

**Digital Equity Stakeholder Meeting**  
**December 17, 2025**  
**2:00 p.m. – 3:15 p.m.**  
**Meeting Minutes and Transcript**

The Digital Equity Stakeholder Meeting met virtually on Wednesday, December 17, 2025, at 2:00 p.m. Engagement and Operations Analyst Amanda Lee welcomed attendees and instructed them to introduce themselves in the Zoom Chat box with their name, job title, and affiliated organization.

### **Housekeeping**

Amanda Lee reviewed a few housekeeping items for attendees to participate in the conversation and have the best experience throughout the meeting. ASL interpreters were available throughout the meeting. Closed captioning was provided as an option for attendees throughout the meeting. Ms. Lee also mentioned that the meeting's recording, minutes, and transcript will be posted on the Broadband for All (BB4All) portal.

### **Agenda**

Ms. Amanda Lee briefly provided an overview of the Digital Equity Stakeholder Meeting agenda, which included a welcome remark from Deputy Director Scott Adams, California LifeLine Home Broadband Pilot Program by Public Utilities Regulatory Analyst, Loi Nguyen, Digital Equity Resource Survey by Broadband Equity Partnership (BEP) Principal, Shawn Daugherty, BB4All SDEP Goals/Innovative Ideas & Partnerships by Deputy Director Scott Adams, Digital Equity Resources by Digital Inclusion Manager Aracely Hernandez, and Partner Engagement by Engagement and Operations Manager, Anh Nguyen. Attendees were sent the link to the Broadband for All Past Events webpage via the Zoom Chat box.

### **Agenda Item 1 – Welcome**

Deputy Director Scott Adams of the California Department of Technology (CDT) Office of Broadband & Digital Literacy (OBDL) wished attendees a very happy holidays and shared a few welcome remarks. He emphasized Goals 2 and 3 from the Broadband for All Action Plan as the focus of the Digital Equity Stakeholder Briefing. Deputy Director Adams then closed out his portion of the presentation by sharing the meeting norms.

## **Agenda Item 2 – California LifeLine Home Broadband Pilot Program**

CDT's guest speaker, Ms. Loi Nguyen, Regulatory Public Utilities Analyst from the California Public Utilities Commission (CPUC), presented on the California LifeLine Home Broadband Pilot Program. She began her presentation by describing what the California LifeLine Home Broadband Pilot Program offered. Loi outlined the minimum service requirements and specific support amount for broadband service. Then, Ms. Loi Nguyen shared how applicants can meet eligibility requirements, either program-based or income-based. Finally, she shared the Program's goal and upcoming key milestones, including the January 26, 2026 pilot launch date and current participating service providers. Loi and her CPUC colleague added links in the chat to share more information about CPUC's Decision 25-08-050, the California LifeLine webpage, advice letter process via the Zoom Chat box.

### **Questions**

Ms. Aracely Hernandez moderated the Questions session, starting with those with their hands raised on Zoom, and then those received via the Questions & Answers (Q&A) and Chat boxes. Loi Nguyen and her colleague, Chari Worster, proceeded to address questions from the audience.

Ms. Hernandez raised many questions that came in through the Q&A and Chat box. The following meeting attendees raised their hands and came off mute to ask questions:

- Dr. Kristina Mattis, California Dept. of Education
- Patrick Messac, #OaklandUndivided
- Eric Sasaki, County of Los Angeles Internal Services Department
- Gina Gates-Lopez, People-Centric Ventures
- Dr. Ron Suarez, Broadband Institute Foundation
- Patricia Gainer, Volunteer
- Ian Brazill, City of San Diego

## **Agenda Item 3 – Digital Equity Resource Survey**

Ms. Shawn Daugherty, Principal from BEP, presented on the Digital Equity Resource Survey. The Digital Equity Resource Survey launched on November 19, 2025 and will remain open until January 12, 2026 to provide more granular information on digital inclusion services. She shared the latest response data collected as of December 16, 2025, including 84 total responses, 84 organizations serving residents, 71 organizations serving other organizations, responses by organization type, responses by county, and locations by county. Next, Shawn Daugherty explained how organizations with more than 5 locations can request a bulk upload. Finally, Ms. Daugherty shared how attendees can

request a demonstration presentation by emailing [deem@state.ca.gov](mailto:deem@state.ca.gov). Attendees were sent the Digital Equity Resource Survey link, Digital Equity Resource Survey Read.me link, and DEEM email address via the Zoom Chat box.

## **Questions**

Ms. Anh Nguyen moderated the Questions session, starting with those with their hands raised on Zoom, and then those received via the Q&A and Chat box. Shawn Daugherty and Scott Adams proceeded to address questions.

There were many questions that came in through the Q&A and Chat box, and the following meeting attendee raised their hand and came off mute to ask questions:

- Gina Gates-Lopez, People-Centric Ventures

## **Agenda Item 4 – BB4All SDEP Goals/ Innovative Ideas & Partnerships**

Mr. Scott Adams, Deputy Director of OBDL, presented on innovative ideas & partnerships. In January, OBDL will be launching a Request for Innovative Ideas (RFI<sup>2</sup>) around 7 different challenges for the ecosystem. He encouraged attendees to be on the lookout for the RFI<sup>2</sup> opportunity. Deputy Director Adams also shared more details regarding a partner/bidder webinar following the RFI<sup>2</sup> launch, general time frame, and contact email address for interested parties.

## **Questions**

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Questions came through the Q&A and Chat box, and the following meeting attendee raised their hand and came off mute to ask questions:

- Larry Ortega, Fiber-Up My Neighborhood

## **Agenda Item 5 – Digital Equity Resources**

Ms. Aracely Hernandez, Digital Inclusion Manager at CDT's Office of Broadband and Digital Literacy, began her presentation by highlighting the January 1, 2026 upcoming grant deadline of various CPUC programs, such as the California Advanced Services Fund (CASF) Broadband Adoption account, CASF Broadband Public Housing Account, and CASF Tribal Technical Assistance. Aracely also shared information on the CPUC CASF Broadband Consortia Program and the upcoming Mobile Broadband Services webinar on January 13.

Lastly, Ms. Hernandez reminded attendees that the National Telecommunications and Information Administration (NTIA) Tribal Broadband Connectivity Program will launch its Notice of Funding Opportunity in Spring 2026 and make available an estimated \$500 million in funding for infrastructure and adoption. Attendees were sent links to the CPUC Webinar on Mobile Broadband Services and NTIA Tribal Broadband Connectivity Program via the Zoom Chat box.

