

Digital Equity Community of Practice Meeting

April 30, 2026



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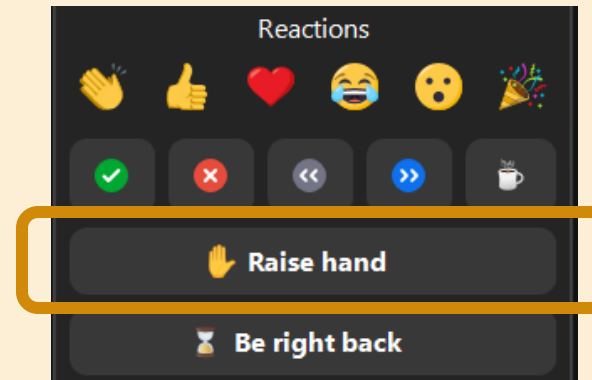
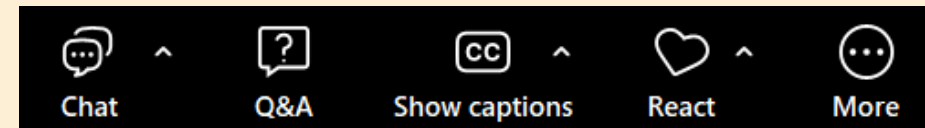
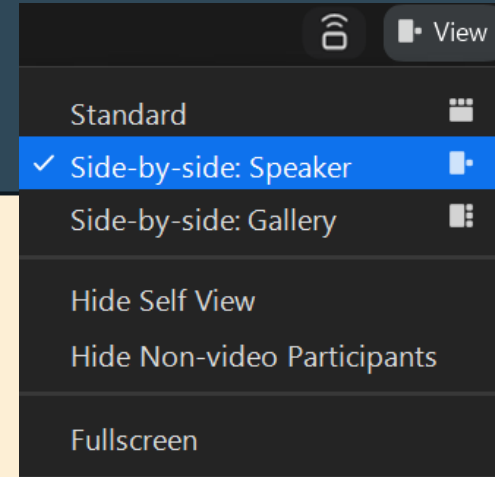
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Q&A Box Discussion after each agenda item. Please add your questions in the Q&A Box

Reactions Raise Hand feature or *9 if you calling into Zoom by phone

Meeting recording, minutes, transcript, and presentation slides will be available on Broadband for All Portal.



Agenda



Welcome and Community Feedback

CA LifeLine Home Broadband Pilot Program

Artificial Intelligence and Digital Equity

CETF Verizon Merger Public Benefit Agreement Update

CA State Library Digital Literacy & Access Opportunity

CDT/OBDL Updates



Welcome

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Deputy Director of Broadband and Digital Literacy

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Broadband Operations and Engagement Manager

Broadband for All Action Plan

GOAL 1:

