

Digital Equity Stakeholder Briefing

September 12, 2025



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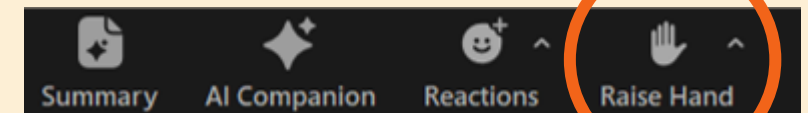
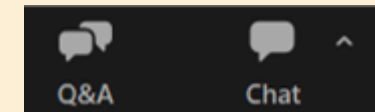
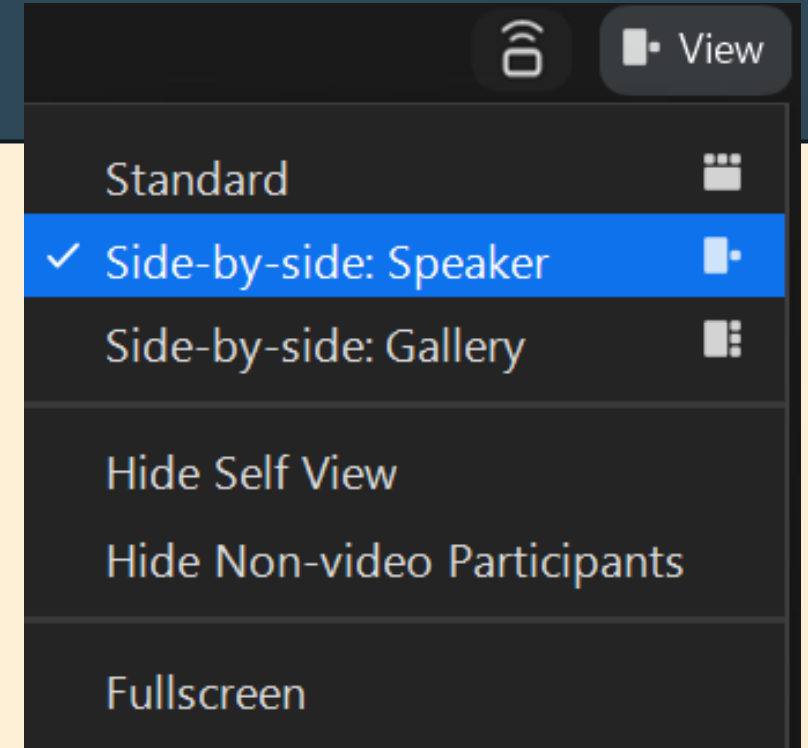
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Agenda

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Engagement

Centralized Services

Existing Funding & Resources

Next Steps & Close



WELCOME

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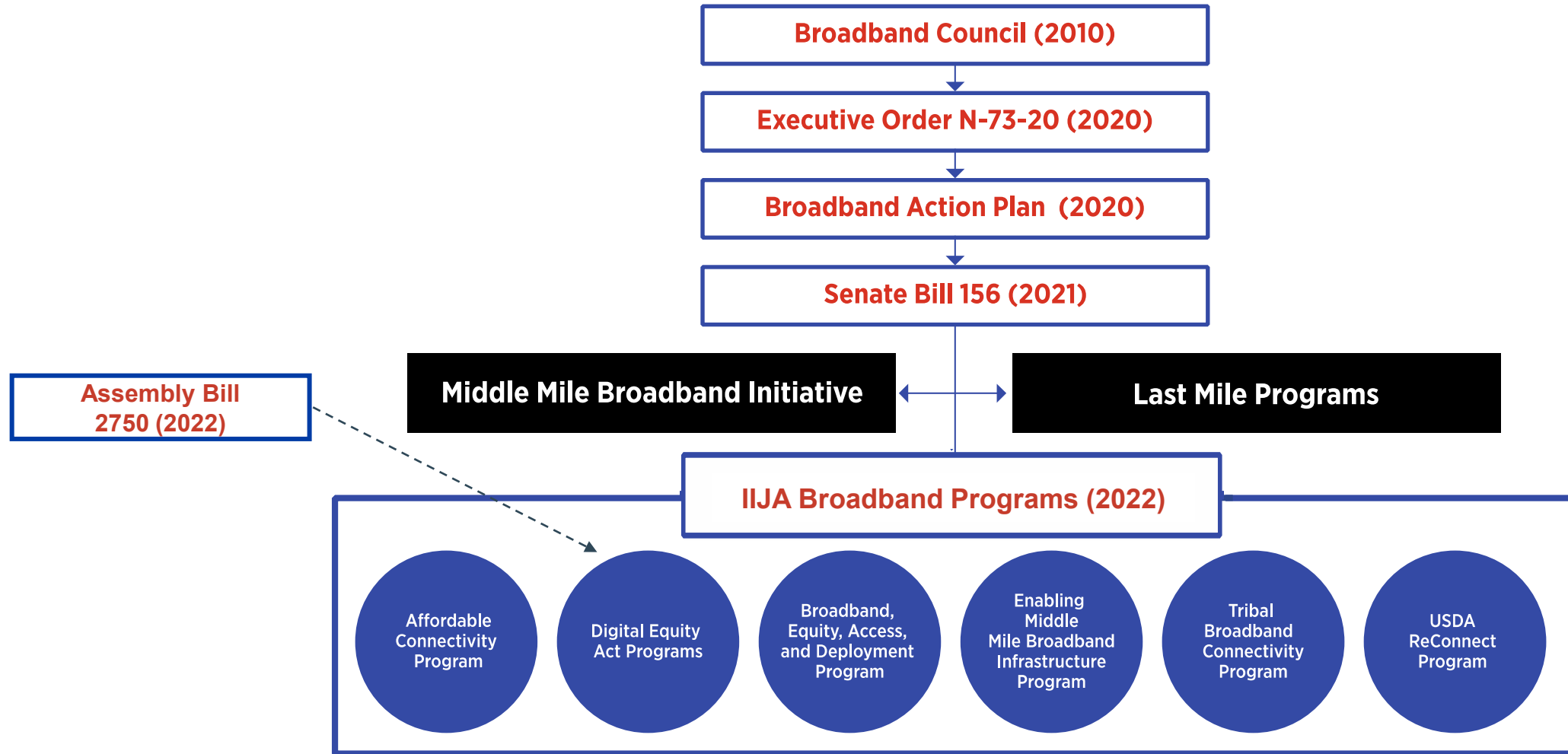
Closeout of Digital Equity Act Programs

