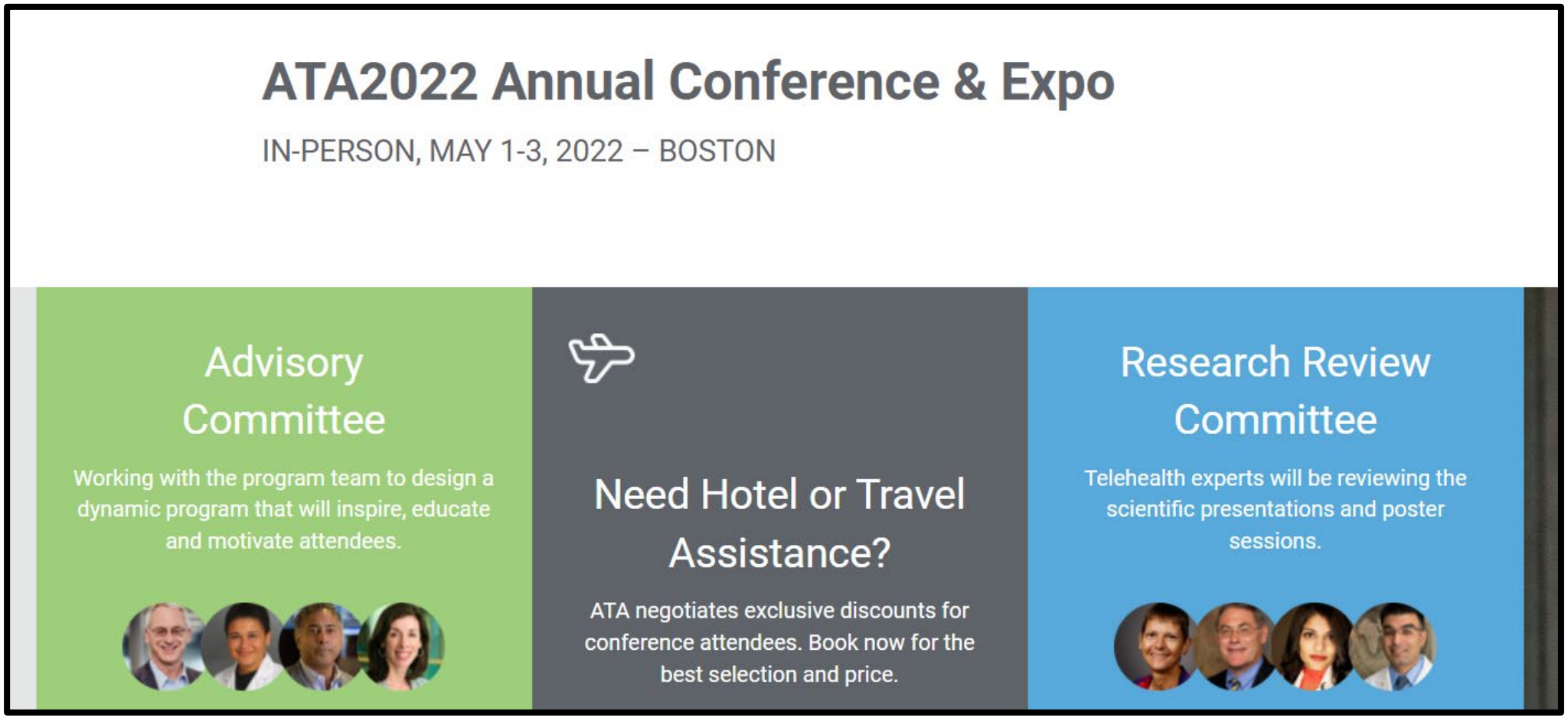
Posted on December 21, 2021 by Kathy Wibberly

