

**SOUTH DAKOTA PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION  
LIFELINE/TRIBAL LINK UP ADVERTISING/OUTREACH  
ANNUAL REPORT  
JULY 1, 2021**

Company: Beresford Municipal Telephone Company

Address: 120 East Main Street

Beresford, SD 57004

Telephone number: 605-753-2500

Company contact: Beth Rasmussen

Study Area Code: 391649

Lifeline/Tribal Link Up Advertising/Outreach Activities:

- Advertise in media of general distribution.\* (See attached advertisement(s).)
  
- Letter to existing and new customers regarding the availability of Lifeline/Tribal Link Up within 1<sup>st</sup> 30 days of service.\* (See attached letter.)
  
- Company's Lifeline/Tribal Link Up information in directory.
  
- Company's Lifeline/Tribal Link Up information available on Company website. www.mybmtc.net
  
- Company's information posted on USAC website.
  
- Other (describe): 

Lifeline notice posted on public information bulletin board at Beresford City Hall.

\*Required

**Beresford Municipal Telephone Company Rates  
and  
Lifeline Program**

Beresford Municipal Telephone Company provides basic and enhanced telecommunications services within its service area. Basic services are offered at the following rates:

Single Line Residential Service	\$26.90
Single Line Business Service	\$30.40
Multi Line Business Service	\$33.67

Local resident and business service includes:

- » Voice grade access to the public telephone network
- » Single-party flat-rated local service free of per minute charges
- » Dual tone multi-frequency signaling (touch-tone) service
- » Access to directory assistance services
- » Access to other operator services
- » Access to 911 emergency services
- » Access to interexchange (long distance) services
- » Toll limitation for qualifying low-income consumers

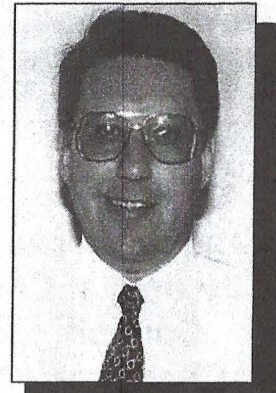
Lifeline Assistance Program is available for qualifying low-income residential subscribers. This program provides a monthly service discount on telephone or broadband service. Toll blocking at no charge and reduced deposits are also available. To qualify, a subscriber must participate in at least one of the following programs or have a household income that is at or below 135% of the Federal Poverty Guidelines:

- » Medicaid
- » Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (Food Stamps program)
- » Supplemental Security Income (SSI)
- » Federal Public Housing Assistance
- » Veterans or Veterans Survivor's Pension

Beresford Telephone Company's voice and broadband service is a Lifeline-supported service. Only eligible consumers may enroll in the Lifeline program. Lifeline applicants must present documentation demonstrating eligibility either through participation in one of the qualifying federal assistance programs or through income-based means. Lifeline recipients are required to recertify their eligibility every year. The Lifeline program is limited to one benefit per household, consisting of either telephone or broadband service. A household is defined, for purposes of the Lifeline program, as an individual or group of individuals who live together at the same address & share income & expenses. Lifeline is a government benefit program, and consumers who willfully make false statements in order to obtain the benefit can be punished by fine or imprisonment or can be barred from the program.

The basic services described above are offered to all consumers in BMTC's service area. If you have any questions regarding telecommunication services, please call BMTC's office at 605/763-2500.

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**Beresford Municipal Telephone  
120 E. Main Street  
Beresford, SD 57004  
763-2500**

***Notice to Beresford Municipal Telephone Company Customers***

**Low Income Assistance Available:**

Beresford Municipal Telephone Company is authorized to provide a federal assistance program that was developed in response to concerns about the affordability of telephone & broadband service for low-income citizens. The **Lifeline** program provides a monthly benefit on home phone or broadband service to eligible households.

**Who is Eligible?**

Subscribers must have household income that is at or below 135% of the Federal Poverty Guidelines or the subscriber, one or more of their dependents, or their household must participate in at least one of the following public assistance programs to be eligible:

<b>Medicaid</b>	<b>Federal Public Housing Assistance (FPHA)</b>
<b>Food Stamps</b>	<b>Veteran's or Veterans Survivor's Pension</b>
<b>Supplemental Security Income (SSI)</b>	

*If you do not participate in one or more of the programs listed above, you may qualify for Lifeline if your household income does not exceed 135% of the Federal Poverty Guidelines (see table below).*

**2020 Federal Poverty Guidelines**

Number in Residence	135% Guideline (Annual)	Number in Residence	135% Guideline (Annual)
1	\$17,226	5	\$41,418
2	\$23,274	6	\$47,466
3	\$29,322	7	\$53,514
4	\$35,370	8	\$59,562

For each additional person after 8, add \$6,048 to the annual guideline.

**What does the Program Provide?**

**Lifeline** provides eligible subscribers with a credit of \$7.25 on their basic telephone service or \$9.25 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.

