

State Digital Equity Plan and Digital Equity Capacity Grant Program Stakeholder Briefing

September 30, 2024



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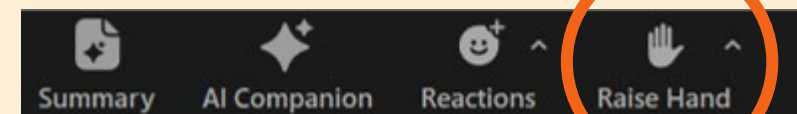
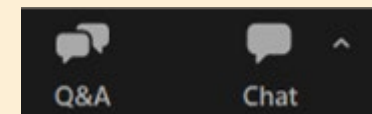
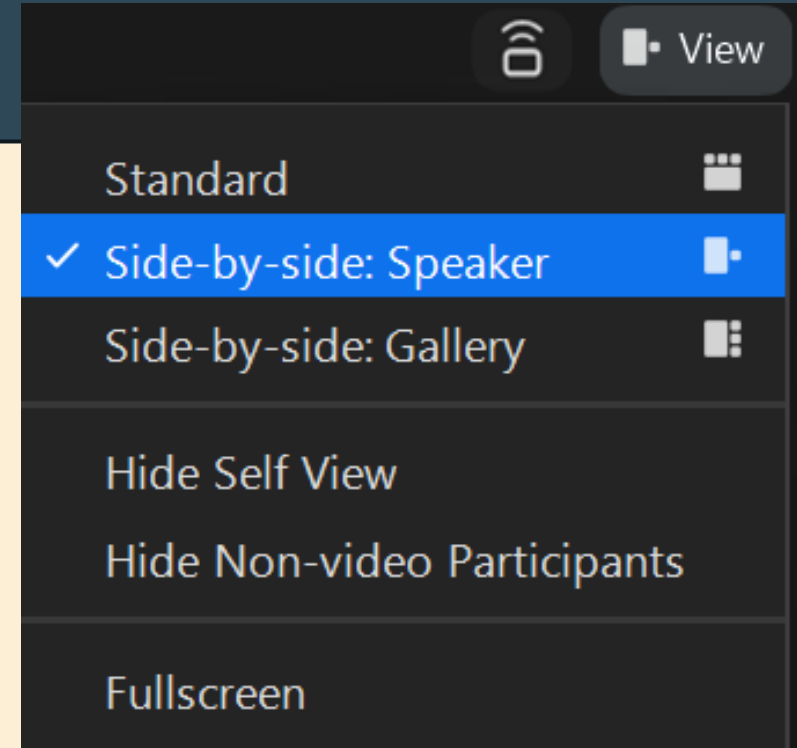
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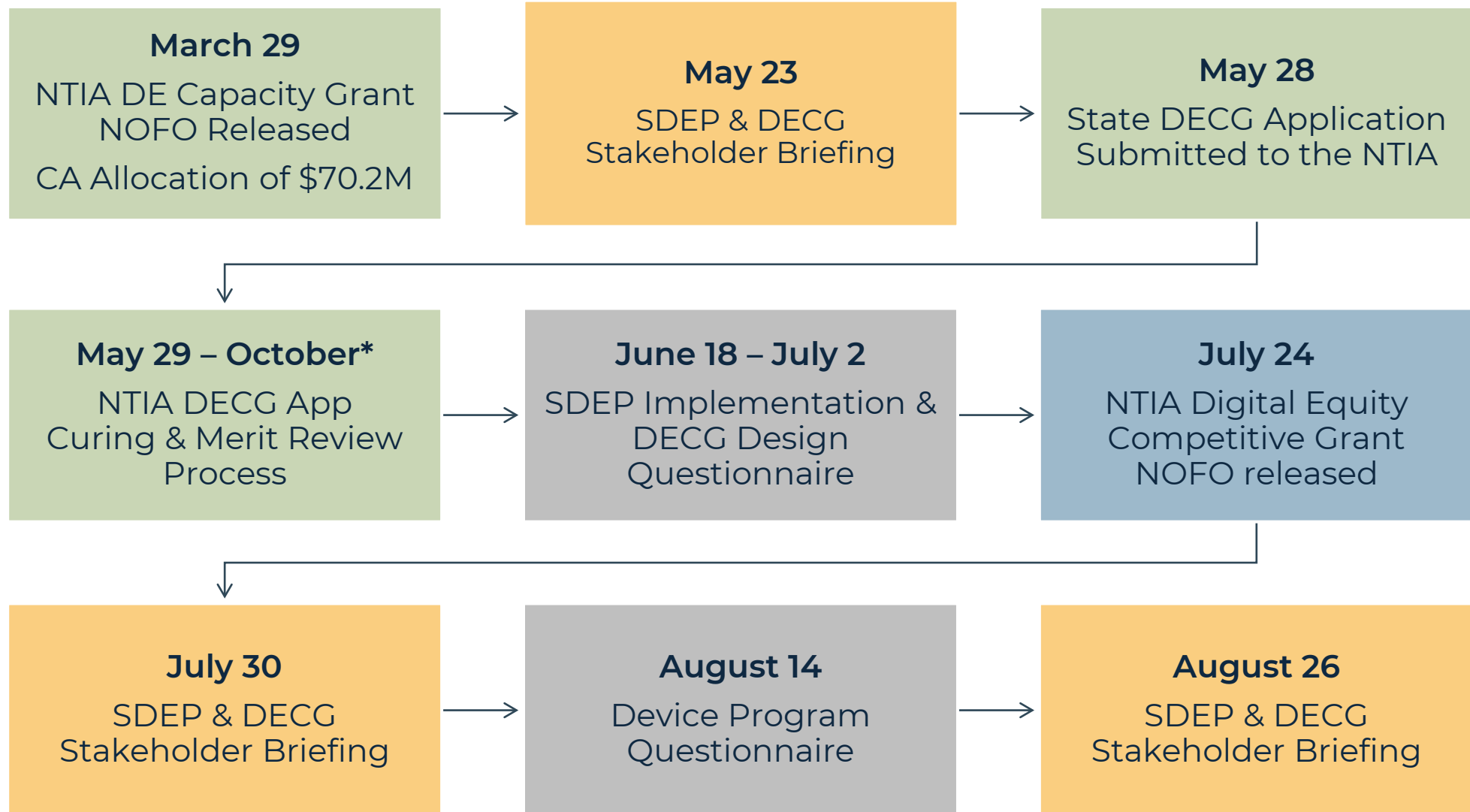
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Recap