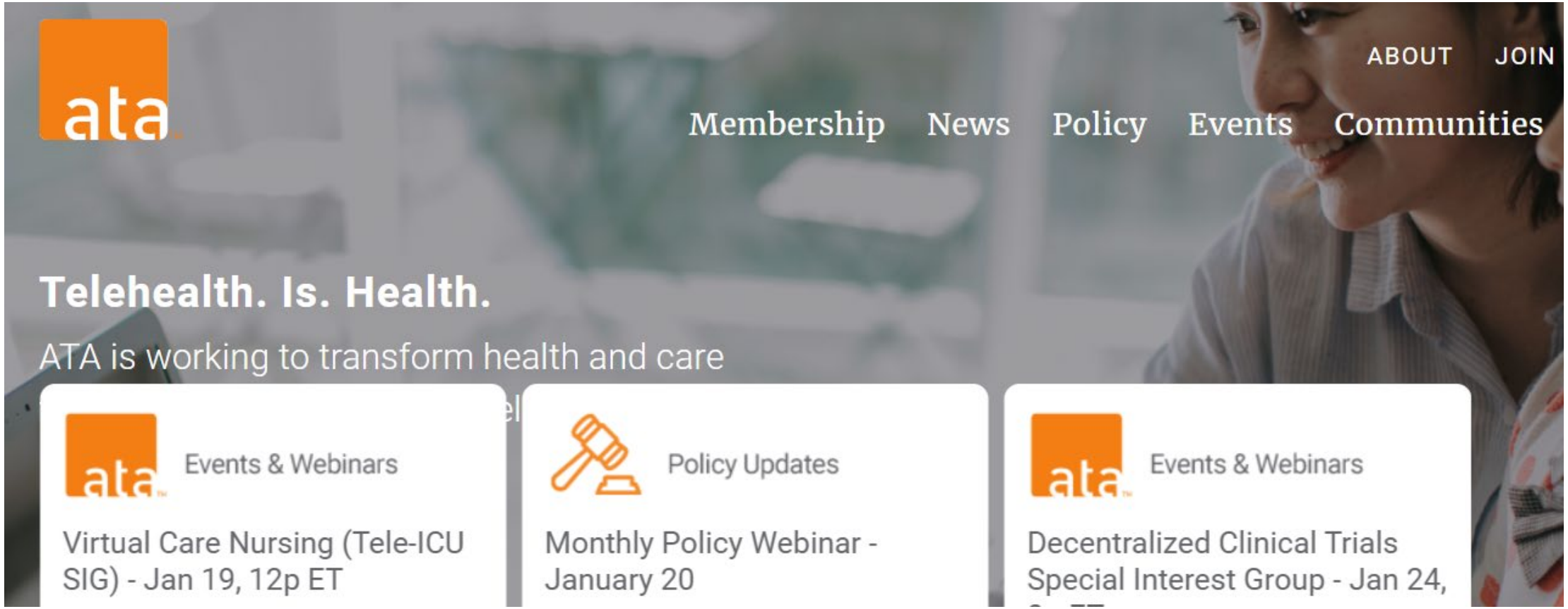
#FUNDING. Here are a list of federal and regional grant and other funding opportunities with either a focus or strong potential for telehealth applications that have winter proposal due dates.

(We recommend that you bookmark this page or add it to your home screen as we will be adding to this list periodically from now through February as more opportunities are announced!)

How are you celebrating Groundhog Day? Registration is open for the National Virtual Technology Showcase February 2nd and 3rd. You won't want to miss this FREE #telehealth technology event! To make sure you don't get left in the shadows, Register here: eepurl.com/hK0a09