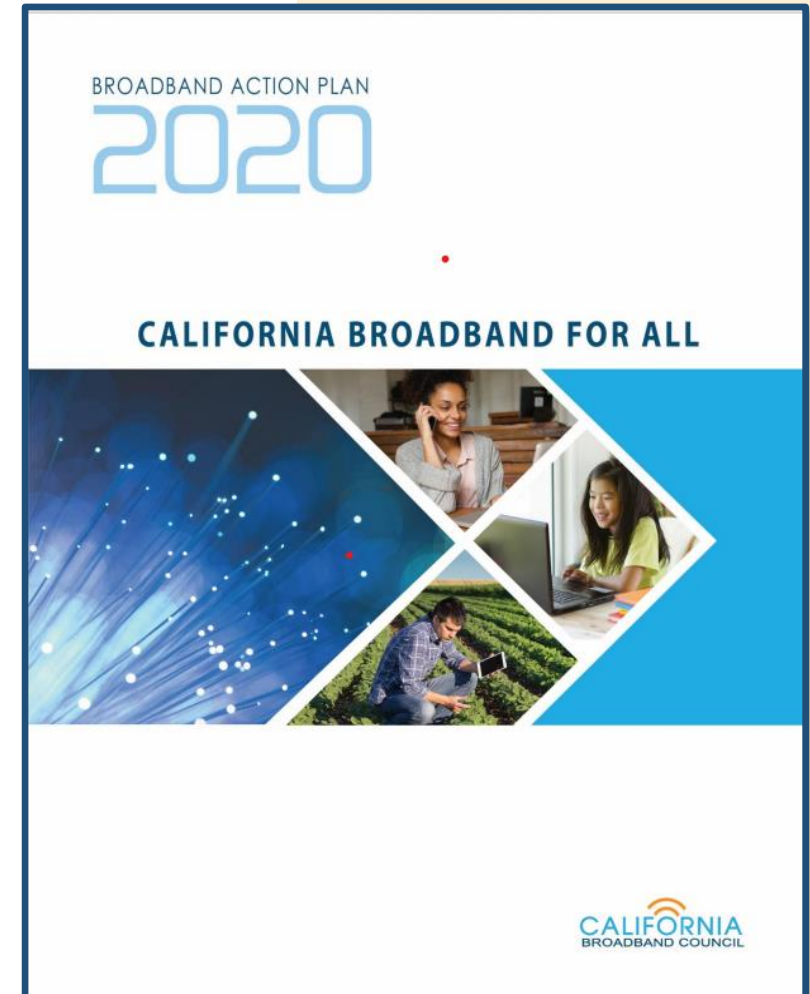
All Californians have high-performance broadband available at home, schools, libraries, and businesses.

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.



Meeting Norms

- Only questions/comments on agenda items will be addressed.
- Chat will be monitored.
- Disruptive behaviors will not be tolerated.
- Individuals will be removed from the meeting.

Community Feedback - Topics

What DE topics would you like to see featured in future meetings?

- Access for people with disabilities
- ✓ ACP replacement updates
- Additional resources available to expand connectivity
- ✓ Affordability
- ✓ Artificial Intelligence
- Artists copyright & intellectual property rights
- ✓ Data Protection and Privacy
- Cybersecurity
- Data Centers benefits of both large and small
- Digital equity in media
- Digital Literacy Curriculum Criteria
- Digital Literacy Training programs
- Donations of laptops
- Education
- ✓ Funding & Grants Opportunities
- Increased data sharing
- ✓ Large device ownership
- Last mile access costs
- Last Mile: Charging Stations for electric wheelchairs and mobility scooters
- ✓ Library Digital Inclusions Services
- Long term digital navigation funding
- New classroom technologies
- Optical fiber communications
- Repurposing Gov. agencies laptops and tablets
- Rural access
- STEM and STEAM enrichment

Community Feedback – Future Speakers

What speakers would you like to hear from in future meetings?

- Andrew Broderick (SF Tech Council)
- Angela Seifer (NDIA)
- ✓ Academics
- Bill Callahan
- ✓ California Public Utilities Commission
- County Public Benefit Experts (re. HR1)
- Department of General Services
- Device Refurbishment Companies
- Erik Hunsinger, GSN
- Federal Communications Commission
- Tech Founders
- Governor Gavin Newsom
- LaVada English
- Latina women experts in tech
- Matthew Rantanen
- ✓ Librarians
- Native ISPs (i.e. Acorn Wireless, Hoopa Valley)
- Stacey Abrams
- ✓ Sunne McPeak, CETF
- Stacey Abrams
- Tribal connectivity leads
- ✓ Vera Zakem, CA Dept. of Technology
- Women in Tech

Community Feedback - Improvements

How can we improve these Community of Practice meetings?

- ✓ Closed-Captioning
- ✓ Continue bringing in Subject Matter Experts
- ✓ Continuing sharing resources that would be helpful for impacted communities
 - Interactive tools (i.e. Polls, Menti, etc.)
- ✓ Longer Q & A session
 - More case studies from rural inland regions
- ✓ Notifications of recordings emailed afterwards
- ✓ Post transcript post-meeting
- ✓ Provide more grants info
- ✓ Share the agenda in advance
 - Speak more slowly so that the captions are more accurate

Community Feedback - Comments

Do you have any comments or questions for us?

