

**SOUTH DAKOTA PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION
LIFELINE/TRIBAL LINK UP ADVERTISING/OUTREACH
ANNUAL REPORT
JULY 1, 2023**

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

Only / more needed.

This year's resolution included a balanced budget amendment plus two other items, term limits and a limit on the power of the federal government. There is always considerable debate on this topic. One side says we need the "convention" to solve the problems at the federal level. The opposition says that a "convention" is too dangerous, as once it is called the delegates could open up any other topic and change lots of things.

The House vote on this new resolution was 39-30, so it passed and will now move on to the Senate. But let's go back and think about this issue a little more. I received many emails of support for this year's resolution, and I voted for it. But in doing so I had to ask myself "why are we starting over with a new resolu-

steals valuable time away from the issues that are important to South Dakota.

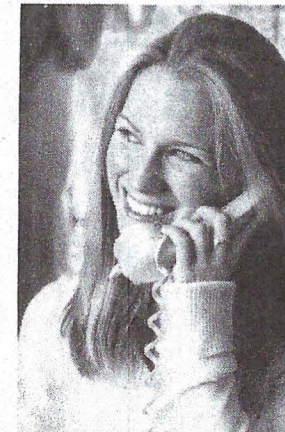
I'm not trying to just pick on the Convention of States folks, but I am using them as an example. I would encourage all of you to do a little research on whatever group is using a postcard or email to get you to send money based on their claim that the sky is falling. Each of these organizations must file an IRS Form 990 and it can generally be found on the internet. Those documents can help you decide if the organization really needs another \$10 or \$20 from you.

As always, it is an honor to serve as your representative in Pierre. Remember, you can follow all of the legislative activity by going to the Legislative website: sdlegislature.gov.

Beresford Municipal Telephone Company Rates and Lifeline Program

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

Single Line Residential Service	\$27.30
Single Line Business Service	\$30.80
Multi Line Business Service	\$34.17



Local resident and business telephone 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 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 provide 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 and expenses. Lifeline is a government benefit program, and consumers who willfully make false statements 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 BeresfordTel's service area. If you have any questions regarding telecommunication services, please call BeresfordTel's office at 763-2500.

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Phone: (605) 763-2006
 Fax: (605) 763-5503
 e-mail: republic@bmtc.net

Deadline: Friday at 4:30 p.m.

All Above prices are subject to change each quarter due to FUSC fluctuation

\$100.00 Deposit required for new customers
(Deposit is returned to customer after 12 consecutive, timely payments)

Long Distance Rates

In-State Connection Only	\$0.16/minute
Out-of-State Connection Only	\$0.14/minute
Real Deal Plan (Both In-State and Out-of- State)	\$0.14/minute

Only Pay for What You Use!!!

800 Numbers are available upon request

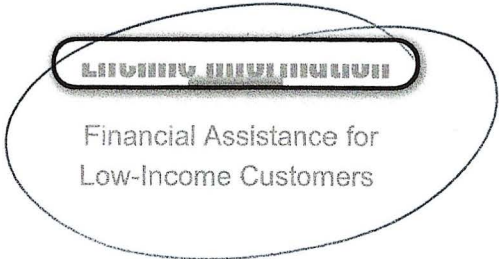
Above pricing does not include directory assistance or 0+ calls

Top Customer Support Questions

We take pride in our customer service! We have compiled a list of top questions and support topics to help our customers!



Telemarketer Call Screening \$0.75
Additional Directory Listing



Information regarding the Real Deal plan

Website

Contact

120 East Main Street, Beresford SD 57004
Tel: 605-763-2500
Fax: 605-763-7112
After Hours: 605-763-TRBL (8725)
Email: customerservice@beresfordtel.com

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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

Web page Info

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Notice in Beresford Republic

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 telephone consumers receive a \$5.25 credit per month, and eligible broadband 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.



Notice to Beresford Municipal Telephone Company Customers

Beresford Municipal Telephone Company is authorized to provide 2 federal assistance programs to our telephone and/or broadband customers. The **Lifeline** program provides a monthly benefit on home telephone or broadband service to eligible households. The **Affordable Connectivity Program (ACP)** helps connect families and households struggling to afford Internet service. The **Affordable Connectivity Program** is expected to be temporary and could end when the funds are exhausted. For more information on **ACP**, go to fcc.gov/ACP for a Consumer FAQ & other program resources. For more info on the **Lifeline** program, go to lifelinesupport.org.

Who is Eligible?

Subscribers must have household income that is at or below 135% (for Lifeline) and at or below 200% (for ACP) 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

Food Stamps

Supplemental Security Income (SSI)

Free School Lunch Program * (ACP only)

Federal Public Housing Assistance (FPHA)

Veteran's or Veterans Survivor's Pension

WIC (ACP only)

Received a Federal Pell Grant during this year (ACP only)

*The Beresford Schools free lunch program is currently operating through COVID-19 waivers & is excluded from this qualification at this time.

