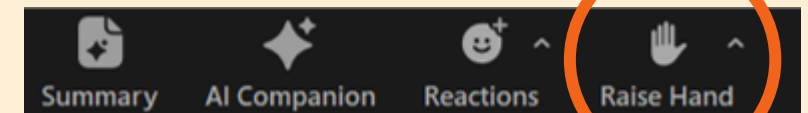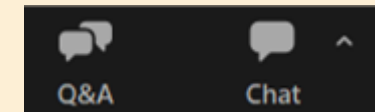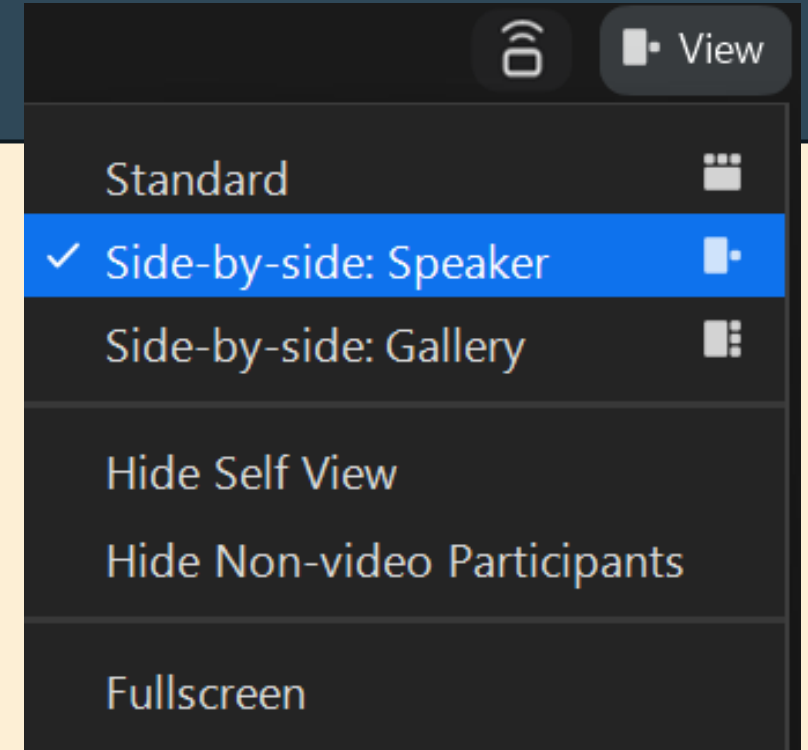# Housekeeping

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Welcome & Office Hours Overview

James Spencer

BROADBAND ADMINISTRATIVE MANAGER

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Scope of Questions

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CalDEP Application Period

Overview	Notes
• Two-month open application period • March 26 – May 30 • Online via the <u>BB4All Portal</u>	• Review the Grant Guidelines and RFA and all associated materials on the BB4All Portal. • Use the Application Portal to complete and submit your application. • Only applications submitted via the Application Portal will be accepted.

Deadline
May 30, 2025
11:59pm PDT

Other Technical Assistance Resources

Written Resources

Written resources to assist in the application development process

Webinars and Video Content

Presentations on specific topics regarding the RFA and the application process

Partnership Coordination

Resource webpage for applicants to identify potential partners

Q&A Cycles

A dedicated email inbox for submitting written questions and a regular schedule for posting responses

Office Hours

Opportunities to ask the CDT team generalized questions about the RFA and the application process

TRACK 1 & TRACK 2 SUMMARY

Alex Banh

PRINCIPAL

Broadband Equity Partnership

Track 1 Summary

Track 1: Regional/Local Digital Equity Ecosystem Planning & Capacity - $43M total pool

Overview	Requirements	Model Application

• **Purpose:**
  • Develop and refine regional and local digital equity plans.
  • Provide capacity to implement digital equity activities directly or through 2nd-tier subgrants.
• **Funding:**
  • Formula allocation per county geographic boundary.
  • Will only award one application per county funding allocation.
  • Lead Applicant with partnerships per county boundary is encouraged.
  • Lead Applicant may also partner with entities across multiple counties to submit one application for multiple funding allocations.
	• **Regional/local DE plan** development or refinement to align with the SDEP.
	  • Plan must be completed and approved by CDT before CalDEP awards may be used for implementation of activities.
	  • Plan must outline strategies, key activities, and measurable objectives to benefit members of all Covered Populations within the county in alignment with SDEP
	• **Implementation of local DE activities** that align with SDEP measurable objectives and regional/local digital equity plan.
	• **Coalitions or partnerships** formed with key stakeholders for planning and implementation. Must submit more than one LOI/LOS from partners/stakeholders from county/region.
	• **Second-tier subgranting** to other Eligible Entities to assist with implementation (optional).
		• **Lead Applicant experience and capacity:**
		  • With experience, reach, and partnerships across their specified county or multi-county region.
		  • With experience managing large initiatives, federal or state grants, and making grants or subgrants to other organizations (if proposed)
		• **Local partners** representing Covered Populations and digital equity practitioners.
		• **Knows local DE landscape:** Applicant Team has strong understanding of the DE landscape in county/region.
		• **Application aligns with SDEP** goals, measurable objectives, targets, implementation strategy, and key activities.
		• **Second-tier subgrants** to community partners and DE practitioners to implement DE activities and strengthen the local DE ecosystem.

Track 2 Summary

Track 2: Targeted Statewide Digital Equity Ecosystems (Covered Populations or Outcome Areas) - $7M total pool

Overview	Requirements	Model Application

• **Purpose:**
  • Statewide ecosystem development, planning, and innovation.
  • For a specific Covered Population or Outcome Area.
• **Funding:**
  • Awards in $400,000 - $1,000,000 range
  • Up to 14 awards expected.
	• **Statewide ecosystem development, capacity-building, or DE innovation** that benefits a specific Covered Population or Outcome Area.
	• **Track 1 coordination**, support, or sharing of best practices.
	• **Statewide Implementation Group** participation (or in other communities of practice established by CDT).
	• **Stakeholder engagement** across the state. Must submit more than one LOI/LOS from partners/stakeholders across California.
		• **Lead Applicant experience and capacity:**
		  • With experience, reach, and partnerships across the state's diverse regions, specializing in one Covered Population or Outcome Area.
		  • With experience managing large initiatives and federal or state grants
		• **Local partners** representing Covered Populations and digital equity practitioners.
		• **Large-scale implementation or innovation:** Application has plan for large-scale, statewide DE implementation or ecosystem development, and/or an innovative idea.
		• **Justification for targeted statewide ecosystem**: Application demonstrates why the specified Covered Population or Outcome Area is better served at the statewide level (instead of regional/local level).

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4 Answers will be posted on a rolling basis no later than May 16, 2025.

Summary of Resources

- CalDEP Overview

- CalDEP Grant Guidelines & Request for Application

- CalDEP Technical Assistance Resources

- CalDEP Questions and Answers

- CalDEP Partnership Coordination Resource

- CalDEP Application Portal

Scan here to access

CalDEP Page

RFA Next Steps

❑ Review CalDEP webpages & TA resources on the BB4All portal

❑ Read the Grant Guidelines & RFA

❑ Enter info in Partnership Coordination Resource (optional)

❑ Attend next CalDEP Office Hours May 7 at 2:00-3:00pm

❑ Send all CalDEP questions to CalDEP@state.ca.gov by May 9 at 5:00 p.m. PDT

Submit Application by Deadline
May 30, 2025
11:59pm PDT

Contact

Sign up:
Broadband for All Email Update

Website:
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