- More meetings.
- Any interest in presenting at one of our meetings?
- How can I help our church leaders to get informed?
- How to apply for grant Money for teaching tools?
- How NorCal towns get better internet services?
- How will internet access and digital lit prevent mass unenrollment?
- Tribal data sovereignty / asset ownership?
- I don't know, it's my first meeting.
- You're doing a good job, keep up the good work.

Questions



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UPDATE: CA LIFELINE HOME BROADBAND PILOT PROGRAM

Loi Nguyen

REGULATORY ANALYST

California Public Utilities Commission (CPUC)

CA Lifeline Home Broadband Pilot Program

Participating Service Providers: Advice Letters received: 16

Approved: 16

- Bright House Network
- Calaveras Telephone Co.
- Cal.Net, Inc.
- Cal Ore Telephone Co.
- Charter Fiberlink
- Comcast Phone of California
- Ducor Telephone Company
- Foresthill Telephone Co.
- Kerman Telephone Co.
- Pinnacles Telephone Co.
- Ponderosa Telephone Co.
- Ranch WiFi
- Sierra Telephone Co.
- Siskiyou Telephone Co
- Time Warner Cable
- Volcano Telephone Co.

Local Agencies: Registration Form received: 2

- City and County of San Francisco
- City of Ontario

CA Lifeline Home Broadband Pilot Program

Completed Onboarding and Systems Interface Testing:

Eight providers have submitted marketing materials, completed onboarding and systems interface testing, and started enrolling subscribers.

- **Bright House Network**
- Calaveras Telephone Co.
- Cal.Net, Inc.
- Cal Ore Telephone Co.
- **Charter Fiberlink**
- **Comcast Phone of California**
- **Ducor Telephone Company**
- **Foresthill Telephone Co.**
- **Kerman Telephone Co.**
- Pinnacles Telephone Co.
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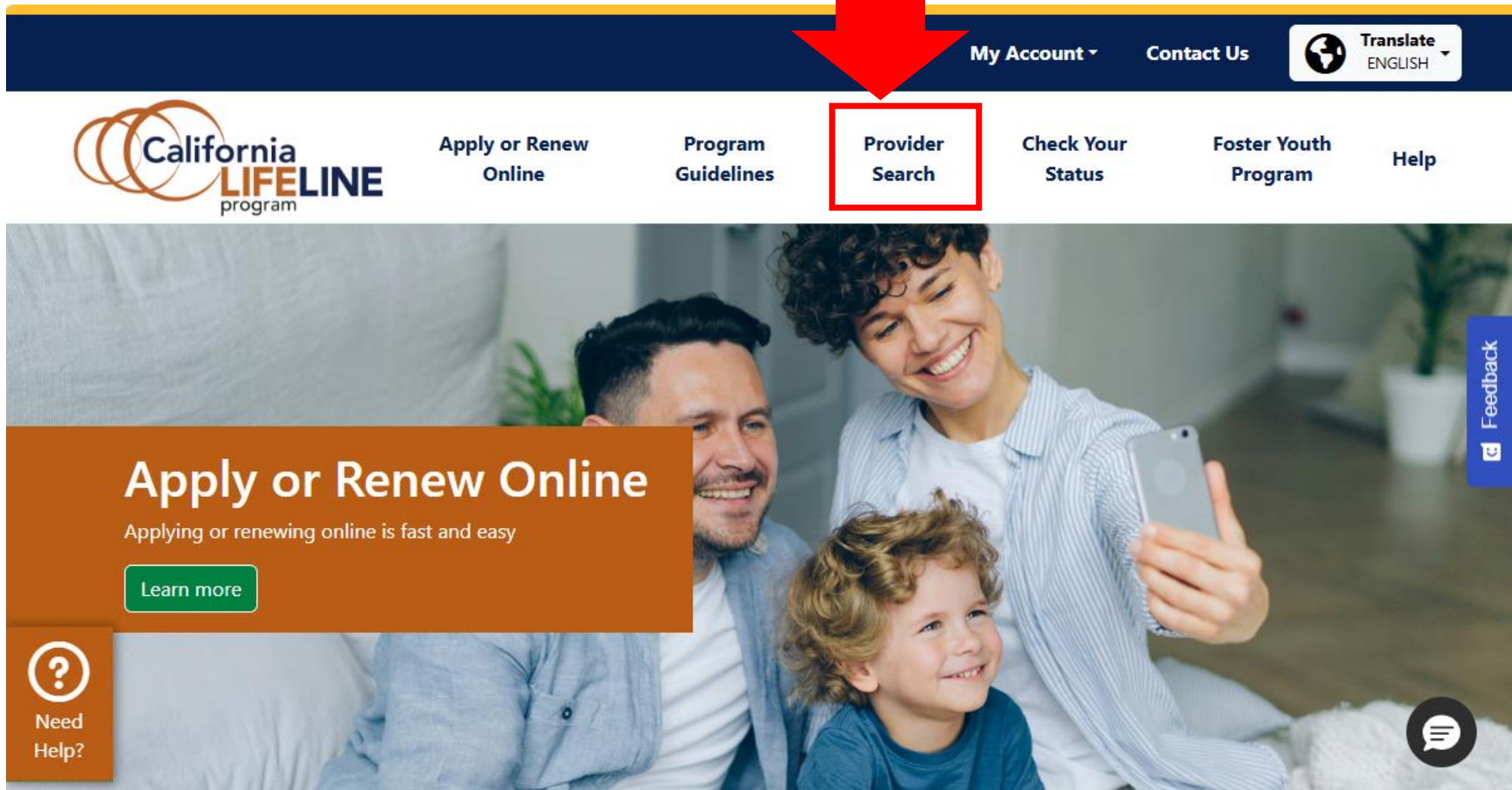
CA Lifeline Home Broadband Pilot Program