## **Questions**

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Anh Nguyen raised questions that came in through the Q&A and Chat box, and the following meeting attendees raised their hands and came off mute to ask questions:

- Larry Ortega, Fiber-Up My Neighborhood
- Patrick Messac, #OaklandUndivided
- Rebecca Kauma, County of Los Angeles Internal Services Department

## **Agenda Item 6 – Partner Engagement**

Engagement & Operations Manager Anh Nguyen began her presentation by providing details on the Digital Equity Community of Practice. She stated that the rebranding of this year's stakeholder briefings will transition to the Digital Equity Community of Practice in 2026. She also reminded and shared a QR code to the Digital Equity Resource Survey due on January 12, 2026. Then, Ms. Nguyen provided information on upcoming events and the Digital Equity Ecosystem Event Calendar. After that, Ms. Nguyen highlighted how to subscribe to Broadband for All email updates, how to find the Broadband for All portal, and the team's contact information. Attendees were sent links to the Middle-Mile Advisory Committee meeting, California Broadband Council meeting, Digital Equity Ecosystem Event Calendar Tool, and Broadband for All email address via the Zoom Chat box.

No attendees came off mute to ask questions. However, Ms. Nguyen raised one question from the Chat Box from Rebecca Kauma from LA County ISD.

Ms. Nguyen thanked attendees and presenters for their participation and engagement throughout 2025 and wished everyone a very, happy holidays. The meeting adjourned at 3:15 p.m.

(The recording and presentation slides from the meeting will be posted on Broadband for All portal.)

## Transcript

Hello, everyone. We will begin the meeting shortly. Please use the chat box to share your name, job title, and affiliated organization, as more folks are coming in. Good afternoon, and welcome to the December 17th Digital Equity Stakeholder Meeting. On behalf of the State of California and the Department of Technology, we thank you for being here. Before we begin, a few housekeeping items. Presenters, please cue Ricki to advance your slides. Select side-by-side speaker mode for the best viewing experience when your slides are shared and visibility of the ASL interpreters. Closed captioning is available. Select "CC Closed Caption" on your toolbar and select "Show Subtitle." Please note there is time allocated at the end of each agenda item for questions. Use the Q&A box to type your questions related to that portion of the agenda while the presenter is presenting. Use the raised hand icon on Zoom or star 9 if you're calling in by phone. Our team will request that you come off of mute and video. Feel free to turn on your mic and turn on your video at that time. Chat will be off while the presenters are speaking, so that no questions are lost in the chat. Chat will be available when prompted. Next slide, please. This meeting is being recorded. We will be posting the recording, slides, and transcripts of this meeting to the Broadband for All portal. Use the QR code listed on your screen or click on the link in the chat to access the post-meeting materials from past events. Because of this, AI note-taking bots are not permitted and will be removed from the meeting. Next slide, please. Today's agenda will begin with welcome remarks from CDT Deputy Director of Broadband and Digital Literacy, Scott Adams. Next, we will have Loi Nguyen to share an update on the CPUC California LifeLine Home Broadband Pilot Program. Then, Shawn Daugherty, Principal of Broadband Equity Partnership, will present the latest information on the Digital Equity Resource Survey. OBDL Deputy Director Scott Adams will return to provide a high-level overview of Broadband for All SDEP goals/Innovative Ideas and Partnerships. Then, OBDL Digital Inclusion Manager Aracely Hernandez will provide an update on Digital Equity Resources. Lastly, Engagement and Operations Manager Anh Nguyen will close today's convening with sharing some Partner Engagement updates and reminders as we move into the new year. After each agenda portion, Anh or Aracely will facilitate the discussion. With that, I would first like to introduce Deputy Director Scott Adams.

Thank you very much, Amanda, and welcome folks. It's such a pleasure to be with you all here at the last Digital Equity Stakeholder Meeting of the year here in the state of California. We can go to the next slide. The first thing we wanted to do is wish all of you happy holidays. Regardless of what you're doing, we hope you're celebrating something with friends and family and, you know, taking time to reflect on the things that we're grateful for this year. I just would like to say that we're very grateful for our partnership and collaboration with all of you. Next slide, please. So, real quick, I know that these meetings tend to grow and fluctuate, and we're constantly having new folks come in. We wanted to stress that for the Digital Equity, you know, monthly meetings that we throw here, we know that you can't have, you know, Digital Equity in California without access to infrastructure, and that those are, both the Middle-Mile Broadband Initiative and the Public Utilities Commission's program, or, you know, really important to folks. Those infrastructure focused parts of Broadband for All have other venues where folks can convene, so these convenings here are really focusing on the second and third goals that are outlined in the Action Plan and

the Digital Equity Plan that all Californians have access to affordable broadband and necessary devices. And that all Californians can access training to support and enable digital inclusion. Next slide, please. A quick reminder on some of the meeting norms here, because this is a bi-directional, free-flowing meeting. We're gonna ask that only questions and comments on the agenda items be asked, and those are what we can address. We are going to monitor the chat. Usually, there's a bunch of great things going on in the chat. We encourage you to use that function and to ask questions and share information. Disruptive behaviors will not be tolerated, and if we see that in order to maintain both the safety and the comfort of this space, individuals doing disruptive behaviors will be removed from the meeting. Next slide, please. I'm gonna say thank you all, I'll see you later. Looking forward to a great meeting and appreciate you all taking the time to be here.

Good afternoon, everyone. Thank you so much for being here today, and happy holiday season. My name is Aracely Hernandez. I'm the Digital Inclusion Manager with the Office of Broadband and Digital Literacy. In previous stakeholder briefings, we did provide some general updates on the launch of the California Home Broadband Pilot Program. And today, we're really excited that we have a guest speaker from the CPUC to provide us with more details. I'm pleased to introduce our guest speaker, Loi Nguyen, from the Public Utilities Regulatory Analyst at the CPUC. Welcome, Loi. Thank you for joining us here today. I'll pass the mic over to you for your presentation, and we'll leave some room at the end for folks to ask some questions and have a bit of a discussion. I'll turn it over to you.