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Stakeholder Engagement

Large Group Presentations

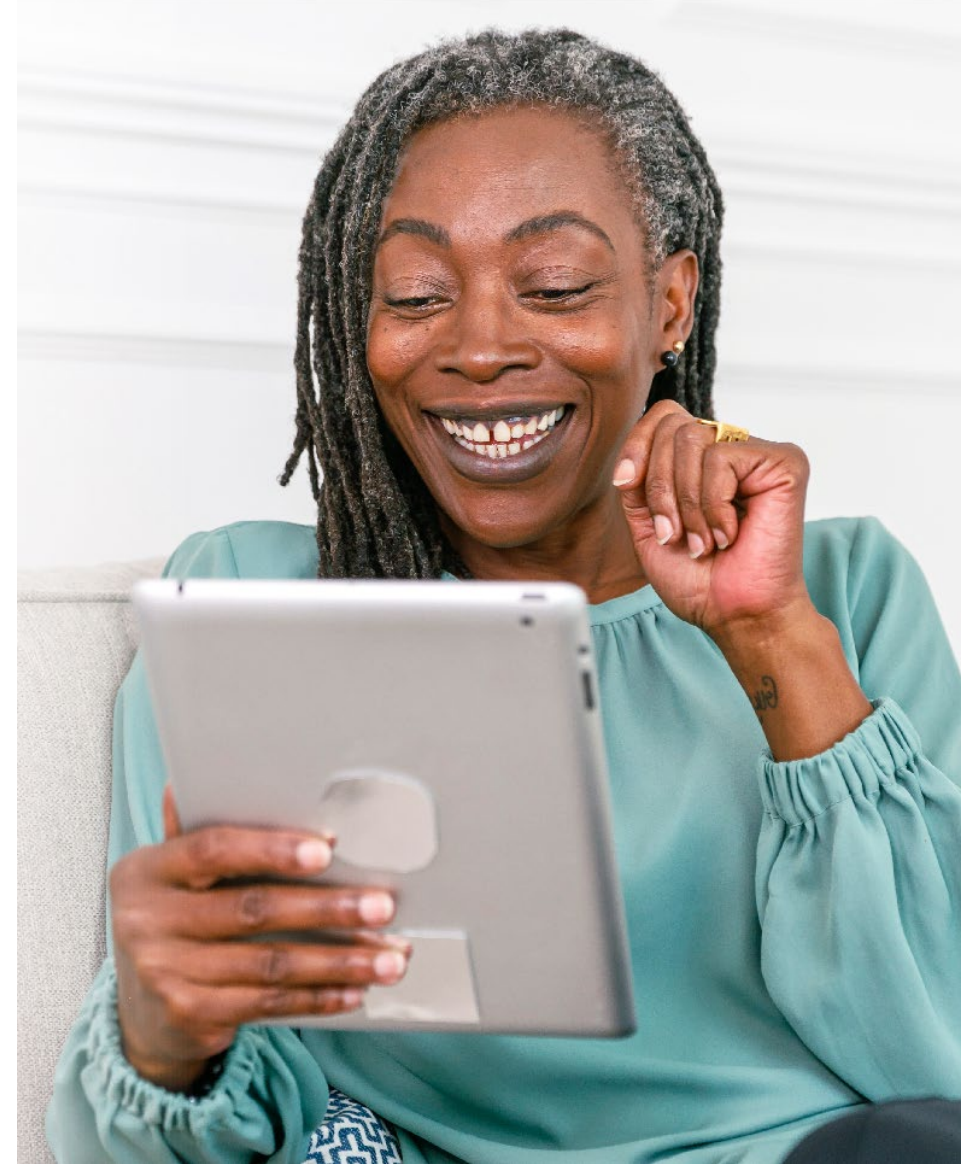
- 9/17 – Solano Connected DE Consortium Meeting
- 9/17 – NTIA Joint Cohort Summit

Market Research & Listening Sessions

- State Agencies
- Broadband Consortia
- Local Governments
- Community Based Organizations
- Private Sector Entities

Competitive Grant Coordinating Meetings

- 18 Applicant Groups



Other Sources of Funding

NTIA Competitive Grant Application Period Closed on 9/23

- More than 20 CA-based applications submitted
- Applications requested more than \$250 million in total funding

NTIA Native Entity DE Capacity Grant is now Open!

- Open from 9/25/24 – 2/7/25
- Funds initiatives that help Native communities fully access the digital world --
 - Native entities may apply as part of a consortium or may submit an individual application
 - No non-federal cost sharing or matching funds requirement
 - Grants to range from \$500,000 to \$2,000,000

[State Digital Equity Capacity Grant Program: Native Entities | BroadbandUSA \(ntia.gov\)](https://www.broadbandusa.gov/ntia)