Broadband Pilot Subscriber County as of 4/22/2026


Service	New	Transfer	Total
Broadband Only (75%)	5,685	1,371	7,056
Bundled Only (25%)	1,540	834	2,374
TOTAL	7,225	2,205	9,430


CA Lifeline Home Broadband Pilot Program

<https://www.californialifeline.com/en>




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CA Lifeline Home Broadband Pilot Program

Search for a California LifeLine Service Provider

A California LifeLine Service Provider must start your enrollment. To apply for California LifeLine, you must contact an authorized California LifeLine Service Provider and state you qualify for the LifeLine Program. Search for a Service Provider and LifeLine plan below.

Step 1: Please provide your zip code

Zip Code *


95814

Step 2: What kind of service are you looking for?

Service Type *

Home Broadband Service



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CA Lifeline Home Broadband Pilot Program

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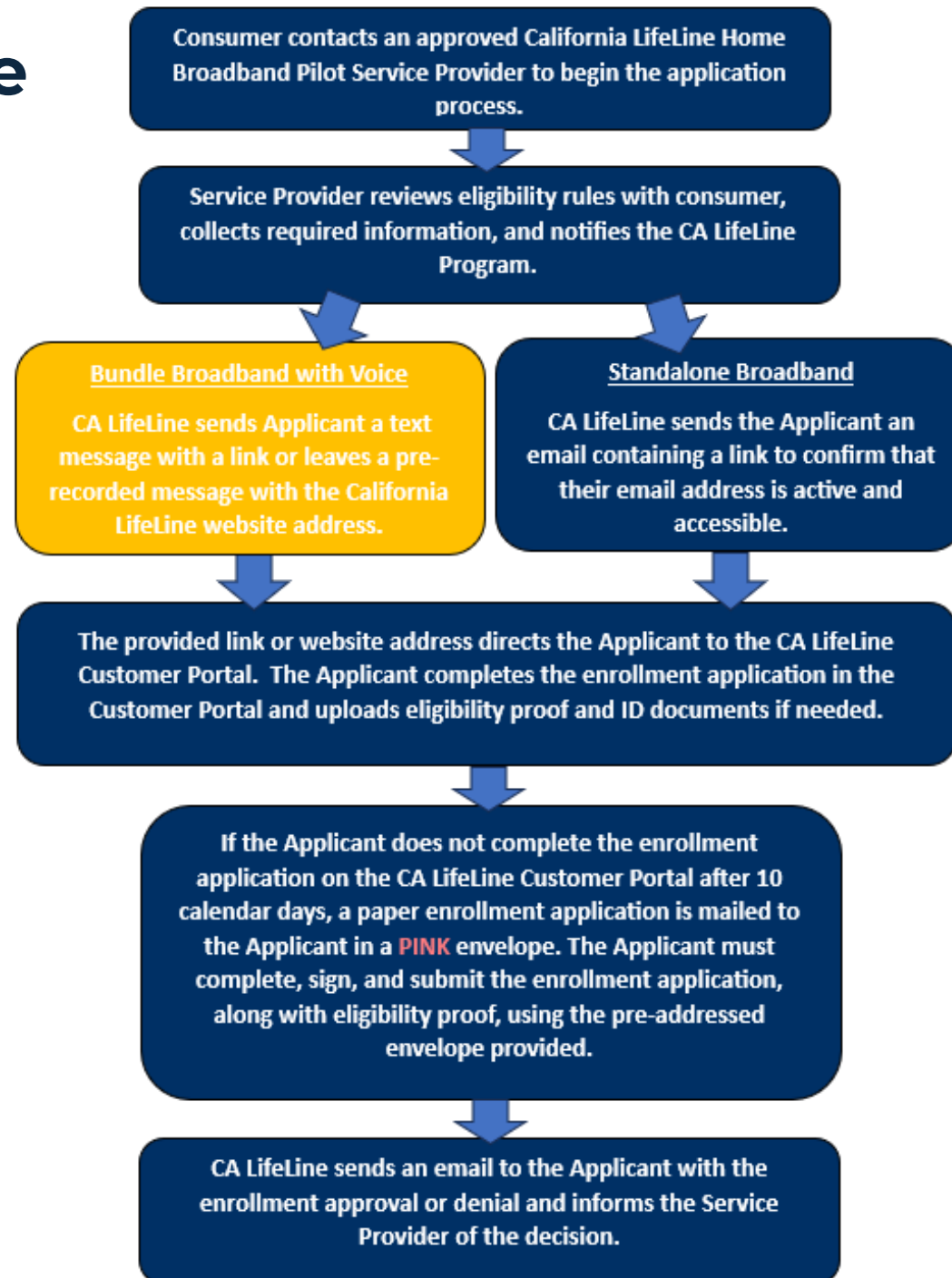


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Provider Search

Home Phone	Cell Phone	Broadband	
Start Over			
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Name	Download / Upload	Price ↓↑	Compare
COMCAST PHONE OF CA, LLC Internet Essentials Broadband	↓ 75 Mbps ↑ 10 Mbps	\$0.00/per month	Compare
COMCAST PHONE OF CA, LLC Internet Essentials Plus Broadband	↓ 100 Mbps ↑ 20 Mbps	\$9.95/per month	Compare
COMCAST PHONE OF CA, LLC Broadband 300 Mbps Broadband	↓ 300 Mbps ↑ 35 Mbps	\$30.00/per month	Compare

CA Lifeline Home Broadband Pilot Program Application Process



Questions



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Artificial Intelligence and Digital Equity

Vera Zakem

CHIEF TECHNOLOGY INNOVATION OFFICER

California Department of Technology

Office of Digital Services

- Advances California's digital strategy through statewide platforms, standards, emerging technologies, pioneering professional development, and delivery support.
- Builds and operates shared digital services, scales proven solutions, and provides governance that strengthens security, accessibility, and public trust.

Office of Digital Services

Vision

A California where everyone can equitably access simple and secure digital public services that minimize digital risk and build public trust, powered by trusted platforms, open standards, and responsibly governed emerging technologies.