Great, thank you so much for the introduction. Good afternoon, everyone. My name is Loi Nguyen, and I'm with the CPUC. Next slide, please. So, today, what this presentation will cover is the California LifeLine Home Broadband Pilot Program. In this presentation, we will talk about what the pilot offers, who's eligible to participate, when it will start, and which service providers are participating. On August 28, 2025, the Commission approved a 3-year voluntary technology-neutral home broadband pilot program. This pilot offers a subsidy for either a standalone broadband service or a bundle broadband and voice service. Eligible consumers can apply their California LifeLine subsidy for any internet plan that meets the established minimum service standards. The minimum service standard is 100 megabits per second download and 20 megabits per second upload speeds, with a data usage allowance of 1280 gigabytes. Now, there are two exceptions to these minimum service standards. One, if there are areas where 120 megabits per second service is not feasible. And if there are any current low-cost plans that service providers have. That are for income-qualified individuals. Where network is capable of delivering such service, and the providers offer service tiers that meet or exceed the minimum service standards. The specific support amount, also known as the subsidies, amount for standalone broadband is up to \$20 per month, and up to \$30 per month for a broadband service bundle with a wireline or wireless voice service through the same provider. Next slide, please. Great. Eligibility for California LifeLine Home Broadband Pilot requires applicants to meet either program-based or income-based eligibility requirements. The program-based eligibility is at least one member of the household must be enrolled in a qualified public assistance program, such as Medi-Cal, CalFresh, Women, Infant, Children, also known as WIC, or other qualified programs. Income-based eligibility is the household annual gross income must be at or below the levels as shown in the table. On the screen there. These are based on the set at 150% of the federal poverty guidelines. So, each year, we update this. By April 15th of each year, we update this to adjust the income limits. Okay, next slide, please. So, as the CPUC continues its efforts to help close the digital divide and improve broadband affordability. Through the establishment of the California LifeLine Home Broadband Pilot Program, our objective is to

increase both provider participation and overall enrollment in the California LifeLine Program. Our upcoming milestones are scheduled for the first quarter of 2026. The first key date is January 26th of 2026, marks the launch date for the pilot program. Now, this launch date is for current California LifeLine service providers. Or those with a commission-issued certificate of public convenience and necessity, also known as CPCN, or a wireless ID Registration, a WIR. The second key date is going to be in February or March of 2026. We plan to issue guidance through a resolution for non-CPCN WIR providers. This guidance will outline how non-CPCN WIR entities can register and participate in the pilot program. Now, in September of this year, I had sent an email out to parties to announce the launch date. And since then, we have received 3 advice letters, 2 from current LifeLine providers, and one from a commission-issued CPCN, non-LifeLine providers. So we approved one, and two are pending our review. So for those that are current California LifeLine providers or Commission-issued CPCN or WIR that are interested in participating, we encourage you to submit an advice letter so that the team can begin reviewing the advice letter. Okay, at this time, I'm going to stop the presentation and take any questions.

Thank you so much, Loi. I do see Kristina Mattis has her hand raised. I'll turn it over to her to turn on her mic and ask her question.

Okay, wonderful. Good afternoon, everybody. My name is Kristina Mattis with the California Department of Education. Well, I thank you so much for this information. My question to you is, are there any promotional-type materials already developed that we might be able to leverage when supporting the outreach to our schools for home connectivity?

Sure, and I'm sorry, Aracely. Can we add Chari Worster to the panel? She is with California LifeLine, too. And Kristina, I will answer that question. Sorry, I forgot.

You said her name is Chari.

Chari, C-H-A-R-I. Worster

Luke, hands on.

Oh my god.

Oh, perfect.

Cheers.

Okay. Kristen, yes, we currently do not have any marketing material. We leave it up to service providers to market the program. I think, and Chari, if you can correct me if I'm wrong, that we are working on maybe a fact sheet that we can provide to interested parties, so that way, if there are questions, they can refer to it or hand that out to interested consumers. Did that answer your question?

Oh, you're mute.

Yeah, looks like she's not able to.

There we go. Okay, yeah, the feature keeps going on and off to unmute, thank you. That, that does help. I'll open this up to the floor, that should anyone be interested in potentially collaborating on marketing materials, promotional information, would be happy to join those efforts. We know from previous conversations that recipients tend to trust information, if it looks the same and sounds the same. So I'll drop my email address in the chat, and happy to collaborate. Thank you.

Very much, and I do see there's several questions that are coming in via chat, and also some people still have their hands raised. I'll turn it over to Patrick Messac for a question.

Hi, thank you so much for the details on the program. I know it's one that our community's really excited about. Just a two-part question. First, I saw that there's income and means-tested eligibility for the program. One eligibility criteria for the ACP was Community Eligibility Provision Schools. California Ed Code prohibits schools from sharing information about free and reduced lunch. So in California, for this program, will CEP be an eligibility pathway for students and schools to help facilitate enrollment for all the students who no longer have coverage through hotspots, with the end of those COVID-era programs? So, one is CEP an eligibility pathway? And then two, we know how important it's going to be for these ISPs to participate. I see one of the big questions in the chat is, what, who are the participating ISPs? So I just want to uplift that question. Who are the participating ISPs? And then, what, if anything, can we be doing to get more ISPs to submit their advice letter? Thanks.

Okay, great. I think I might need Chari to answer the first question, because I'm not familiar. Sure, can you unmute? Okay, perfect.

Hi, everyone. Chari Worster here. I am one of the supervisors for the LifeLine program. Okay, to answer your question, Patrick, I believe the first question was if it has to do with the eligibility, right? I forget the acronym you used, but whether we can include them in the eligibility programs, correct? Okay, so right now, the answer is no. What we did was we used the same eligibility criteria that the current program has. Remember, this is a pilot program, and we're here to test this pilot program before we can decide on whether we should make this permanent or not. So, to make it easier for the LifeLine program, we use the same eligibility requirements as the current program. Now, in the future, we may visit that. We may, you know, consider that. And then I believe the second question had to do with who are the current ISPs who have submitted their advice letters. Loi, do you have that?

Yes, we have the Sierra Telephone Company, which we approved. We have two pending, which is Ranch Wi-Fi and Ducor.

What I would like to add, if I may, what I would like to add, though, is that we are constantly in conversations with other providers. so, we do get a lot of inquiries.

In which...

Go ahead.

And we anticipate to get more in the new year, more advice letters from interested parties to participate, to submit their advice letter.



Yeah, Loi and, Chari, kind of, to add some context to, Patrick's question, and to potentially ask one of the questions that's in the Q&A, a lot of the stakeholders and partners that come to these meetings have personal relationships with various providers in their communities, and so I think they're asking, you know, someone asked, how can, you know, an interested provider with a CPN submitted advice letter, is there some kind of a, like a web page or a link or something that we could drop in the chat so that, local and regional folks can, you know, ping their local provider partners and give them a reminder about the opportunity?

Sure, I don't. I mean, the only way is to reach out to your local provider and, you know, ask them if they are going to participate in the pilot. I don't know if we have anything that. I'm not sure how to.

Yeah, I was just wondering, a lot of times PUC, like, has a, say, an official notice of a request for advice letters. Is there anything, I think, sure, what are you saying?

