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Clayton Residents Can Reduce Costs for Cell Phone or Home Internet Service

(Clayton County, GA)-Eligible Clayton County residents can save hundreds on their cell phone or home internet service while federal Affordable Connectivity Program (ACP) funds are available. The Clayton County Office of Digital Equity, one of the only municipalities in Georgia with a digital equity office, is hosting its last ACP event of the year on Thursday, December 29, 2022, from 9 a.m. – 12 p.m. at the Sonna Singleton Gregory Senior Center, 3215 Anvil Block Rd., Ellenwood, GA 30294. It is important that residents apply while funding is available.

Qualified households can receive a \$30 per month discount for home internet service or cell phone service and a one-time \$100 discount on the purchase a desktop computer, laptop, or tablet. Qualifications for the ACP include:

Each applicant must pre-qualify through the National Verifier with valid identification, bring proof of household income below 200% of the federal poverty level, and valid proof of participation in a government assistance program. (SNAP, Medicaid, WIC, SSI, Federal Public Housing Assistance, Veterans Pension, Survivors Benefit, Free or Reduced School Lunch Program, Federal Pell Grant Program (in the current award year) or receive a Lifeline Benefit).

Household Size	2022 Federal Poverty Guidelines
1	\$27,180
2	\$36,620
3	\$46,060
4	\$55,500
5	\$64,940
6	\$74,380
7	\$83,820
8	\$93,260
Add Per Additional Person	\$9,440

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"The Clayton County Board of Commissioners is committed to decreasing the digital divide by helping constituents take advantage of all the resources available to them," said Chief Operations Officer Detrick Stanford. "That includes increasing connectivity and the speed at which residents can connect with the county and the world, a benefit many may not otherwise be able to afford without funding assistance."

The Office of Digital Equity identifies ways to increase affordable access to high-speed internet for residents and businesses, establishes a countywide technology committee that will coordinate digital literacy initiatives and innovation programs, and implements a Digital Equity Scorecard that tracks neighborhood availability, service affordability, and digital literacy initiatives.

For more information, or to register, access <u>https://digitalequity.claytoncountyga.gov/</u>. Media representatives may confirm participation for the day of the event by contacting the Clayton County Board of Commissioners Office of Communications, 770-473-3834.

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