ATA American Telemedicine Association https://www.americantelemed.org/

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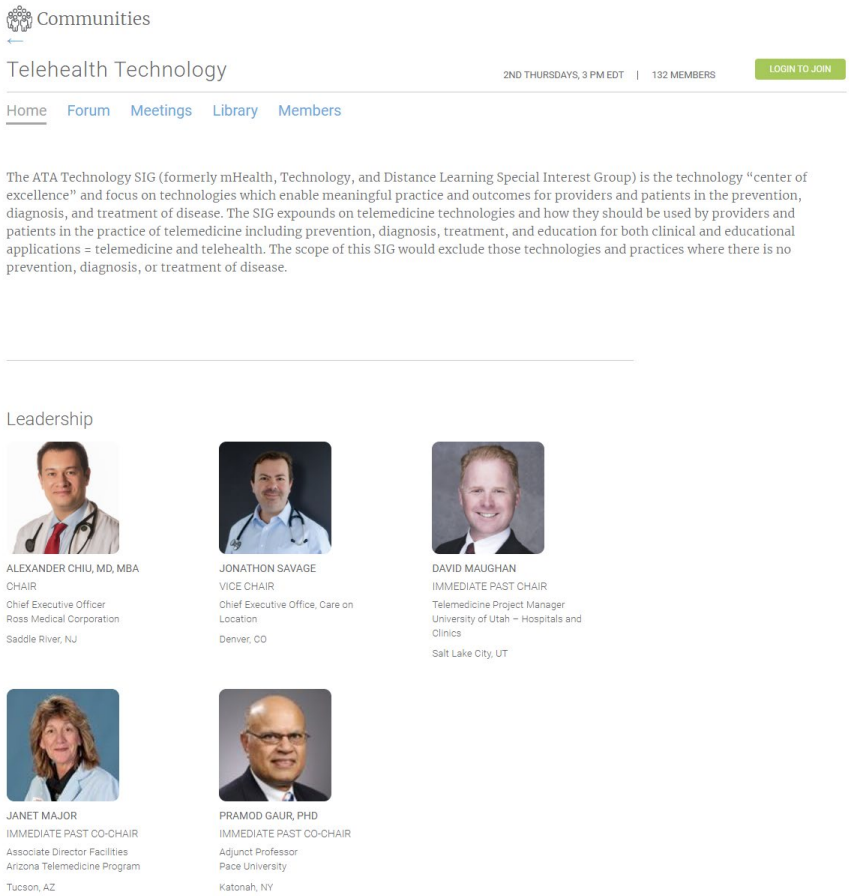
ATA is working to transform health and care
Events & Webinars
Virtual Care Nursing (Tele-ICU SIG) - Jan 19, 12p ET
Policy Updates
Monthly Policy Webinar - January 20
Events & Webinars
Decentralized Clinical Trials Special Interest Group - Jan 24,

ATA Technology SIG/Special Interest Group



Communities

Telehealth Technology

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Home Forum Meetings Library Members

The ATA Technology SIG (formerly mHealth, Technology, and Distance Learning Special Interest Group) is the technology "center of excellence" and focus on technologies which enable meaningful practice and outcomes for providers and patients in the prevention, diagnosis, and treatment of disease. The SIG expounds on telemedicine technologies and how they should be used by providers and patients in the practice of telemedicine including prevention, diagnosis, treatment, and education for both clinical and educational applications = telemedicine and telehealth. The scope of this SIG would exclude those technologies and practices where there is no prevention, diagnosis, or treatment of disease.

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COVID-19 Digital Access Task Force

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- Executive Director AZ Technology in Education Association
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- Internet Service Providers
- ATP/SWTRC