Yeah, so let me just clarify, and maybe, Loi, you can do this. Can you just put in the chat the decision, a link to the decision, so that everyone who has not read the decision can read the decision? The advice letter process is a commission process, so we do have that process. It's not specific to LifeLine. It is a commission process. Now. Also, if you can put a link to our general order, what happens is that if an interested, if a service provider, an ISP, is interested in participating in the program, all they need to do is follow GO96B. The decision specifically states what needs to be included in the advice letter. and then file the advice letter with Communications Division. We have a process, and it may be that this is something that I'll have to go back and check so that I can share with all of you a link to where they can file the advice letter. Okay?

I think that would be super helpful, thank you, and that, I hope, Patrick, that add some additional context to the question.

Thank you, and I do see there's additional questions that are coming in through the chat. One of the questions asks about what is the timeline for approval of advice letters?

Yes, the advice letter, it's a staff has 30 days to make a decision on the advice letter. There is a 20-day protest period within that 30 days. And I'll drop the link to the General Order 96B, which just talks about outlines the advice letter process.

We do have another question here, asking about which provider was already approved, and I believe you covered that, if you want to repeat that again.

Sure, Sierra Telephone Company?

Thank you. And then I do see there's a question regarding the list of other qualified programs. Is there a full list of that for folks to review?

For program-based eligibility, is that what they're asking?

I'm not quite sure. It looks like Eduardo, no, Eric Sasaki asked that question. Eric, would you like to unmute yourself? We can always.

Hi there. Yes, I think on your slide, it listed several programs, and it said other, other programs. I'm just wondering if there was a complete list, or if there's other criteria.

Absolutely. I will send. I'll link the California LifeLine webpage, and it lists all the qualifying public assistance program, and also, more information about income base, too, and then steps for consumer to participate.

Thank you. I do see Gina Gates-Lopez has her hand raised. Gina, would you like to unmute yourself?

Hi, thank you so much for taking my call. I have a question about using, participating in this pilot in conjunction with CASF. A CASF grant. We actually just brought this up. We do work on 3 CASF grants in Santa Clara County, and we're finding a big need for internet connection. And the answer I got was, it's a no-no. CASF does not allow for giving out hot spots and giving connectivity to people. But it kind of seems there may be a good connection between what we're doing with CASF Passive digital literacy, and giving them a computer, and possibly hooking them up with a provider. Am I incorrect, or is there a possibility of doing this?

Chari, do you mind answering?

Is that a question for us?

Or...

Because we don't. We okay, participation in the LifeLine program in general, which includes the broadband pilot, is voluntary. Okay, do not go out and seek providers. It's voluntary for providers to participate, they just need to meet the requirements that are set in the decision. I believe, Loi, did you share with them the decision?

Yes.

Yeah, she shared the decision, so you would find all the requirements there, and if they are a communications carrier, all they need to do is follow the directive in the decision.

Okay. That. So then I just, I'm hearing that there is no actual connection of trying to get these two programs together. They're very powerful, but there it, what I'm hearing is, y'all are not saying no, so that's good. I appreciate that. I did have a question about Sierra Telephone Company. Who is the actual provider? That's their secondary, right? They're, like, they've purchased some data space, and then consumers are then using their service. So, who's the actual, you know, provider, is it? you know, T-Mobile, or... sorry, I don't know. Who's the actual provider?

Sure, they, are you asking for the affiliate that's providing the internet? Yes.

Yes.

Sweet. Sierra Internet is the internet provider.

Actually, okay, never heard of them. Thank you so much.

Yep.

I do see one additional hand raised, and there are still several questions in the chat. Not sure if we're going to get through them all, but we're doing our best to answer as many questions as possible. I'll turn it over to Ron Suarez to ask his question.

Yeah, I can't help but question the entire paradigm under discussion here. For example, sidewalks are part of public infrastructure. I don't have to pay a sidewalk provider when I want to go from my house to a business. And, when I was in Ann Arbor, Michigan, years ago, I connected a housing developer to a middle-mile provider, and they bring a big pipe into the complex, so there's no individual installations, no individual bills. And the low-hanging fruit, if we want true affordability, especially for poor people, is when public housing is going up, just wire the whole building and connect them. There's really no need for internet service providers.

Thank you for your comment, Dr. Suarez.

Is anybody working on public housing, just wiring them directly?

So let me. Is that a question for us, or for the entire.

Right? For anyone. I'm new to California.

Okay, let me let me respond on behalf of the California LifeLine Program. We do not deal with infrastructure. All we do is provide a subsidy to allow, to enable low-income, qualified low-income customers to connect with communication services. That's all the LifeLine program is doing.

Yeah, I'm sorry, I know I have.

Dr. Suarez.

I had LifeLine, and I was a recipient of ACP because I had big business losses, and I tried it out just as an experiment, and I think I mean, what you're doing right now is great, but you know, I don't mean to criticize. But it doesn't solve the problem.

Yeah, Dr. Suarez, this is Scott Adams. I'm gonna jump in here. I totally appreciate that, you know, that you're relatively new to the state of California. Our team would be happy to meet with you and kind of share with you the bigger picture of the state's Broadband for All program, which is investing, you know, significant billions of dollars in middle-mile infrastructure, you know, Loi and Chari's peers at the Public Utilities Commission have a suite of last-mile infrastructure programs, including a Public Housing Account that is working wire accounts. So, the Broadband for All program in California, it consists of many interdependent programs that are out there to increase connectivity, and this is one thing that the Public Utilities Commission is doing to help address, portability. Okay, and there's... I would encourage you and any others who want to hear about the more entirety of that to come to the California Broadband Council meetings that happen on a quarterly basis. The next one's going to be Monday, or not Monday, it's going to be January 23rd of next year, but we'd be happy to have an off-site meeting with you, okay?

I'm a quadriplegic, so I can't really go to most things physically unless they're in Alameda.

Well, we would have a virtual meeting with you, and you can also join into the Broadband Council virtually as well.

Okay, great, thank you.

You're welcome. Thank you for the question.

I do see some questions regarding ISP participation. Also, if there's an estimated timeline for the program to roll out, and for consumers to start applying? So, yeah, Loi or Chari, if you could please respond to that.

Yes, the official effective date is January 26, 2026, for the pilot program. So, as the providers are submitting their advice letter and, they are approved to participate in the program, then they would start promoting providing market outreach for their consumers or potential consumers, then they can participate, enroll in the program. Now, on our website, which I linked, provided in the chat, where it says, Welcome to California LifeLine. There is a. Consumers can go there, and they can enter their zip code to find a provider. As of right now, we are working on updating as pilot service providers that are approved for the pilot, we will be adding them as they are approved. And so, if consumers want to check that website and look for providers, they can, through that process.