Purpose

Advance inclusive and people-centered innovation that enables and scales access to government services.

ODS Emerging Technology Function

- Lead California's approach to responsible adoption and governance of new technologies, with a current focus on artificial intelligence.
- Provide statewide leadership on policy, coordination, and experimentation to ensure emerging technologies are deployed in ways that promote transparency, accountability, and public trust.

Emerging Technology



Lead implementation of frontier AI governance work as required by the Transparency in Frontier AI Act (TFAIA)



Co-lead the Governor's Innovation Council Emerging Technology Accelerator and Working Group 4 on protecting child online safety and countering image-based abuse



Expand engagement and coordination through the State AI Community, including participation from State departments and agencies

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CETF-VERIZON MERGER PUBLIC AGREEMENT LISTENING SESSION UPDATES

Kat Zigmont

SENIOR VICE PRESIDENT

California Emerging Technology Fund (CETF)

CETF Public Benefit MOUs - Adoption/Small Business

Reminder: CETF-Verizon Public Benefit MOUs

- Adoption: \$40M Digital Inclusion + \$1M Small Business
 - Get 100,000 Low-Income HHs Online and Digitally Proficient
 - Help Small Businesses access \$500M in Verizon Programs for Small Businesses (qualify for \$150M more – Total \$650M)
 - Strive through Inclusion-Diversity-Equity (IDE) to achieve workforce and supplies that reflect California population

Summary of Listening Sessions

2 Tracks of Listening Sessions: 18 Events

Engage: CDT, CPUC, Stakeholders

March-April

1. Digital Inclusion: Thursdays, 2-4 PM
161 Organizations Registered; 122 Participated
2. Small Business: Fridays, 12-2 PM
459 Businesses Registered; 245 Participated

May: Release Draft Action Plans

June: Action by CETF Board of Directors

California Emerging Technology
Fund (CETF) Digital Inclusion
Listening Sessions



Common Themes from Listening Sessions

Digital Inclusion Listening Sessions

- Community-based organizations (CBOs) need more support and funding for Adoption services.
- CBOs are “trusted messengers” to reach digitally-disadvantaged households.
- CBOs want assistance for Digital Navigator services, such as through the Digital Equity Ecosystem.
- There is a need for access to affordable computing devices and technical assistance.
- Processes for enrollment in affordable Internet subscriptions need to be streamlined.

Common Themes from Listening Sessions

Small Business Listening Sessions

- Small businesses don't have time for online learning if there are not prospective contracts.
- Small business networks are valuable intermediaries for members to use Verizon resources.
- Higher incentives for Digital Ready and Small Business Accelerator would increase participation.
- Programs need to be available in multiple languages and accessible for PWD owners.
- Networks and small businesses support goal of workforce and suppliers that reflect population.

Call to Action: Participate in Listening Sessions

Register and attend remaining Listening Session

1. Digital Inclusion: Thursday, April 30, 2-4 PM

Must attend a listening session to submit a proposal.

