**LOW COST INTERNET AND COMPUTER OFFERS**

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| [Low Cost Internet and Computer Offers for Eligible Contra Costa Residents](http://r20.rs6.net/tn.jsp?f=001Z9CZhQAW8R4QToe6pdnNPpdEm68cq8b9f9OX_pwN3bLKvxEr1-NEOuI1J35zbDEO9Po0GlwpDlL2S8xnB9TVLkXFZGsHw6K5H5g-j_gH_F-eOLRkBT8s8G_H35x2iSVUaj3RdkVlfpMR5a3iuEewYmCY5Yub2W12EFPNOLMgOGU=&c=YvCSYSu0Rt4p4Ul-2iyB1bcfOvCf7seP1AB17pGkRErO6IER6MuYTw==&ch=rZqYNQXCRoXd8e9MtkyQfspE-c3O63nAKZ_1FG5xEaM86a4OrYB_8Q==) |

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| **EHSD Partners with California Emerging Technology Fund to Ensure Affordable Internet and Computer Access**  |
| To Our Community Partners: |

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**Contra Costa County supports digital equity for all – this means ensuring that everyone has access to affordable home internet and computers so individuals and families can stay connected. This goal is especially important in light of COVID-19. Many students are in stay-at-home/remote learning modes, telemedicine is sometimes replacing medical office visits, job seekers must apply for work online, and employees are often working from their homes.** |
| Under these circumstances, many low-income community members are at a significant digital disadvantage in sustaining critical elements of their lives and livelihoods. Fortunately, a number of internet service providers and equipment distributors are offering special promotions to support individuals and families who might not otherwise have adequate digital access. |

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We are pleased to announce that the **Employment and Human Services Department (EHSD)** is partnering with the **California Emerging Technology Fund (CETF)** on an outreach campaign to distribute information about affordable internet and equipment offers for low-income Contra Costa residents. Early next week, we will be texting approximately 35,000 active Medi-Cal, CalFresh and CalWORKs recipients (only those who have opted in to receive texts), providing links to an EHSD flyer ([English](http://r20.rs6.net/tn.jsp?f=001Z9CZhQAW8R4QToe6pdnNPpdEm68cq8b9f9OX_pwN3bLKvxEr1-NEOuI1J35zbDEOw339q4WBQ9p9wQODpaujYNUJrAsFtwtcgPRYcx6wWftiQn93hmqb4nM90bcCqBrn-wlKLPfCLEsWMVr7nfVK71TQd-_jVYE_u6DQPvL0nOZWWBsu8NCi2Yl8utPnCWNf0BzJTF-vVzJnkLT0pBIXWrkGVfULZy3txsW78LBm5mBhw1E-VP1HCQ==&c=YvCSYSu0Rt4p4Ul-2iyB1bcfOvCf7seP1AB17pGkRErO6IER6MuYTw==&ch=rZqYNQXCRoXd8e9MtkyQfspE-c3O63nAKZ_1FG5xEaM86a4OrYB_8Q==)) ([Spanish](http://r20.rs6.net/tn.jsp?f=001Z9CZhQAW8R4QToe6pdnNPpdEm68cq8b9f9OX_pwN3bLKvxEr1-NEOuI1J35zbDEO_BlrKYVH8PnhUlqJ9sk9QVhI5RBjLejQ22LwvFi7ze2tq2qnNxyWYEXjoljBIUrgdJ4pg0kbWf26egnHSGtEdAPsL1YC9hbZuT1Fbl8T_o9BfIYU_PVYYAVDtkC3HqCFZjT94zgkmLkZRuS0Lpw7SA-Y9Ylxs1DgzdC1N4HRt7HUk7JiATAc_w==&c=YvCSYSu0Rt4p4Ul-2iyB1bcfOvCf7seP1AB17pGkRErO6IER6MuYTw==&ch=rZqYNQXCRoXd8e9MtkyQfspE-c3O63nAKZ_1FG5xEaM86a4OrYB_8Q==)) that describes the program. By filling in a zip code and checking boxes with eligibility criteria, people are presented with the discount options that may be available to them.  |

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| In addition to reaching out to benefit program participants, we posted a [**Get Connected, Contra Costa page**](http://r20.rs6.net/tn.jsp?f=001Z9CZhQAW8R4QToe6pdnNPpdEm68cq8b9f9OX_pwN3bLKvxEr1-NEOuI1J35zbDEO9Po0GlwpDlL2S8xnB9TVLkXFZGsHw6K5H5g-j_gH_F-eOLRkBT8s8G_H35x2iSVUaj3RdkVlfpMR5a3iuEewYmCY5Yub2W12EFPNOLMgOGU=&c=YvCSYSu0Rt4p4Ul-2iyB1bcfOvCf7seP1AB17pGkRErO6IER6MuYTw==&ch=rZqYNQXCRoXd8e9MtkyQfspE-c3O63nAKZ_1FG5xEaM86a4OrYB_8Q==) with more information on [EHSD.org](http://r20.rs6.net/tn.jsp?f=001Z9CZhQAW8R4QToe6pdnNPpdEm68cq8b9f9OX_pwN3bLKvxEr1-NEOuhL0Eim4xi1vTaUPjDT4SkRbPB6A5Z1DLiMbCjppWd2HetUy-bWVHVs0ceT-dDIEzx2Jb2O0tTHx5hEVUPIXw4=&c=YvCSYSu0Rt4p4Ul-2iyB1bcfOvCf7seP1AB17pGkRErO6IER6MuYTw==&ch=rZqYNQXCRoXd8e9MtkyQfspE-c3O63nAKZ_1FG5xEaM86a4OrYB_8Q==). We are further promoting via social channels, traditional media, and through partners like you. We hope you will *forward the information to individuals and organizations that you believe may benefit from discounted digital access*.  |

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Last month, Governor Newsom signed a new [Executive Order](http://r20.rs6.net/tn.jsp?f=001Z9CZhQAW8R4QToe6pdnNPpdEm68cq8b9f9OX_pwN3bLKvxEr1-NEOuI1J35zbDEOarScKwvJxvSaTfvg2bySTqyI5yE6v_TAh94IEinTXNBCOB6e4q0x92A10vM-w4OAtJ_rnxBZH9z11DtMYKGrEy3WQ_IFkbEX3g3eO7Xre9kqFAnZeawEIXMHtQHaeyTsojhQSDrXK8gMeOw0Q9poy4vXKt8K2qMV&c=YvCSYSu0Rt4p4Ul-2iyB1bcfOvCf7seP1AB17pGkRErO6IER6MuYTw==&ch=rZqYNQXCRoXd8e9MtkyQfspE-c3O63nAKZ_1FG5xEaM86a4OrYB_8Q==) aimed at accelerating improved connectivity around the state, particularly within the context of COVID-19. As developments unfold, EHSD will continue to pursue partnership opportunities that focus on enhancing digital equity and access for every individual and family in our community.  |

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| In appreciation of your ongoing support,***Kathy Gallagher, Director*** |

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| Employment & Human Services partners with the community to deliver quality services to ensure access to resources that support, protect, and empower individuals and families to achieve self-sufficiency. |

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