Got it, thank you. And it looks like there's also a question around, a little bit more around eligibility. Patricia was asking about wanting to be a consumer and are currently enrolled in Internet Essentials. Will that still qualify her? Patricia, I see you have your hand raised. You're welcome to go off mute.

Hi, yeah, I'm a consumer right now of internet essentials. Beg your pardon? Oh my god. So I wonder whether I would be eligible for this program either instead or with the other program. I think it sounds like I would save more money through this program.

Alright, okay, it sounds like you're currently with Comcast enrolled in one of their internet programs, correct?

Yes.

Okay, so. As of right now, Comcast is, has not submitted an advice letter to participate in the program, so when and if they do submit an advice letter to participate in the program and get approved, then at that time, you can switch or enroll in the pilot program. But as of right now, they are not one of the participating service provider.

Okay, and Internet Essentials is only through Comcast? Question mark.

I think so. I don't think that is. I think that is one of their plans. I don't think that is a universal plan that's offered through other providers.

I see. Thank you.

Yeah, well, thank you so much, Loi and Chari. We do, have a couple of other questions, But I do want to make sure that we get to. Is there anything that, you know, folks can do to help streamline, the process to engage, additional ISPs, or just to promote, you know, with outreach? It looks like folks are just really wanting to get the word out.

Can I respond to that? Okay, I'm just browsing through the questions here, so let me try to address them at a high level. There's a couple questions here that, that asks whether they can do marketing and outreach and stuff, right? So currently, we do not pay for marketing and outreach. The program doesn't have a budget for marketing and outreach. As Loi mentioned earlier, we rely solely on the providers to market broadband to their customers. We will also be working closely with our outreach, but there's only so much they can do. The other thing to consider is even if a participant or an eligible customer wants to participate, if there is no provider offering that. Offering this broadband pilot in their area, they're not able to participate. And unfortunately, we cannot mandate providers to participate. It is completely voluntary. And if they do want to participate, all they need to do, again, is go and read the advice letters, not the advice letter, the decision that established what needs to be included in the advice letter. The other thing that I believe someone had asked is whether participants, qualified participants, can apply the subsidy as a voucher. The answer is no. Currently, this is supposed to be a pass-through subsidy. We do not have a voucher system in place. We basically, right now, the way that it works is we pay the provider, and the provider pays the customer. We do not have a direct relationship with any subscriber. We have a relationship with a service provider. Does that answer most of your questions, hopefully? I think so.

Yeah, thank you so much, Chari, for stepping in to help address, yeah, several questions. There's a lot of interest and momentum here in rolling out the LifeLine program. We are about to move on, but I do see one more question. I'll turn it over to Ian Brazill to unmute himself and ask the last question.

Thank you. I was curious if there's going to be any sort of, like, single source of truth for which providers have already been approved, which ones have already submitted what they need to you guys? I don't want our staff wasting a bunch of time doing advocacy to a provider that, you know, we find out already submitted what they need to submit, right? Like, we want to do advocacy towards providers that have not already submitted their letters. Is there gonna be anything like that?

That is definitely something we can look at. Right now, what we anticipate doing is updating the California LifeLine website to include those providers that are going to be providing broadband service in specific zip codes, because that's how you do the search, is the zip code, and it'll list the providers that are available in that area. If you have suggestions that we can take back, we would certainly consider that. For example, if you think it would help, I'm not really sure how often, this group meets, but I think what we can also do is, during your meetings, maybe on a monthly basis, we can provide an update on who providers we have approved, we can do that. That's certainly something that we can certainly do. And any other suggestions?

I might have already, or I might have missed this at the beginning, but when a provider submits their letter, is it a singular letter for, you know, every region they cover in California, getting approved, or, you know, that they can then choose You know, where they want to utilize this program, or do they have to submit different letters for different regions?

Is their service territory. So, it was, it's just one advice letter, to participate in the Pilot program and, within their service territory.

Okay.

Great, well, that concludes the section. I know there's still several questions. We're going to review them and do our best to, yeah, come back and respond to those, as best as we can in future meetings, and yeah, thank you, Chari for offering to come back for a future stakeholder briefing. I'll turn it over to Anh to take us to the next section. Thank you so much.

Thanks so much, Loi. Thanks, Chari. Our next presenter will be Shawn Daugherty, Principal of Broadband Equity Partnership, talking and updating on the Digital Equity Resource Survey. Shawn?

Thanks, Anh. Thanks, everybody. Great to see you all here again. Wanted to spend a few minutes talking about the Digital Equity Resource Survey. Ricki, if you want to move to the next slide. Great. So, we launched the survey in mid-November, the 19th, to be specific, and as we mentioned on the November Stakeholder Briefing, and through some communications, such as the monthly Broadband for All newsletter, that the intent of the survey is to gather more granular information on digital inclusion service providers in the state of California. It's in an effort to update and enhance the current resource finder that is on the Broadband for All portal. And, you know, and since then, we've posted a README file to the portal. I know that that was a request of the community in order to be able to see all the questions that are contained in the survey before they kind of go in and start working on it. And this survey will remain open until January 12th. And then we aim to, kind of, not kind of, to share the updated Resource Finder in early Q1 2026. And thank you, Amanda. She has attached a link to the survey in the chat functionality. Great. Do we want to move to the next slide? We've received a good number of responses so far, but obviously, we want to hear from more people. We want to make sure that the finder is really as comprehensive and accurate as possible. So, so far to date, we've received a total of responses of 84, and that is 84 organizations that serve residents, and 71 of those organizations also provide other services to organizations. So, that's part of the questions in there. Do you provide services to other organizations? Do you provide services to residents? That's some of the information that we want to hear from. And while we've received 84 responses, that has been, that has identified almost 250 statewide locations for us. So, you know, when you go into the survey, it asks for your organizational information, but it also gives you the opportunity to put in physical locations if, say, you serve countywide or if you serve statewide. So, that's us wanting to get that more granular aspect of the information, and I think you can see here we've heard from 27 different libraries or library systems that represent 179 locations, right? A county library may have 10, 15, 30 locations, and we want to capture all of those individual locations. So, we've done presentations and demos, and we can also do bulk uploads, both of which I'll speak about in just a few, slides. So we can go to the next one, Ricki. Great. And this is just kind of a clip we've gotten of kind of the top responses by county, seeing LA County with, 13, Riverside with 9, San Diego with 6. But then when you look at responses by location, we have 42 different locations identified in Riverside County, 38 in San Diego, 23 in Los Angeles. So we're kind of tracking the responses by both the number of locations and by county representation. And these are as of yesterday. And so, we can go on to the next slide. And so. And in reference to the bulk uploads, if you have more than 5 physical locations, we recommend that you email us at

the deem at state.ca.gov, so we can give you a bulk upload form. There's kind of an image of that at the bottom, and that's just easier than going through the survey form. The README file that I mentioned earlier is really associated with the bulk upload form to make it really easy to complete as well. So that is an option for, you know, whether it's a school system, or a library system, or housing development, or CBOs that might have a broader statewide reach, that if you have more than 5 physical locations, reach out to us. We can send you the bulk upload form and help you through that process. And then on the final slide here, that if any organization, coalition, you know, consortia has an interest in us presenting or doing a demo of the survey where we walk through the instrument to your community, more than happy to do that as well. So, again, it's the deem@state.ca.gov email address. And I think with that, it's kind of over to questions. If anybody has any. Are there any in the chat? Let me see.

