

What are the benefits of Alaska Tribal Spectrum membership?

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1 Your community is part of the Alaska Tribal Network (ATN).

The ATN is a wireless Tribally governed 2.5 GHz last mile network of communities that delivers affordable broadband throughout Alaska.



2 Your community will generate revenue from spectrum data usage on the ATN.

All ATS members will earn revenue for spectrum managed by ATS. If you are not already an ATS member, and you own or have applied for 2.5GHz spectrum, you have the opportunity to join ATS as a managed member. This will allow you to be paid when data flows on your spectrum. As a managed ATS member, you give up no rights of ownership in anything. Because the ATN offers affordable broadband, the spectrum is likely to be used frequently. This means your spectrum revenue benefit is maximized. This also means you earn income even when anyone who subscribes from any ATN community is in your community using your spectrum.

3 There are no costs or fees to be an ATS member.

Unless there are matching requirements for a particular grant opportunity, there is no cost for the opportunity to receive infrastructure, installation funding and ongoing revenue for your community when ATS is successful in raising funds. As an ATS member, you will be part of a large statewide Tribal consortium that is seeking success for all members. We are all stronger and can do so much more together.

4 Your community will be offered the chance to earn additional revenue.

As long as your Tribe meets the requirements, they can choose to be a Network Access Owner (NAO) or Virtual Service Provider (VSP) for their community and earn income.

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5 ATS will apply for many grants to provide significant broadband middle and last mile funding for your community.

With a strong collective Tribal voice, ATS will apply as a Tribally-owned and controlled nonprofit for potential large grant awards and subsidies for its members. This significant funding will be used to install ATN infrastructure and reduce the cost of broadband access in ATS member communities.

For example, Alaska Tribal Spectrum has applied via a USDA Community Connect Grant to enable 5 Tribes in Bristol Bay with a wireless solution if awarded.

ATS is also applying for an NTIA Tribal grant to provide wireless infrastructure across all of Alaska to bring affordable broadband access to rural Alaska. As an ATS member, you will benefit from this grant.

6 Your Tribe has the ability to nominate and elect management representatives to the Policy Board.

The ATS Policy Board is made up of ATS Tribally-elected managers that maintain the network policies of the ATN. This ensures that the ATN is managed for the maximum benefit of all Tribal members who determine their own destiny.

7 Your community is poised to take advantage of mobility in the future.

As an ATS member, your community will be poised to take advantage of mobility in the future because the ATN is designed and built to enable 5G LTE capabilities. This means that broadband could be available on any network device anywhere in your community in the future within signal range, with minimal refactoring. Phone service may be offered by VSPs to allow for additional broadband services.

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8 There are no Tribal requirements for network equipment maintenance.

1. All ATS communities will be part of the ATN. Network equipment upkeep and management will be maintained by the Network Access Owners (NAO) to a standard required for top quality service. Unless the Tribe contracts to be the NAO, the Tribe need not provide any expertise or be responsible for any upkeep.
2. Technical training/job skill training opportunities with local VSPs for Tribal members will be offered by the VSPs.

9 FCC “Buildout” requirements will be addressed for your community.

ATS will use its best efforts to seek funding for your community buildout requirements. FCC-required reporting is done by Alaska Tribal Spectrum with the FCC. The Tribe has no reporting requirements of any kind. ATS will communicate license-related updates and status in a timely manner.

10 ATS is responsive and aware of time-sensitive broadband opportunities and industry trends.

ATS will supply a consistent Tribal voice to ensure ATS member broadband issues and needs are addressed at state and federal levels and that you are kept up to date. As broadband funding, education, and training opportunities arise, ATS will contact its members to invite their participation.

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