**How do I apply?**

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. More details on this documentation requirement and application forms are available at our office at: Beresford Municipal Telephone Company, 120 E. Main St., Beresford, SD 57004, and at Beresford City Hall, 101 N. 3<sup>rd</sup> St., Beresford, SD 57004.

**Could I Become Ineligible?**

When you no longer are eligible to participate in any of the above assistance programs or your income becomes higher than the chart above, you are no longer eligible for Lifeline. *You are obligated by law to notify Beresford Municipal Telephone Company and advise the company that you are no longer eligible for Lifeline.*

***If you feel you qualify for this program or would like more information,  
please call us at 763-2500 or stop in our office at 120 E. Main Street.***

U.S. CODE, TITLE 18  
Section 1343

Whoever, having devised or intending to devise any scheme or artifice to defraud, or for obtaining property by means of false or fraudulent pretenses, representations, or promises, transmits or causes to be transmitted by means of wire, radio, or television communication in interstate or foreign commerce, and signs, signals, pictures, or sounds for the purpose of executing such scheme or artifice, shall be fined not more than \$1,000.00 or imprisoned not more than five years, or both.

L. NO., 639, as passed by the Fifty-Second Session of the Legislature of the State of South Dakota in the following:

Any person owning or having control of any pipes, wires, cables, or other facilities for the transmission of gas, oil, electricity, water, communications, or other products or services, which are buried beneath the surface of the ground, including areas within the limits of any political subdivision, shall give written notice thereof to the office of the register of deeds in the county where the facilities are located.

The register of deeds of each county where the facilities described are buried shall establish and maintain a uniform file system containing the information furnished by the owner or person having control of these facilities.

Any person intending to conduct any digging, grading, leveling, excavating, blasting, or similar activities on the lands described in the notice shall request the person owning or controlling the facilities to accurately locate them upon the land where they are situated, at least two days per location, not counting Saturdays, Sundays, and legal holidays, before the commencement of the activity.

## of Telephone for Debt Collection Purposes

The Federal Communications Commission has received information that interstate telephone service is being used for collection of claimed debts in ways that are or may be in violation of applicable tariffs of the telephone companies and criminal statutes. Practices alleged include calling at odd hours of the day or night; making calls to friends, neighbors, relatives, employers, and children; calls making a variety of threats; calling falsely that credit ratings will be hurt; calls falsely stating that legal process is about to be initiated demanding payments for amounts not owed; calls to places of employment; and calls misrepresenting terms and conditions of existing or proposed contracts. Although many of these calls are placed on a regular basis, there is increasing indication that such improper practices also involve use of interstate toll Area Telephone Service (WATS).

The telephone companies forbid use of the telephone "... for a call or calls, anonymous or otherwise in a manner reasonably to be expected to frighten, abuse, torment, or harass another;" or for calls which "interfere unreasonably with the use of the service by one or more other customers;" or calls for "... other purpose." Upon violation of any of these conditions the telephone company can, by written notice, suspend the service "forthwith." These tariff regulations are filed with this Commission pursuant to Section 223 of the Communications Act, 47 U.S.C. 203, and are binding on the telephone company and customer. Violations of the telephone service are also subject to the enforcement proceedings provided for in Sections 223 and 224 of the Communications Act. In addition to the loss of telephone service for violation of the tariff, Section 223 of the Communications Act makes it a crime to use the telephone in the District of Columbia or any state or foreign communications to make "repeated telephone calls, during which conversation is intended to harass any person at the called number" or to knowingly permit "others to use his telephone" for such purpose. Penalties for violation of Section 223 are a fine up to \$500.00 or six months' imprisonment, or both, under 47 U.S.C. 223.

The Commission is concerned that some users of telephone service may be unaware of their obligations under the law from using the service for abusive or harassing calls. It is also concerned that other users may be misled by those who are repeatedly violating the provision of the tariffs and the applicable statutes, and that the telephone companies are not adequately enforcing their tariffs. Accordingly, the Commission is issuing this Public Notice that the public may be informed of the requirements of law in this area and so that users may be aware of their legal obligations in the use of the telephone and the penalties for failure to abide thereby.

## Lifeline and Toll Limitation Services



**Lifeline and Toll Limitation Service** support provide discounts to eligible low-income consumers to help them establish and maintain telephone service. **Note:** Telecommunications carriers cannot charge a Lifeline customer federal USF fees on the local service portion of their telephone bill.

### What type of discount is available?

**Lifeline** assistance lowers the cost of basic, monthly local telephone or internet service. Eligible consumers receive a \$9.25 credit per month.

Eligible residents of Indian reservations or tribal lands can receive up to an additional \$25 in Lifeline support, but must pay at least \$1 for basic monthly service.

Eligible low-income consumers living on tribal lands are eligible for an additional discount of up to \$70 to cover 100% of the charges between \$60 and \$130.