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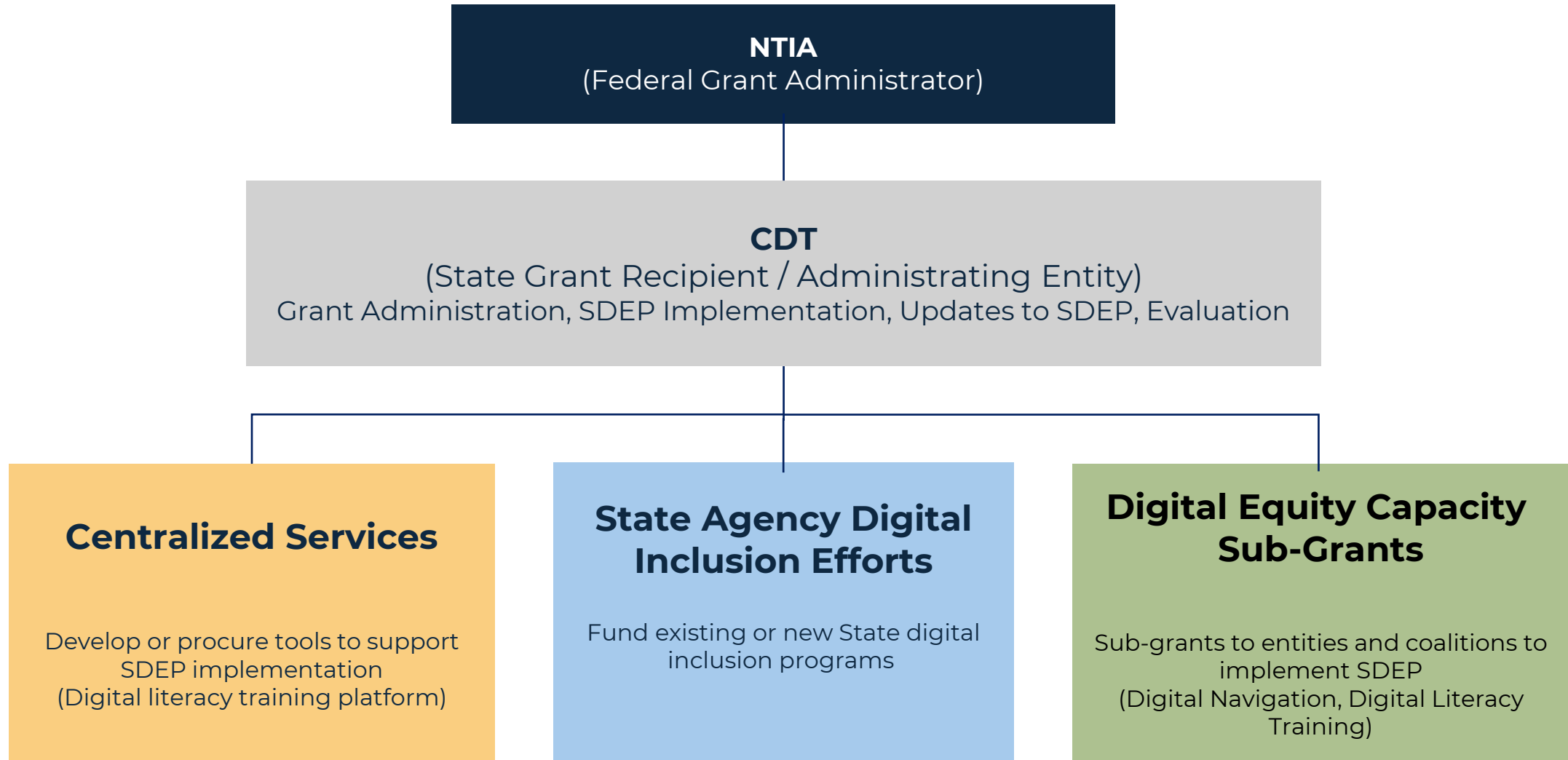
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DIGITAL EQUITY CAPACITY SUBGRANT PROGRAM

Capacity Grant Program Structure



Purpose

The Digital Equity Capacity Subgrant Program will focus on:

- Fund entities to implement the Statewide Digital Equity Plan.
- Address digital equity barriers at local, regional, and state level.
- Develop regional ecosystems and increase capacity.
- Provide digital inclusion funding to trusted messengers.
- Allocate funding across every county.
- Encourage statewide innovation.



