

CALIFORNIA DIGITAL EQUITY PROGRAM (CalDEP)

The **California Digital Equity Program (CalDEP)** provides planning and capacity grants to Eligible Entities to implement strategies and conduct activities that align with and support the goals and measurable objectives of the [State Digital Equity Plan](#).

Allowable activities include, but are not limited to:

- Regional/local digital equity planning
- Broadband adoption campaigns
- Localized digital navigation services
- Digital literacy training
- Targeted device programs
- Community center computer labs
- Workforce training programs



Program Timeline and How to Apply

The CalDEP application period will be open for a period of 66 days from March 26 to May 30, 2025. Please review the [CalDEP Grant Guidelines and Request for Applications \(RFA\)](#) and [CalDEP pages](#) for full details on the program before applying.

Applications must be submitted on the [CalDEP Application Portal](#).

Eligible Entities

Eligible Entities must be located and operate in the State of California. Eligible Entities for Lead Applicants and Second-Tier Subgrantees are:

- A local political subdivision, agency, or instrumentality of the State of California.
- An Indian Tribe or a Native Hawaiian organization.
- A foundation, corporation, institution, organization or association that is:
 - a not-for-profit entity; and
 - not a school
- A community anchor institution.
- A local educational agency.
- An entity that carries out a workforce development program.
- A partnership between any of the entities listed above.
- A Regional Broadband Consortia (as long as they or their fiscal agents belong to an Eligible Entity category as listed above and have an active UEI).

Funding Tracks

CalDEP will fund these activities through the development of regional and local digital equity plans, statewide digital equity and inclusion ecosystems and related activities in two Funding Tracks:

TRACK 1:

Regional/Local Digital Equity Ecosystems

1. Develop and refine regional and local digital equity plans; and
2. Provide capacity to implement digital equity activities directly or through second-tier subgrants to local Eligible Entities with a focus on:
 - Local alignment with the SDEP Strategies, Measurable Objectives and Key Activities
 - Local digital equity asset identification and implementation strategies
 - Long-term sustainability

TRACK 2:

Targeted Statewide Digital Equity Ecosystems

Support ecosystem development, planning, and innovation for State outcome areas and Covered Populations that may be served more effectively in statewide ecosystems rather than regional or local ecosystems.

How Can Applicants Prepare?

Get Organized

Create or verify an active SAM.gov registration and Unique Entity Identifier (UEI) number

Apply for or confirm Employer Identification Number (EIN)

Complete your Federal/State audit

Sign Up for Broadband for All [email updates](#)

Bookmark the [CalDEP landing page](#) for application resources

Identify Partners and Build Coalitions

Assess opportunities and priorities in your communities and where your organization provides the best expertise in your local or statewide digital equity ecosystem

Determine which Funding Track is best suited to your organization/project

Submit your information to the [Partnership Coordination Resource](#) (optional)

Research and Assessment

Identify if your region has an existing Digital Equity Plan

Conduct market research to identify potential contractors and vendors

Review the [State Digital Equity Plan](#)