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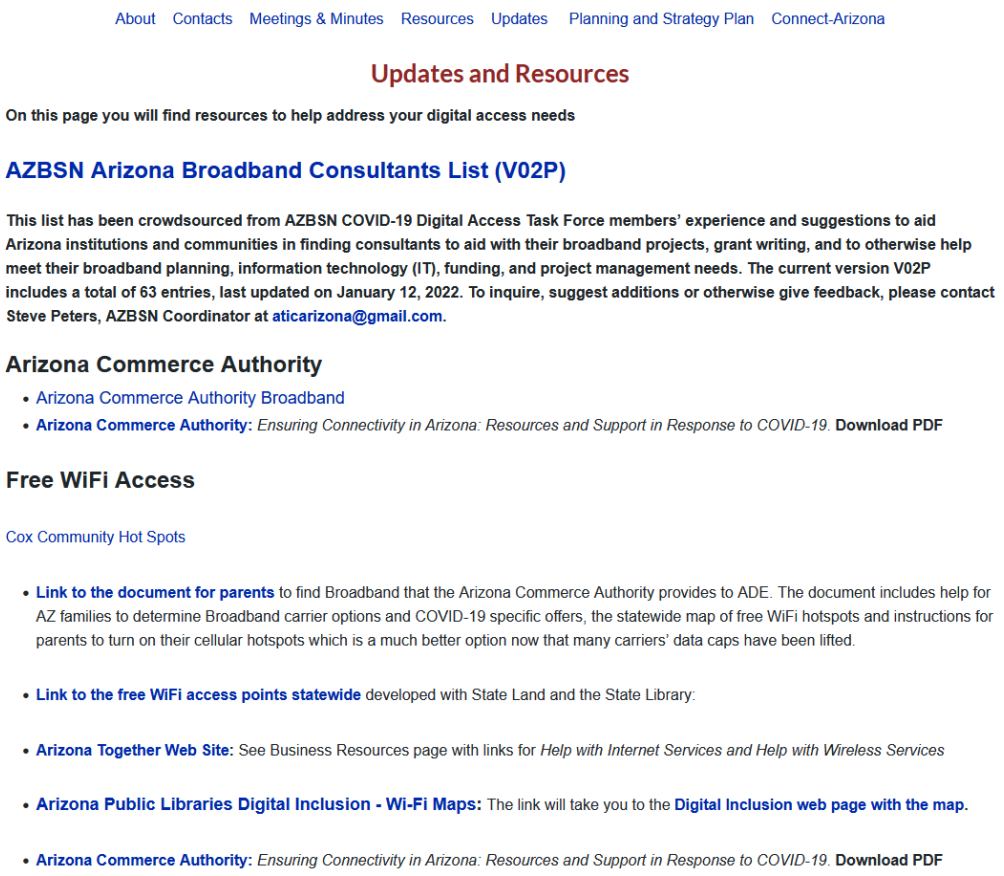

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Updates and Resources

On this page you will find resources to help address your digital access needs

AZBSN Arizona Broadband Consultants List (V02P)

This list has been crowdsourced from AZBSN COVID-19 Digital Access Task Force members' experience and suggestions to aid Arizona institutions and communities in finding consultants to aid with their broadband projects, grant writing, and to otherwise help meet their broadband planning, information technology (IT), funding, and project management needs. The current version V02P includes a total of 63 entries, last updated on January 12, 2022. To inquire, suggest additions or otherwise give feedback, please contact Steve Peters, AZBSN Coordinator at aticarizona@gmail.com.

Arizona Commerce Authority

- Arizona Commerce Authority Broadband
- **Arizona Commerce Authority:** *Ensuring Connectivity in Arizona: Resources and Support in Response to COVID-19.* **Download PDF**

Free WiFi Access

Cox Community Hot Spots

- **Link to the document for parents** to find Broadband that the Arizona Commerce Authority provides to ADE. The document includes help for AZ families to determine Broadband carrier options and COVID-19 specific offers, the statewide map of free WiFi hotspots and instructions for parents to turn on their cellular hotspots which is a much better option now that many carriers' data caps have been lifted.
- **Link to the free WiFi access points statewide** developed with State Land and the State Library:
- **Arizona Together Web Site:** See Business Resources page with links for *Help with Internet Services and Help with Wireless Services*
- **Arizona Public Libraries Digital Inclusion - Wi-Fi Maps:** The link will take you to the **Digital Inclusion web page with the map.**
- **Arizona Commerce Authority:** *Ensuring Connectivity in Arizona: Resources and Support in Response to COVID-19.* **Download PDF**