What does the Program Provide?

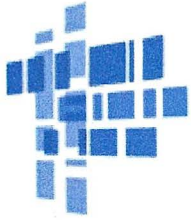
Lifeline provides eligible subscribers with a monthly credit of \$5.25 on their basic telephone service or \$9.25 on their broadband charges with speeds at or **above** 25mbps/3mbps. The credit applies on the main home telephone line or broadband service listed in the name of the eligible telephone company subscriber. Lifeline subscribers also may receive blocking of long distance calling on their telephone line at no charge. **ACP** provides eligible subscribers with a credit of up to \$30/month on their Internet service. Qualified customers may receive both the Lifeline and the ACP benefits.

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 poverty guidelines, you are no longer eligible for **Lifeline** or **ACP**. *You are obligated by law to notify Beresford Municipal Telephone Company and advise the company that you are no longer eligible for Lifeline or ACP.*

How do I apply?

To apply for **Lifeline**, go to Checklifeline.org and fill out the online application. To apply for **ACP**, go to ACPBenefit.org to submit the online application. You may be asked to provide eligibility documentation on both sites. You may also apply by a mail-in application or online with assistance from the BeresfordTel office. You may come to our office at 120 E. Main Street, Beresford, Monday-Friday, 8:00am – 5:00pm for assistance with your online application, or call us at 605/763-2500 for more information.



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Companies Near Me

This tool can help you find companies in your area that offer [Lifeline](#) and the [Affordable Connectivity Program \(ACP\)](#) service. These programs can reduce the cost of phone or internet service by providing a monthly discount. ACP, which began on December 31, 2021, is the long-term replacement of the Emergency Broadband Benefit Program.

To learn more about these programs and learn if you qualify for a discount, visit [Lifeline Do I Qualify?](#) page or the [ACP Do I Qualify?](#) page.

ACP service providers may have their own application process, so consumers should contact their preferred service provider for more information. Consumers may also be eligible for a one-time discount on a laptop, desktop computer, or tablet through ACP. However, not all service providers offer the device benefit. Ask your service provider if they offer devices.

Find a Company

Enter Your Zip Code

OR

Example: 12345

Enter Your City and State

USAC Website 1/2022

Search

Clear Results

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 ACP service even if it is not on the list. Please contact the company to confirm if they offer Lifeline or the ACP service for your address.

Companies near 57004

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

ACP Home Internet: ACP home Internet service

ACP Mobile Internet: ACP mobile Internet service

ACP Home Internet: ACP home Internet service; offers device

ACP Mobile Internet: ACP mobile Internet service; offers device

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 Print List

Download List:   

Company Name	Phone	Type of Service	▲	State
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Company Name	Phone	Type of Service	▲	State
UVNV, Inc.	888-777-0446	ACP Mobile Internet; offers device		SD
Selectel Wireless	877-218-5744	ACP Mobile Internet; offers device		SD
Cricket Wireless	844-246-8364	ACP Mobile Internet; offers device		SD
Infiniti Mobile	214-323-8000	ACP Mobile Internet; offers device		SD
Standing Rock Telecommunications, Inc	701-854-7098	ACP Mobile Internet; offers device		SD
AT&T Mobility LLC	866-986-0963	ACP Mobile Internet; offers device		SD
IDT Domestic Telecom, Inc.	800-689-0617	ACP Mobile Internet; offers device		SD

Company Name	Phone	Type of Service	State
Torch Wireless	877-998-6674	ACP Mobile Internet; offers device	SD
Mint Mobile, LLC	888-777-0446	ACP Mobile Internet; offers device	SD
Beresford Municipal Telephone	605-763-2500	Fixed Lifeline Service	SD
Vast Broadband	888-745-2888	Fixed Lifeline Service	SD
Midcontinent Communications dba Midco	800-888-1300	Fixed Lifeline Service	SD

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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 see something wrong – or if you are a company that needs to add or update your Lifeline or ACP information, email us at LifelineProgram@usac.org or ACPProgram@usac.org.

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

**** Low Income Assistance Available for Eligible Telephone & Internet Customers ****

Low Income Assistance Available:

Beresford Municipal Telephone Company is authorized to provide a federal telephone assistance program that was developed in response to concerns about the affordability of telephone & Internet service for low-income citizens. The Lifeline Program provides a monthly benefit on home phone and broadband service to eligible households. The Lifeline benefit can lower the cost of your monthly phone or internet bill. Only one benefit is available per household; either phone service or Internet, but not both.

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.

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, 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.***

February 1, 2022

City Hall Bulletin Board