

→ CalDEP Funding Track Summary—Track 2

Targeted Statewide Digital Equity Ecosystems (Covered Populations or Outcome Areas)

Overview

Track 2 is designed to provide subgrants at the statewide level. Track 2 subgrants will support ecosystem development, planning, and innovation for a specific State Outcome Area or Covered Population which may be served more effectively in statewide, rather than regional or local, ecosystems.

If awarded, Track 2 Subgrantees will be expected to coordinate, collaborate and support Track 1 Subgrantees and their second-tier subgrantees.

→ Funding

- Track 2 subgrant awards will fall within the range of \$400,000 to \$1,000,000.
- CDT expects to make up to 14 awards under Track 2.

Program Requirements

Track 2 applications must align with the following program requirements and expectations:

- Engage in statewide ecosystem development, capacity-building, or digital equity innovation that benefits a specific Covered Population or Outcome Area
- Include a plan to support, coordinate, or share best practices with Track 1 Subgrantees, and participate in and contribute to the Statewide Implementation Group and other communities of practice established by CDT.
- Engage stakeholders across the state.
 - Track 2 applications must include more than one Letter of Intent or Letter of Support from partners or stakeholders across the state.
- Contribute to CDT's ongoing collection of responses to Statewide Digital Equity Public Survey and DEEM tool.

Additionally, it is permissible, but not required, for Track 2 Lead Applicants to make second-tier subgrants to other Eligible Entities across the state to assist with implementation of local digital equity activities.

Model Applications

A model, or competitive, Track 2 application may include the following components:

- A Lead Applicant with experience, reach, and partnerships across the state's diverse regions, specializing in serving one Covered Population or Outcome Area.
- A Lead Applicant with experience managing large initiatives and managing federal or state grants.
- Local partners representing Covered Populations or Outcome Areas and digital equity practitioners identified by the time of application to strengthen the statewide digital equity ecosystem.
- The application outlines a plan for large-scale, statewide digital equity activity implementation and ecosystem coordination and/or demonstrates an innovative idea.
- The application demonstrates why the specified Covered Population or Outcome Area is better served at the statewide level instead of at the local/regional level.