On May 9, 2025, the new federal administration terminated the Digital Equity Act Programs, including:

- **State Digital Equity Capacity Grant Program**
 - Termination for all states
 - California's \$70 million State Digital Equity Capacity Grant
 - CalDEP suspended until further notice
- **Digital Equity Competitive Grant Program**
 - Termination for all states
 - Grants to 13 California-serving entities, totaling nearly \$130 million

On September 5, CDT submitted final closeout documents for the SDECG

Broadband For All



Broadband for All Action Plan

GOAL 1:

All Californians have high-performance broadband available at home, schools, libraries, and businesses.

GOAL 2:

All Californians have access to affordable broadband and necessary devices.

GOAL 3:

All Californians can access training and support to enable digital inclusion.



Path Forward

- Committed to Broadband for All & Digital Equity
- Robust DE Ecosystem and network of partners
- Coordination, collaboration, and alignment
- Leverage existing investments and efforts
- Leverage existing & develop new partnerships



Discussion



ENGAGEMENT

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ENGAGEMENT & OPERATIONS MANAGER

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Community of Practice

Purpose: Regular convenings for digital equity stakeholders to share information, best practices, and resources, to foster coordination, collaboration, and alignment related to broadband adoption, devices, digital literacy and skills training, and digital navigation.



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Centralized Services



Digital Literacy
Skills & Training
Platform



Digital Navigation
Training



Educational &
Workforce
Development



Statewide DE
Survey



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EXISTING FUNDING & RESOURCES

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CPUC Programs

	<u>CASF Broadband Adoption Account</u>	<u>CASF Broadband Public Housing Account</u>	<u>CASF Tribal Technical Assistance</u>
Grant Size and Match	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <\$100k - \$4m+ • 15% match 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Up to 100% for wiring & broadband network equipment 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Grants shall not exceed \$250,000 per Tribe, per fiscal year.
Focus & Activities	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Digital literacy projects • Broadband access (in community rooms, public spaces, senior centers, libraries, nonprofits/CBO's) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Projects to build or connect broadband networks that offer free broadband service for residents of low-income communities 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Improve voice and broadband communications to support Tribal broadband needs and access. • Market studies, feasibility studies, business plans, grant writing, consultant services, and administrative costs.
Entities	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Local gov, senior centers, schools, libraries, nonprofits, CBOs 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Public housing, farmworker housing, mobile home parks, multi-dwelling units, tribal housing 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • CA Tribes with or without federal recognition that demonstrate Tribal leadership support and Tribal Consortia are eligible
Geographic Scope	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Statewide or local 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Statewide or local 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Statewide or local
Upcoming Deadlines	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • January 1, 2026 • July 1, 2026 • January 1, 2027 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • January 1, 2026 • July 1, 2026 (ongoing until funds exhausted) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • October 1, 2025 • January 1, 2026 • April 1, 2026 • July 1, 2026

CPUC Programs (cont.)

LifeLine Home Broadband Pilot Program

Eligibility:

- Participation in state assistance programs
(i.e. Medi-Cal, SSI, WIC)
- Income-based
(i.e. household size of 4 = \$49,600)

Subsidy Amounts:

- \$20 per month subsidy: standalone fixed broadband
- \$30 per month (\$20 for broadband, \$10 for voice): bundled broadband + voice
- \$39 reimbursement for new connections/household
- Minimum standards of 100/20 Mbps with 1,280 GB

Find out more about the Lifeline Home Broadband Pilot Program Ruling by scanning this QR code.



Other Resources

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Affordable service programs

Low-cost home internet services and device offers

Home internet service and computing devices are critical for all individuals to reap the social and economic benefits of the digital world. The cost of both remains a barrier for many people. We've partnered with EveryoneOn* and the California Emerging Technology Fund to help you find programs in your area:

- Low-cost internet service
- Computer offers
- Digital skills training (i.e. computer skills and internet basics)

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Funding opportunities

State and federal funding is available to support:

- Broadband deployment
- Adoption
- Digital literacy planning and implementation

Funding programs that have an annual cycle will display the current fiscal year open and close dates.

Search for available broadband funding programs

I work with looking for funding to support

Search:

Program Name	Program Purpose	Type of Award	Application Due/Filing Window Closes	Eligible Costs
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Digital equity resource finder

The California Department of Technology compiled a database of digital equity resources across the state to support practitioners find the following services:

- Get a computer or device
- Get technical help
- Find a training or class
- Find a public computer

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NEXT STEPS & CLOSE

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Next Steps

California Broadband Council Meeting (Hybrid)	Next Digital Equity Stakeholder Briefing (Virtual)
<p>Friday, October 24</p> <p>Covered CA – Tahoe Board Room Sacramento, CA</p> <p>Zoom Link</p>	<p>Late Fall</p> <p>Via Zoom</p>

THANK YOU!

Sign up:

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