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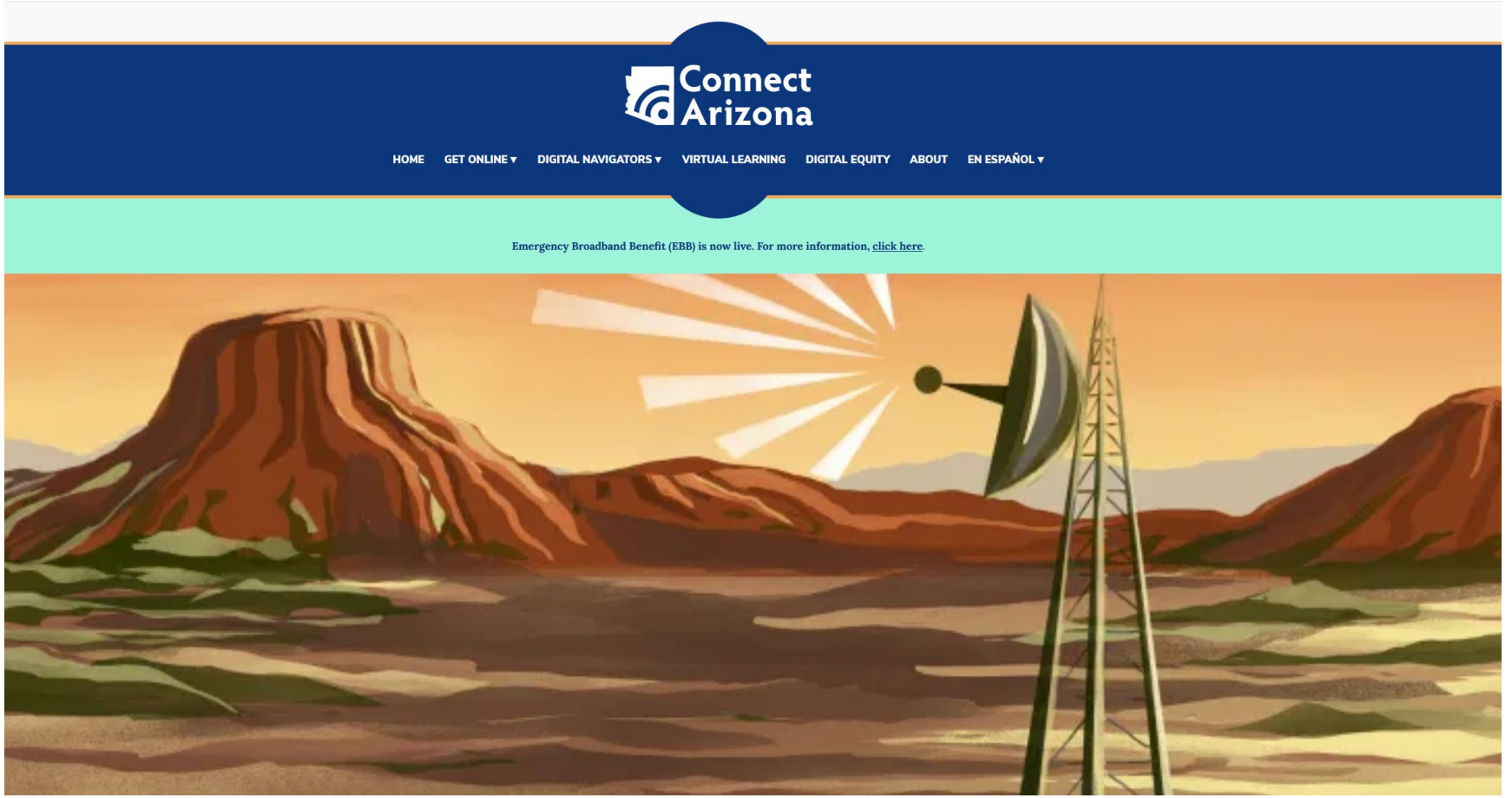

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The Emergency Broadband Benefit (EBB) is a temporary discount on monthly internet bills for qualifying low-income households.