**Toll Limitation Service (TLS)** support allows eligible consumers who wish to avoid incurring large long distance fees to choose toll blocking or toll control at no cost.

### How do I know whether I am eligible?

Eligibility for Lifeline and TLS support varies by state. Individuals who reside in states that have their own discount programs qualify for federal Lifeline and TLS support if they meet the eligibility criteria established by their state. In states that do not provide state support, an individual is eligible if he or she participates in one of the following programs:

- Medicaid
- Food Stamps
- Supplemental Security Income (SSI)
- Veteran's Pension or Survivor's Benefit Program
- Federal Public Housing Assistance (FPHA)

In addition, a consumer may be eligible if his or her household income is at or below 135% of the federal poverty guidelines.

To apply for Lifeline and TLS discounts, please contact Beresford Municipal Telephone Company, 101 N. 3rd, Beresford, SD 57004 or (605)763-2500.

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### Lifeline

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 20mpbs/3mpbs

**Medicaid**  
**Food Stamps**  
**Supplemental Security Income (SSI)**  
**Federal Public Housing Assistance (FPHA)**  
**Veterans Pension or Survivors Pension Benefit**

Lifeline provides eligible subscribers with a credit of \$7.25 each month on the basic service portion or \$9.25 on their broadband charges with speeds at/or above 20mpbs/3mpbs. 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 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 763-2500 or stop in our Main Office*

**To contact Beresford Municipal Telephone, please call, fax, e-mail, or stop by our office:**

**120 E. Main Street  
 Beresford, SD 57004**

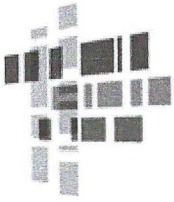
**Phone: 605/763-2500 or 605/763-2008**

**Fax: 605/763-7112**

**E-mail: [phone@bmtc.net](mailto:phone@bmtc.net)**

*Bmte Website*

<http://www.bmtc.net/~bmtcweb/Lifeline.htm>



**Universal Service  
Administrative Co.**

The Emergency Broadband Benefit Program providers listed in this tool have indicated that they plan to participate in the program. USAC will update the list as more providers join the program. Visit [GetEmergencyBroadband.org](http://GetEmergencyBroadband.org) for more information about the program.

## Companies Near Me

This tool can help you find companies in your area that offer Lifeline and/or the Emergency Broadband Benefit Program (EBB Program) service. These programs can reduce the cost of phone or internet service by providing a monthly discount.

To learn more about these programs and learn if you qualify for a discount, visit Lifeline's Do I Qualify? page or the Emergency Broadband Benefit Program's Do I Qualify? page.

EBB Program service providers may operate their own eligibility process, so consumers should contact the company for more information.

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### Find a Company

**Enter Your Zip Code**

Example: 12345

**Enter Your City and State**

**OR**

*USAC Website*

Search

*Note: Search results are based on program enrollment and information provided by the companies. The search results may include a company listed in your area that may not provide service to your address. Also, the search results might not show every company that is near you. A company may still offer Lifeline and/or EBB Program service even if it is not on the list. Please contact the company to confirm if they offer Lifeline or the EBB Program service for your address.*

Clear Results

## Companies near Beresford, SD

The order of these companies are random and may be different the next time you search.

### Types of Service:

Fixed Lifeline Service = Lifeline home phone or Internet service




Mobile Lifeline Service = Lifeline mobile phone or Internet service

EBB Home Internet = Home Internet service offered through the EBB Program

EBB Mobile Internet = Mobile Internet service offered through the EBB Program

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Company Name	Phone	Type of Service ▲	State
Metro by T-Mobile	1-800-937-8997	EBB Mobile Internet	SD
Boomerang Wireless, LLC	866-488-8719	EBB Mobile Internet	SD
NewPhone Wireless, LLC	855-204-3667	EBB Mobile Internet	SD
Beresford Municipal Telephone	605-763-2500	Fixed Lifeline Service	SD
Midcontinent Communications dba Midco	800-888-1300	Fixed Lifeline Service	SD
Vast Broadband	1-888-745-2888	Fixed Lifeline Service	SD



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If you want to see more companies, see the list of companies in SD.

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## Tell Us What You Think

We will continue to update this tool, so please check back often. If you have any comments or see something wrong – or if you are a company that needs to add or update your Lifeline or EBB Program information, email us at [LifelineProgram@usac.org](mailto:LifelineProgram@usac.org) or [EBBHelp@usac.org](mailto:EBBHelp@usac.org).

## More About the Data

The Companies Near Me tool is powered by USAC's Open Data initiative. This initiative allows the public to explore and analyze information submitted by universal service program participants and EBB Program participants.

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**Medicaid**

**Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP, formerly known as Food Stamps)**

**Supplemental Security Income (SSI)**

**Veterans Pension or Survivors Pension Benefit**

**Federal Public Housing Assistance (FPHA) Section 8**

**What does the Program Provide?**

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