Thanks, Shawn. I'm not seeing any in the chat at the moment, but folks, feel free to raise your hands.

In chat, it's now open. Wonderful. And I see the survey link is in there, so please, head to the survey, take a look.

I see one hand raised Shawn from Gina.

Great!

Gina, go ahead and unmute.

Thank you, Shawn. I appreciate that. I was just taking a look at the survey. We did participate last time around. And, we made it actually a special link so that we could track any person that came our way, from California for All. We haven't received any yet. So, my question is this. What's the criteria to get on the section that provides devices? Because we didn't make it onto that section. And, but, you know, we are in the other section, but I think that one about where you can get, it said low-cost devices, and our devices are free when they complete a digital training program.

So, did you say that you just completed the revised survey?

No, I haven't done it yet. Oh, okay. I was looking at last year, how we were placed, and so I just before I completed this, I thought maybe I need to write something differently, or I don't know, but I we weren't listed.

Okay, let us take a look into that and see, it might just be something in the back end, but yes, you'll notice that one of the, kind of, digital inclusion services or program offerings we do inquire about is free or low-cost devices. So if you kind of, you know, if you mark that off, ideally, you know, if everything in the backend's working correctly, if they say, I'm looking for devices, your organization should pop up if it fits within, you know, the geographic area, or other filters that they might have set. But we'll take a look to see what's happening on the current Resource Finder.

That would be great. So, it's listed under People-Centric Ventures, and the program is San Jose On, so we now are serving the entire county. And when I looked up in Santa Clara County, we're the only ones there, that just can't possibly be true when it's for digital literacy.

Yeah. But anyhow.

Well, I think, you know, one thing we would request in partnership with you all, Ms. Gates-Lopez, is thank you for entering your information in there, if you would also encourage other entities in your community or county or region that are doing digital inclusion work to complete the survey. We'd like to plot them on the updated map, you know, when we put this new data up in January of next year.

Absolutely, will do.

Great.

Okay. I think we just have one.

And I think just to make. You know. Above and beyond, we're really encouraged by the response that we've gotten from this, from the survey, you know, particularly because it's helping us make the changes that, you know, you all within the ecosystem has asked us to make to the Resource Finder. We're just super appreciative of both the individual responses and the number of folks that we've been working with on bulk uploads, you know, from Long Beach to Los Angeles to Riverside, up to Sonoma County, and beyond, and just, you know, again, thank you. We know how busy you are, we know how capacity is constrained, and just want to reiterate, you know, it should take about 5 to 10 minutes, and if you're encountering any obstacles or barriers, our team is at the ready to help eliminate those.

I'm not seeing any more questions in the chat or Q&A for you, Shawn and Scott. I see we can move on to the next section, and take any lingering questions if it comes up for the DE survey.

Yeah, and I think one more thing before we go on to the next thing is I do want to point out that a big thanks to the Broadband Consortias who have filled this out, and the Digital Equity Coalitions. Because we're modifying the next iteration of the plan is going to be able to, allow residents to find organizations that can assist them with individual digital inclusion services, but also will enable organizations to find other organizations, within their ecosystem that, are providing, you know, grant writing expertise, or want to engage in collective funding action, those kind of things. So, just wanted to point that out as well.

Appreciate that, Scott. You're getting lots of reactions from the crowd. I'm not sure if you're seeing it. So with that, just closing the DE Resource Survey portion, and I would like to bring back Aracely Hernandez, our Digital Inclusion Manager, to, actually, my apologies, Scott, you're in the next portion. Can you please, yes, share more about OBDL, or Broadband for All goals and Innovative Partnerships?

Yeah, certainly, and this is going to be quick. I'll do my best to stand in for James Spencer, our Business Administration Manager. If you all recall, he and his team led the development of the CalDEP program, which was going to be our subgrant program prior to the termination of the Digital Equity Capacity Grants. James has done with his team have done some real interesting things, so he asked me to come on. We can go to the next slide. We wanted to give you all a heads up that, in January, after the new year. We will be launching a request for ideas, which is a relatively unique procurement vehicle that was



established in the last, well, in this governor's administration. And we're gonna have seven different challenges for the ecosystem around promoting and tracking low-cost offers, digital literacy skills and training platforms, digital navigation services, both devices and helping to further build out the statewide device ecosystem, educational workforce development resources, annual surveying, and then collective funding action. So, James is really excited and just wanted to have me come on here and kind of put a, you know, remind you folks to be on the lookout for that. Do we have another slide with this, Amanda? Yeah. So, again, it's gonna launch in January of 2026. A couple days after the launch, there's gonna be a partner bidder webinar for folks to ask questions about it. The general timeframe is, we're thinking 2 to 3 months to put it out there, receive concept papers, and then, potentially negotiate partnerships with folks. James did want me to say that, interested parties, this isn't really going to be, like, a subgrant program, but looking for, kind of, statewide. Partners that can help, you know, develop tools and resources. For the ecosystem or, you know, funders who would like to help fund all their parts of the digital, you know, equity plan, either at the statewide or at the regional local level. To do that. So, I would appreciate your assistance, and if you think there's any key groups that we should include and invite to that process. And that's it for me right now.

Thanks so much, Scott. I already see one hand raised, from Mr. Larry Ortega.