DIGITAL EQUITY CAPACITY GRANT SUBGRANT PROGRAM

Draft Subgrant Design

Two funding tracks designed to focus on regional, local & targeted statewide **ecosystem development**.

	Track 1: Regional/Local Ecosystems	Track 2: Targeted Statewide Ecosystems
Design	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Formula allocation per county geographic boundary• Encourage one lead applicant per area• Regional/Local Planning + Capacity Grant• Local capacity to be aided by centralized services	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Competitive grants for development of statewide ecosystems & innovation for:<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ Targeted Outcome Areas○ Specific Covered Populations
Eligible Entities	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Leads: Eligible entity within each county geographic boundary (allow multi-county joint applications)• Subgrants: Funds may subsequently be allocated to other implementation partners	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Nonprofits and digital inclusion providers with outcome area, covered population, or statewide reach• Tribes and Tribal consortia and associations

Proposed Track 1 Formula

Considered formula allocations per county geographic boundaries.

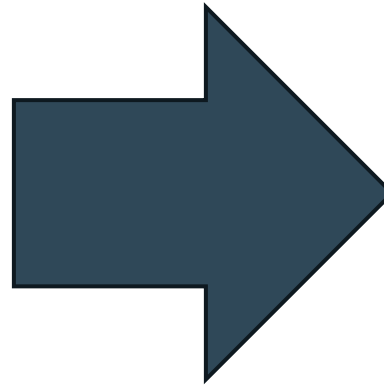
Digital Equity Act State Allocation Formula

50%: size of total population within the state

25%: size of total Covered Populations within the state

25%: comparative lack of broadband availability & adoption relative to other states

Every state is ensured a minimum allocation of **0.5%** of total funding pool.



Alternative Formula (informed by public input)

75%: size of total Covered Populations within county geographic boundary

25%: comparative lack of broadband availability & adoption relative to other county geographic boundaries

Every county geographic boundary is ensured a minimum allocation of **0.5%** of total funding pool.

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DRAFT GUIDELINES PUBLIC COMMENT PROCESS

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Public Comment Process

Overview	Process
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• 30-day public comment period• September 30 – October 29• Online via the BB4All Portal 	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• CDT will review all comments received• Will only accept comments submitted via the online form• Only one set of comments will be accepted per organization• Ability to comment on multiple sections• Comments submitted will be confirmed via email• Comments posted as submitted within two business days

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California Digital Equity Capacity Subgrant Program Draft Guidelines – For Public Comment

Related Content

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Subgrant Program Guideline Sections

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The California Department of Technology (CDT) is requesting public comment on the draft guidelines of the State Capacity Subgrant program. This program will provide funding to local organizations to help them develop local digital equity plans, provide digital navigation services, offer digital literacy training, support targeted device distribution, and promote digital workforce development programs.

The public comment period is from September 30 through October 29.

These combined actions will help members of covered populations overcome digital equity barriers and will support digital inclusion and outcomes related to education, healthcare, career development, and access to essential government benefit programs.

Read or print the California Digital Equity Capacity Subgrant Program Draft Guidelines:

[English \[PDF\]](#) [Spanish \[PDF\]](#)

[Submit Public Comment](#)

Alternative Access

CDT has developed an HTML version of the same draft guidelines to be available in over 100 languages and compatible with assistive technology.

Access the HTML version of various sections of the draft subgrant guidelines below. Select your preferred language on the top right corner of the page.

ONLINE PUBLIC COMMENT DEMO

Public Comment Form

**Fields marked with an asterisk are required, and all other field are optional.*

Commenter's First Name *

Commenter's Last Name *

Commenter's Title *

Name of Organization *

Email Address *

ZIP Code

City

County

Phone Number

 (201) 555-0123

Are you considering applying for a Digital Equity Capacity Subgrant from CDT? *

- Yes, we are considering leading a subgrant application
- Yes, but we would like to be a partner on a subgrant application
- Yes, we interested in either leading of partnering on an application
- We are not sure
- We are not planning to apply for a subgrant

If you are not sure, what additional information would be helpful in deciding to or not to apply for a subgrant?