- **Up to $50 per month** for broadband services purchased by eligible households and **up to $75 per month** for households located on Tribal lands.
- **A one-time discount of $100 for purchase of a desktop, laptop or tablet computer** from participating providers.

Applications are now available. Only one monthly service discount and one device discount is allowed per household.

▸ **Who is eligible?**

▸ **Which internet service providers are participating?**

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Connect Arizona Digital Navigators are available to answer your EBB questions and help you thrive online. Make an appointment, or give us a text or call at 602-529-1519. We're available Monday – Friday from 9am to 6pm PST.

USAC's Emergency Broadband Benefit support hotline, (833) 511-0311, is open from 6am to 6pm PST, seven days a week. You can also email EBBHelp@USAC.org with program questions.

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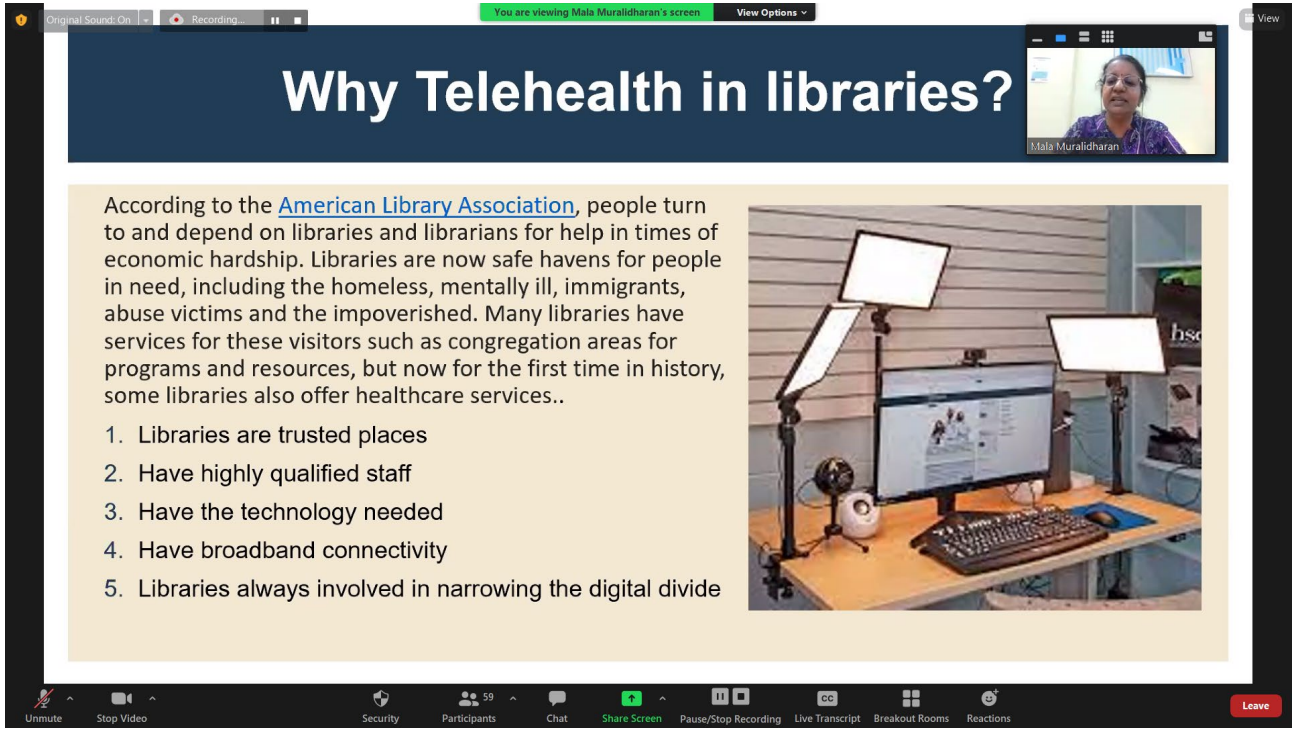

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Library eRate project with 2 pilot sites

- Ajo
- Arivaca
- One dedicated room for telehealth
- One medical grade pop-up tent
- Community Events
  - Health Screening Events
  - How-to workshops with off the shelf technology
  - Diabetes Education
  - STEM/STEAM/Maker Events

Recruit and Prepare the healthcare workforce of the future!