Hey Scott, thank you for that information. I actually wanted to know where is the Legislative piece? Where's the legislative interaction to, you know, because we're so dependent upon what's happening at the legislative level, and there's so many shenanigans going on with, you know, they're trying to shut down our landlines, and you know, promises and money that was paid to the telecoms, to the GTEs and the Verizon's and the AT&Ts to build out the fiber networks. And, collected, you know, 30 years, 3 decades worth of funding to make that build out. And then, you know, when we get to the, say, okay, where, you know, where's the middle mile at? Where, you know, where's the connectivity to the home? It doesn't look like there's a legislative angle in your chart there, and not your chart, but the individual. individual's chart is putting that together. I'm wondering if where is that at? Why are we not talking about the interaction between the legislator and all this activity? Why does it seem to be running independent when they have such a huge impact on, you know, what we're trying to do in terms of making sure everybody's connected and has the resources they should be having? And there's, you know, there's nothing that I'm seeing or heard so far that looks like that's going to broach that idea. Do you have any comments relative to that?

Yeah, thanks, Mr. Ortega. At the top of the meeting, we indicated that this, this is a, sort of a, it's a monthly digital equity stakeholder meeting where we're focusing on the non-infrastructure-related items of Broadband for All and the State Digital Equity Plan. And so, you know, the one thing that I would suggest is that Anh's gonna go over this when she closes us out, but, for questions about the infrastructure side of things, the Middle-Mile Advisory Committee meets on a quarterly basis, and there's representation from the legislature on that group. Additionally, the California Broadband Council meets the week afterward. And there's also legislative representation on that. This is really a place for the, you know, digital inclusion folks to come together and align and coordinate and collaborate on really those non-infrastructure Goals 2 and 3 about making sure that folks have access to affordable Broadband and devices, and access to the Skills and training that they need to participate. So, I hope that answers your question.

Thanks for that, Scott. A comment that I'm seeing in the Q&A is from Aaron, asking if we can bring back up the categories for the RFI again, please?

Yeah, sure, and we're gonna be, posting this on the Broadband for All portal. And it's been our last presentations, but here is a look.

Thanks, Ricki. Thanks, Scott. At this time, I am not seeing any more hands raised, or questions in the chat, or Q&A. I say we. Can move on to the next portion, now really inviting back Aracely Hernandez, our Digital Inclusion Manager, to speak through and share with us the digital equity resources. Aracely?

Thanks, Anh. Hi, everyone. Thank you so much for your continued participation. In this next section, I'll be providing some Digital Equity Resources updates. Next slide, please. So here, I'd like to just briefly remind everybody about the upcoming January 1st deadline for the California Advanced Services Fund accounts, specifically for the Broadband Adoption Account, the Broadband Public Housing Account, and the Tribal Technical Assistance. They're, while they're all due, on the 1st, applications may be submitted at any time. CPUC staff will consider applications submitted on or before each deadline as a batch until all funds are, have been awarded. So just wanted to make sure that everybody is aware, you know, with the holidays coming up. Next slide, please. The CASF Broadband Consortia Program provides grants to eligible consortia to facilitate deployment of broadband services and assist grant applicants in the project development or application process. This includes the CASF infrastructure account, the Federal Funding Account, or other programs that are approved under Senate Bill 156. Also, we wanted to share that there was some recent updates that were part of a CPUC decision, where some modifications were made, you know, kind of generally around structural changes, some additional accountability and oversight, also, including additional California tribes to become consortia across northern, Central, and Southern California. So, it also expands reimbursement and future broadband deployment programs. The link is embedded in the CPUC decision. Folks want to read more about that information, it is pretty lengthy, so just wanted to give you all some highlights. Also, I wanted to make sure that you're aware of some key dates to note surrounding the grant cycle for the Regional Broadband Consortia. It begins on December 19th of this year, and it'll be wrapping 20th of 2026. And the preliminary awards will be announced in May of 2026. So just wanted to make sure that everybody is aware of some upcoming dates. And the application for the tribal consortia will be opening up after tribes have had an opportunity to provide some feedback to the Commission at each of the three regions. We did include the link, like I said, to the decision in here. Once the slides will be available. You can click on that for more information, or if you have any questions, there is an email address at the very bottom of the slide. slide. Next slide, please. Next, I'd like to note that the CPUC will also be hosting a webinar on mobile broadband services. Will they be providing an overview of the CTF and the E-rate programs, along with the Federal Commission's decision limiting E-rate and CTF's stance. The QR code will take you to the registration link for the webinar, which is taking place on January 13th, at 10 a.m. Next slide, please. And another reminder here is that the NTIA will be launching NOFO in the spring of the new year for the Tribal Broadband Connectivity Program. It has an estimated \$500 million in funding available for infrastructure and adoption. New federal rules apply to grants. And a formal tribal consultation will be announced prior to the NOFO launch. And again, we did include the QR code here for folks to read a little bit more about that press release that was shared recently. Alright, next slide. And so, I'll go ahead and wrap up here and open it up if folks have any questions.

I see one hand from Mr. Larry Ortega. Firstly.

Yeah, thank you. Thank you for that, Aracely. I appreciate that information. Very helpful. I wanted just to kind of tag on to the last comment that I made relative to legislative you know, connection and the importance. I think what I really was saying is that we really need an advocacy arm that is connected, that we come together and share, you know, what our impacts are, you know, what information we have relative to you know, the wireless technology, a lot of us want, you know, a lot of the, you know, the Comcast's and the Verizon's, they want everybody to go wireless, but have ignored the health concerns, the health issues. And I know it's mandated by federal law that they can't consider those. However, there is, you know, thousands of studies that says that there are harms that happen, especially to kids in classrooms. Especially to you know, families, older seniors, etc. And I don't think that we're doing a job of the advocacy part.

Mr. Ortega

I think that's an important piece that we need to have incorporated so that we're connected. I mean, you have people going to the Broadband Council meeting, then you have them going to the Middle-Mile Meeting, but they're kind of all separated, and we're not kind of collectively coming together here. We have a really strong you know, coalition here, these individuals that are all on the front line and are personally affected. And I don't think they're getting all the information. So, I just wanted to say, I think that's really important. What you decide to do with that, obviously, is up to you guys. But I think it's something that we need to look at, and that the public needs to be informed on, especially the amount of money that the Verizons, the AT&T collected to build out fiber, and never had done that. I mean, that story's not even being told, and I don't know how many people are on this call that know about that. But there's books that have been written about it, filing.

Mr. Ortega

So, I'll stop right there, thank you.

Thank you, appreciate it. And appreciate the gist of your sentiment. Just want to be consistent with, you know, the aims of this, and the merger's not really on the agenda today.

After I can see your hand. Go for it.

Thanks for the presentation, Aracely. Just a quick follow-up question. One of the things I didn't see listed was the BEAD non-deployment funds. I know that there's still a lot of outstanding questions about what the federal government is going to choose to do with the BEAD dollars that aren't spent on deployment, the surplus that originally was anticipated to fund non-deployment activities. Do we have any information on the status of those BEAD non-deployment phones?