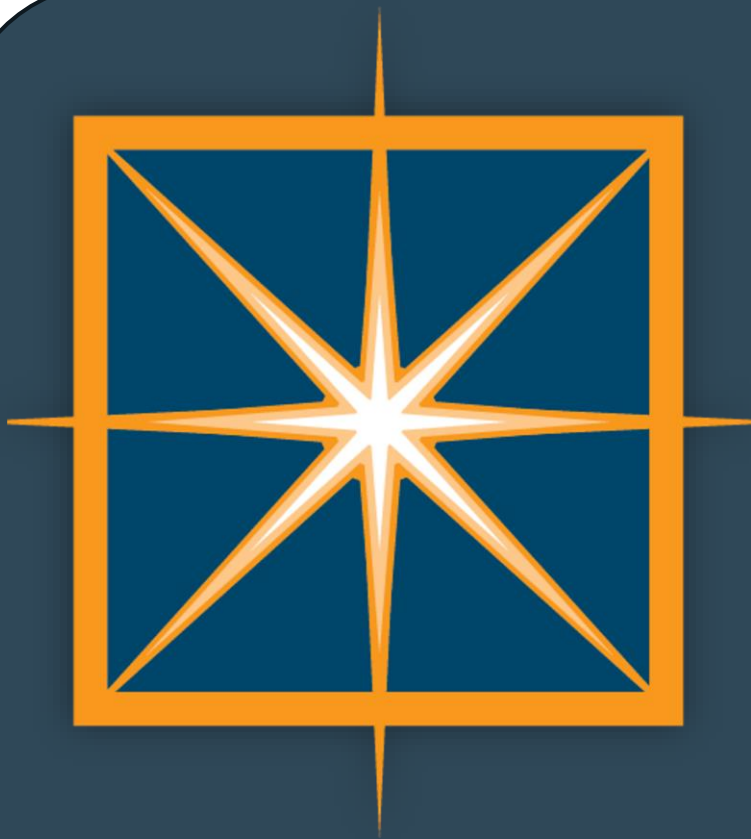
Participate in most appropriate session.
(Small business sessions for existing stakeholders.)



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**CALIFORNIA STATE LIBRARY
DIGITAL LITERACY AND ACCESS
FUNDING OPPORTUNITY**

Josh Chisom

BROADBAND OPPORTUNITY PROGRAM MANAGER

California State Library

CSL DIGITAL LITERACY AND ACCESS FUNDING OPPORTUNITY

Overview

- This project supports Goal 4 of the CA LSTA 5-year plan:
 - Strengthen equitable resource-sharing and access to information, services, and opportunity with an emphasis on local community strengths and challenges.
- The Digital Literacy and Access opportunity provides funds to help California public libraries improve access to broadband and improve digital literacy in their communities, through
 - digital navigation services for library users,
 - digital literacy training opportunities for the public, and
 - AI and/or internet safety classes.
- Details can be found on the grant webpage:
<https://www.library.ca.gov/grants/broadband/>

CSL DIGITAL LITERACY AND ACCESS FUNDING OPPORTUNITY

Allowable expenditures:

- Staff time to co-design, coordinate, and implement digital literacy and access programs and services.
- Supplies to support digital literacy and access programs, including devices such as laptops, computers, projectors, and tablets. Projects that include the purchase of devices that can connect to and browse the internet must be conducted in compliance with the Children's Internet Protection Act (CIPA).
- Services from community organizations, including workshops and presentations about digital literacy and access.
- Participation by library workers in professional development opportunities to gain knowledge and skills around digital literacy and access.
- Outreach and promotion of project programs and services.
- Evaluation of project activities and outcomes.
- Additional allowable expenditures to help libraries and communities achieve the project goals of improving access to high-speed broadband and improving digital literacy in their communities.

CSL DIGITAL LITERACY AND ACCESS FUNDING OPPORTUNITY

Application Process

Applications open: April 22, 2026

Grant opportunity closes: June 3, 2026, at 12:00 p.m. PST (noon)

Grant period begins: September 1, 2026

Grant period ends: June 30, 2027

Awards will be made after IMLS funding levels are confirmed for California and the State budget has passed.

Successful applicants can expect to receive project funds up to 8 to 10 weeks after the payment claim form is received by the State Library.

Applications will be completed and submitted online using the California State Library's new online grant management system, Euna.

CSL DIGITAL LITERACY AND ACCESS FUNDING OPPORTUNITY

General LSTA Eligibility

Projects must:

- Contribute to the achievement of the State Library's current LSTA five-year plan.
- Adhere to federal restrictions on LSTA funding
- Comply with the Children's Internet Protection Act (CIPA)

Public libraries applying for funds must have completed:

- The most recent Public Libraries Survey

For detailed opportunity eligibility requirements, review the [Digital Literacy and Access opportunity webpage](#) and [LSTA Handbook](#).

CSL DIGITAL LITERACY AND ACCESS FUNDING OPPORTUNITY

Thank you for joining us today!

