



# CALIFORNIA ADVANCED SERVICES FUND



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# California Advanced Services Fund (CASF)

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# General Overview

- Provides grants to deploy broadband infrastructure, grants to regional consortia and grants for adoption and public housing to “bridge the digital divide.” (Pub. Util. Code, § . 281).
- Goal of the CASF is to provide broadband access to no less than 98% of California households in each consortia region by December 31, 2022.
- Total authorized funding: \$645 million:
  - Broadband Infrastructure Grant Account, Line Extension, and Revolving Loan Accounts (\$575 million)
  - Rural and Urban Regional Broadband Consortia Grant Account (\$25 million)
  - Broadband Public Housing Account (\$25 million)
  - Broadband Adoption Account (\$20 million)
- Total awarded thus far: approx. \$256 million.





# Broadband Infrastructure Grant Account

- Funds capital costs of broadband infrastructure projects in unserved areas.
  - “Unserved household”—a household for which no facility-based broadband provider offers broadband service at speeds of at least 6 mbps downstream and 1 mbps upstream.
- Eligible Applicants:
  - Entities with a Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity that qualify as a “telephone corporation,” wireless carriers who are registered with the Commission; non-telephone corporations, which are facilities based broadband service providers; a local governmental agency if no other eligible entity applied; and eligible satellite service providers.
- Currently accepting applications.





# Line Extension

- Provides funding to individual households or property owners to offset the costs of connecting to an existing or proposed facility-based broadband provider.
- Eligible Applicants:
  - An individual household or property owner.
- Submission and Timelines – TBD.





# Rural and Urban Regional Broadband Consortia Grant Account

- Provides funding to facilitate the deployment of broadband services by assisting infrastructure applications in the project development or grant application process.
- An eligible consortium may include representatives of organizations, including:
  - Local and regional government, public safety, elementary and secondary education, health care, libraries, postsecondary education, community-based organizations, tourism, parks and recreation, agricultural, business, workforce organizations, and air pollution control or air quality management districts.
- Submission and Timelines – TBD for new consortia.





# Broadband Public Housing Account

- Provides grants dedicated to connect to a broadband network and adoption in publicly supported housing communities.
- Eligible Applicants:
  - A publicly supported community means a publicly-subsidized multifamily housing development wholly owned by either of the following two entities:
    - 1) A public housing agency, or
    - 2) An incorporated nonprofit organization that has received public funding to subsidize the construction or maintenance of housing occupied by residents whose annual income qualifies as “low” or “very low” income according to federal poverty guidelines.
- Currently accepting applications.





# Broadband Adoption Account

- Provides grants to increase publicly available or after-school broadband access and digital inclusion.
- Monies in this account shall not be used to subsidize the costs of providing broadband service to households.
- Eligible Applicants
  - Local governments, senior centers, schools, public libraries, nonprofit organizations, and community-based organizations with programs to increase publicly available or after school broadband access and digital inclusion, such as digital literacy training programs.
- The Commission shall be ready to accept applications no later than July 1, 2018







# We Need Your Input!

## Staff Proposal in R.12-10-012

- Amended Scoping Memo and Ruling of Assigned Commissioner issued on February 14, 2018 (available at <http://docs.cpuc.ca.gov/SearchRes.aspx?DocFormat=ALL&DocID=209743953>)
  
- Interested parties to file comments on the Staff Proposal to implement the program
  - Phase I: Broadband Adoption, Public Housing and Loan Accounts (Comments due March 16; Reply Comments due April 2).
  - Phase II: Infrastructure, Line Extension and Consortia Accounts (Comments due April 16; Reply Comments due May 1).





**Q&A/Thank you!**





# Resources

- CASF Website
  - <http://www.cpuc.ca.gov/casf/>
- CASF Annual Reports
  - <http://www.cpuc.ca.gov/General.aspx?id=9226>
- California Broadband Availability Map
  - <http://www.broadbandmap.ca.gov/>