Yeah, hey Patrick, thanks for asking that question. It's a highly fluid situation with the BEAD program, as I'm sure you know, the, I believe the commission is voting to approve the final recommendation on BEAD, I believe, on the 19th. And if you might have seen, today, there's a notice in the news, about the GAO, potentially suggesting that the administration

didn't go through the proper process with that. So, I think and all of the state broadband director meetings that I've been in on, you know, and other things with the NTIA, it's kind of a moving target right now, and I think they're first trying to focus on deployment. Everyone's got their eyes on non-deployment, given the gaps that currently exist with the termination of the Digital Equity Act programs, and we just don't know. We'll monitor that, and, you know, we're talking with the PUC about, you know, potential uses, but until that's a reality, we really can't even understand what the choices are. Okay.

Thanks, Patrick. Thanks, Scott, for the question. Aracely, I see one hand, and I probably should be the last one for this section. Rebecca, go for it.

Alright, good afternoon, everyone, and thank you for hosting this meeting. I just want to echo what Patrick's question was as well, because that's something that we have been following here in Los Angeles County and have been paying close attention to the most recent executive order, and then, obviously, we've been seeing a lot of advocacy from the federal level in regards to the non-deployment. So, it's my understanding that initially with the CPUC, we weren't expected to have any non-deployment funds, just the way the BEAD program was structured, but it's my understanding that there potentially should be non-deployment funds within California, since NTIA restructured the program, so I'm just curious to see if you guys know anything about how much California would be allocated as part of that particular reallocation, redistribution of funding. I understand that you guys aren't the agency, but I would hope that we would know how much that funding allocation is, so that way we can continue to have conversations and see how we can support that effort.

Yeah, thanks, Rebecca. I think California's final proposal is not yet been approved by the CPUC and then would have to be approved by the NTIA. Like other states, given the new federal guidance to, you know, treat all technologies equally, there's, I believe, a lower percentage of fiber, and again, I don't want to break our own rule about going against, infrastructure, so don't want to talk too much about BEAD, but I would say that there was a significant savings in the, in the, final proposal, if that, holds out, but, I would caution us to thinking that any remaining BEAD dollars are, you know, ironclad allocation that the state is going to use, given that, you know, the Federal priorities on, funding those types of things. So the best thing we can say is that there was a savings. If it remains in the state, it'll be something that I think we would all want to, you know, support, getting out to achieve the goals, but we really can't speculate on whether or not states will be able to keep any savings from BEAD until that decision is made by the administration. And then until we see whatever rules are applied to those, like you mentioned, there was a new executive order, you know, that ties the use of being non-deployment funds to states regulating certain things. And, we'll just have to see how that plays out.

Thank you so much, and just a quick follow-up question, and I understand if you're unable to answer that. Are you able to specify how much savings was included in that proposal for the state?

Yeah, I think you can see the final proposal that, staff submitted to the Commission that CPUC staff submitted to the Commission. There's an appendix, and you can see which, you know, projects they're recommending, and total it up. Like I said, it's, you know. I don't know what the percentage is, but it's a fairly significant savings.

Okay, that is good to know. So, just to confirm, there is savings from the BEAD program within California that we can reference in their proposal and see how much that allocation is.

Yeah, I would just caution you. I would potentially view it as a savings, and caution perceiving it as an ironclad allocation, because there's been a lot of fluidity at the federal level.

Okay, understood. That's very helpful. At least it gives us a baseline of what that may look like, and we can utilize that internally. Thank you so much.

Thank you.

Thanks for the question, Rebecca. Scott and Aracely, thank you for taking all the questions for this section. And thank you for everyone staying on. I know we're a little bit overtime, but the next part is Partner Engagement, so would love to bring the slides back up and quickly go over what next year would look like for us. Next slide, please. So, you know that we've been meeting monthly and been referring to this as stakeholder meetings, but starting in January, we're hoping to rebrand these Stakeholder briefings to become Digital Equity Community of Practice. And that is to continue our goals for alignment, coordination, and collaboration within our statewide digital equity ecosystem. So, what you can expect is monthly meetings, like we have been doing, a meeting where we continue the bi-directional engagement, with taking questions, having guest speakers, sharing information, and best practices. And look forward to having more subject matter and community expert panels. The agenda will be driven by relevance and partner input, as you've done with the registration for this meeting, when we ask about who we should feature and what topics we should feature. So looking forward to analyzing that and seeing more of it. Next slide, please. And, just as a quick reminder, I know we spent a section of the agenda for the Digital Equity Resource Survey. Due date is January 12, 2026. And please contact deem at [state.ca.gov](mailto:deem@state.ca.gov) for any bulk upload, presentation, demo requests, or simply any questions that you have about the process. We're here to help you. Next slide, please. And then a few upcoming events that Scott referred to earlier, in the order of it happening, CPUC Info Webinar on Mobile Broadband Services. CTF and E-rate is taking place on January 13th. Middle-Mile Advisory Committee, regarding infrastructure, is on January 16th, and our California Broadband Council meeting is on January 23rd. And what I just mentioned, the DE Community of Practice, the first one of the year, will take place on January 30th. So, these slides will be available, and we'll be communicating these via emails as well. I believe last slide? Last time we showed you the DE ecosystem event calendar for folks to share, events that are taking place in the community. We still have it open, and we're, happy to share, and review the events that you're hosting in 2026. And you can access both the form via this QR code. Next slide, please. And that wraps up most of my slides. Please, if you have not already subscribed to our monthly email update using the QR code here or the link in the chat, our homepage and website for All Thing Broadband is [broadbandforall.cdt.ca.gov](http://broadbandforall.cdt.ca.gov), and feel free to contact for any general question at [broadbandforall@state.ca.gov](mailto:broadbandforall@state.ca.gov). And lastly.

Hey, Anh, real quick, before you move on, Rebecca, in case you haven't seen it, I did drop a link to the BEAD final proposal in the chat, and when you go to that webpage, there's a number of attachments, where you can see the dollar amounts allocated to the, or recommended. Oh, good. Glad you got it.

She asks, which attachment is it?

Let me get back to you on that. It's Luke, are you on? Do you know which attachment that is?

Not off the top of my head, Scott.

Got it. It's not a, Rebecca. We'll do some homework and shoot you an email.

Thanks so much.

Patrick just shared a really good article kind of summarizing the final proposal.

Look at this information sharing already. All right. Well, thank you, Patrick. Thanks, Rebecca, and thanks, Eduardo. Happy holidays. Our last slide is really a big thank you to you all for being part of our journey, in our 2025 year. We look forward to seeing you again in 2026. Thank you all, have a great holiday!