Does your organization provide services to any of the following Covered Populations? If yes, please identify.

- Aging Individuals (60+)
- Immigrants
- Individuals in households at or below 150% of the federal poverty line
- Individuals living in a tribal community
- Individuals primarily residing in a rural area
- Individuals who are currently or formerly incarcerated
- Individuals with disabilities
- Individuals with limited English proficiency
- LGBTQIA+ individuals
- Racial or ethnic minorities
- Unhoused individuals
- Veterans
- Women

Select a section to provide a comment *

1. Program Background

Please provide a comment *

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- [DE Capacity Subgrant Program Guidelines](#)

The following comments were received in response to the Digital Equity Capacity Subgrant Program Draft Guidelines during the 30-day public comment period **between September 30 and October 29, 2024**. All public comments submitted through the public comment form were reviewed by the Office of Broadband and Digital Literacy (OBDL). All comments received are a part of the public record and have been posted without change.

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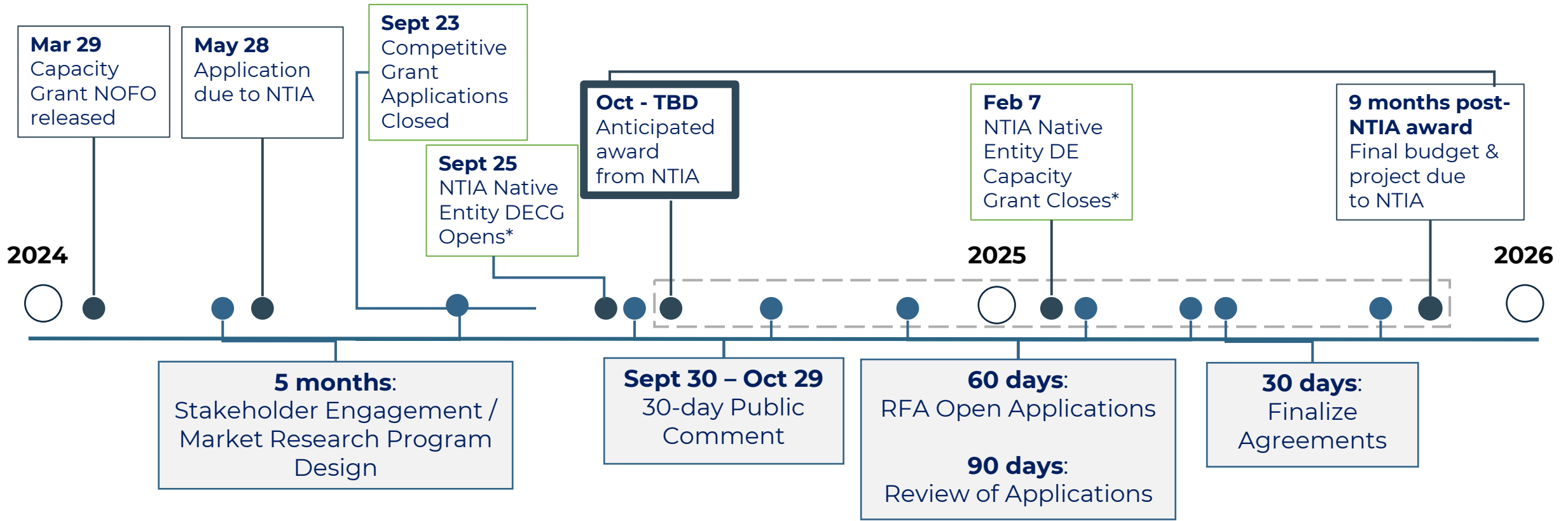
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STATE DIGITAL EQUITY CAPACITY GRANT PROGRAM

Tentative Timeline

Approximation of important milestones for Capacity Grant Planning



Note: Tentative timeline subject to revision and change

Follows receipt of NTIA award

*Source: DE Capacity Grant NOFO Page 1

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