

**SOUTH DAKOTA PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION
LIFELINE/TRIBAL LINK UP ADVERTISING/OUTREACH
ANNUAL REPORT
JULY 1, 2022**

Company:

Address:

Telephone number:

Company contact:

Study Area Code:

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 1st 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.

Company's information posted on USAC website.

Other (describe):

*Required

COMMUNITY

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	\$28.07
Single Line Business Service	\$31.57
Multi Line Business Service	\$33.93

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 (FPHA)
- » Veterans Pension or Survivors Pension Benefit

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.

Board will also... impact educational opportunities for all the children in our district including my three children and two nephews. I am interested in leadership in our community and this is an area where I can contribute.

In your view, what has the School District done well?

My educational journey started in the Beresford School District. Its teachers prepared me

Mary "Beth" Elli

administrators and staff in our district. We also have access to current technology and various tools for student learning.

What could the District be doing better and do you have an idea for improvement?

I would like to see a different form of transparency within our district. I would like to see more opportunity for parental input into the overall operation of the school, curriculum changes, policies, etc. I also realize I have a lot to learn yet about the overall function of the school and the school board if I become a school board member.

FREE COVID-19 AT HOME TESTING



**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:

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

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).

2021 Federal Poverty Guidelines

Number in Residence	135% Guideline (Annual)	Number in Residence	135% Guideline (Annual)
1	\$17,388	5	\$41,904
2	\$23,517	6	\$48,033
3	\$29,646	7	\$54,162
4	\$35,775	8	\$60,291

For each additional person after 8, add \$6,129 to the annual guideline.

What does the Program Provide?

Lifeline provides eligible subscribers with a credit of \$5.25 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. 3rd 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.***

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.

**BERESFORD MUNICIPAL
TELEPHONE COMPANY**
TELEPHONE DIRECTORY
FEBRUARY 2021


**BMTC - Bringing State-of-the-Art
Fiber Optics to the City of Beresford!**



Serving: 763 BERESFORD CITY

Also Includes Listings For The Following Communities:

**ALCESTER • WORTHING • ALSEN
CENTERVILLE • 957 BERESFORD RURAL**

 Recycle February 2022

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)

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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

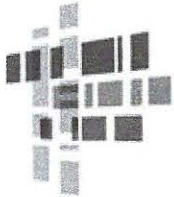
Retirement/Pension Statement of Benefits

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



**Universal Service
Administrative Co.**

Companies Near Me

See the Do I Qualify? page to find out if you qualify for a Lifeline Program discount.

Find a Company

Enter Your Zip Code

Example: 12345

Enter Your City and State

OR

Note: The search results may not show every company that is near you. A company may still offer Lifeline even if it is not on this list. Please ask the service provider if they offer Lifeline in your area.

Clear Results

Companies near 57004

The order of this list is random and may change next time you search. The results will still be the same.

Showing 3 of 3 companies

 Print List

Download List:   

Company Name	Phone	Type of Service ▲	State
Midcontinent Communications dba Midco	800-888-1300	Home Phone	SD
Vast Broadband	1-888-745-2888	Home Phone	SD
Beresford Municipal Telephone	605-763-2500	Home Phone	SD

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

Tell Us What You Think

We will continue to update this tool, so please check back often. If you have any comments or find something wrong, or if you are a service provider that needs to update or add your information, email us at LifelineProgram@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.

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Who is Eligible?

To be eligible, subscribers must have 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:

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?

Lifeline provides eligible subscribers with a credit of \$5.25 on their basic telephone charges or \$9.25 on their Internet charges (Internet must be at least 25mg). Lifeline subscribers also may receive blocking of long distance calling on their telephone line at no charge.

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