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FCC Round Two Group Telehealth Grants

https://mhealthintelligence.com/news/in-new-fcc-funding-round-100-providers-get-48m-to-advance-telehealth

- Payson
- Globe
- Prescott
- Page
- Colorado City

https://www.nmtelehealth.org/

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Global Edition Telehealth

$1M grant sets up Renown Regional for hybrid telehealth and in-person care

The FCC funds greatly expanded the health system's virtual care abilities last year as COVID-19 hit – but the added bonus of a hybrid care future is a big win.

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OeHI's ***Telehealth and Broadband Initiative*** develops and supports approaches that lead to increased adoption of telehealth, and reliable and affordable broadband access for health organizations and consumers. Telehealth and broadband are key priorities of the Primavera and Polis administration. Colorado has already made significant progress in providing remote access to care through telemedicine. Telehealth is an important avenue to support health care reform and is increasingly seen as an acceptable alternative to many types of in person provider visits. One of OeHI's Wildly Important Goals, or WIGs, for this year is to increase utilization of telebehavioral health in safety net providers. OeHI is also working to support expansion of telehealth policies and practices based on cost savings, economic impact, and health outcomes.

In Colorado's rural areas, only 7 in 10 people have access to broadband. OeHI's goal, in partnership with other state agencies, is to raise rural broadband availability and pave the path to achieve 100 percent access for all of Colorado. Lack of broadband inhibits the utilization of telehealth services in many parts of rural Colorado as well as the uptake of other emerging health IT capabilities. OeHI is working with the state to expand usage of telemedicine and broadband access in order to make health care across the state more affordable and accessible for all.

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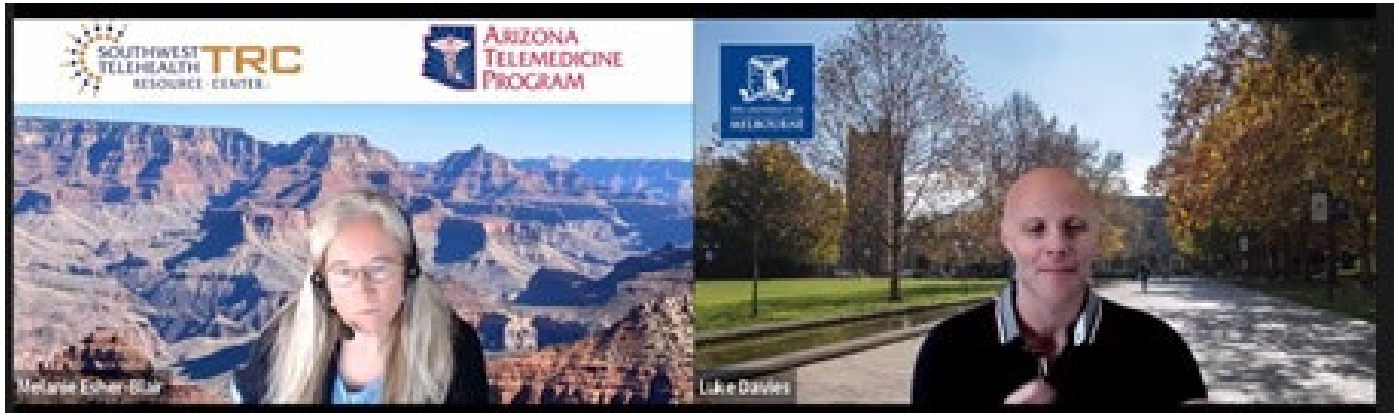

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