**Broadband Distribution for Unserved Residents of Elizabethtown**

While major improvements are being made around the equitable and uniform distribution of broadband in the North Country, there are still gaps in coverage that are creating hardship for some of our community members. These gaps are expected to persist for several years while infrastructure is being installed. The only realistic solution to this that is currently available is satellite access to specific sites and that comes with relatively expensive equipment requirements. For those reasons, the Town Board of Elizabethtown has created and approved a temporary program to close these gaps by providing StarLink equipment free of charge (up to $650) to approved households.

Requirements for participation in this program are that the applicant must be a resident of Elizabethtown, in an unserved area where there are no other reasonable options, and be able to communicate a meaningful need for assistance in attaining broadband services. This program provides funding for the actual necessary equipment only, and the resident will be responsible for all other recurring fees associated with the service (typically $90/month in our area). The required equipment is typically available within 1-2 weeks from time of order, and additional information about this service is available at [www.starlink.com](http://www.starlink.com) . Once there is no longer a need, the equipment would need to be returned to the town.

If a resident has an interest in participating in this program, all they need to do is stop by the town hall for a simple application. Upon submittal and approval, the town will either provide the necessary equipment or reimburse the applicant for the fees directly associated with their purchase. Funding for this program is provided by the American Recovery Plan Act (ARPA), as well as other available and appropriate sources.

**Application for Broadband Access Assistance For Unserved Residents of Elizabethtown**

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In general terms, describe need for assistance\*:

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\* There are limited applications that we can approve, and this information will be used to make sure that the program reaches those with the greatest need.