Questions?

Email LSTAgrants@library.ca.gov

Office Hours

- Monday, May 11 at 2:00 PM. Registration is required.
- Wednesday, May 13 at 10:00 AM. Registration is required.

Questions



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CDT Office of Broadband and Digital Literacy Updates

Shawn Daugherty
DIGITAL EQUITY RESOURCE FINDER

Aracely Hernandez
UPCOMING GRANT OPPORTUNITIES

James Spencer
REQUEST FOR INNOVATIVE IDEAS

Anh Nguyen
LOOKING AHEAD

Digital Equity Resource Finder

Official website of the State of California

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Digital Equity Resource Finder

English ▾

Welcome to the California Digital Equity Resource Finder – a tool designed to assist residents and organizations to find digital inclusion programs and services in their communities. The Resource Finder was updated in March 2026.

[Add a Resource](#) [Update a Resource](#)

I am... **A Resident** An Organization

Location: Any county

Service type: All services

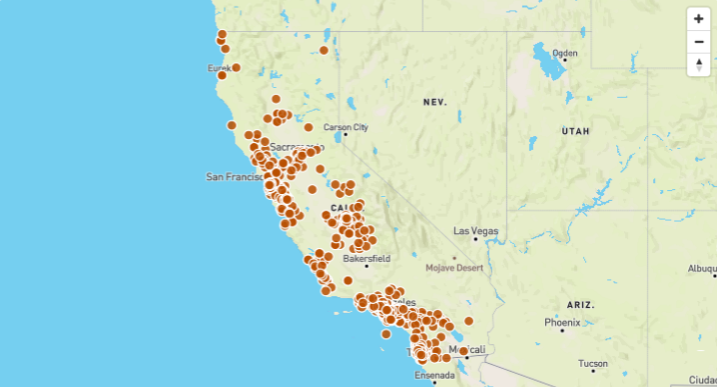
Service delivery: Either Virtual or In-Person

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View: **Map view** Table view

Showing 873 results serving All Counties

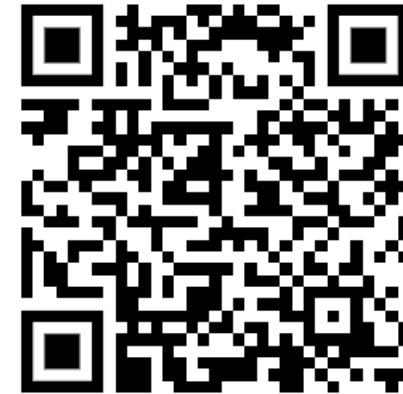
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ABLE Community Development Foundation
1963 Carlson Blvd, Richmond, CA, 94804
<https://ablecommunitydf.org>
[Learn more](#)

Acton & Agua Dulce Democratic Club

Live on Portal!



<https://broadbandforall.cdt.ca.gov/digital-equity-resource-finder/>

Digital Equity Resource Survey

Service Focus

Residents: **209**; Organization to Organization: **170**

Overview

Responses	209
Presentations/Demos	4
Bulk Upload Requests	25
Bulk Uploads Received	25
Total Locations	873

By Org Type (Responses/Locations)

Libraries	50	529
CBO	105	204
Schools & Colleges	9	12
Broadband Consortia	8	10
Other	62	118

Responses as of 4/28/26

Digital Equity Resource Finder

Help Expand & Maintain This Tool:

- 1) Spread the word in your community & share with your network and residents
- 2) Add your organization or locations
 - Up to 5 locations
 - For a bulk upload (more than 5 locations) contact DEResourceFinder@state.ca.gov

To add or make changes

Submit the **Add a Resource** or **Update a Resource Form**



CPUC CA Advanced Services Fund Programs

CASF Broadband Public Housing Account

Deadline: July 1, 2026

- *Eligible:* Public & farmworker housing, mobile home parks, MDUs, tribal housing
- *Funding:* Up to 100% of wiring & network equipment
- *Focus:* Build or connect networks offering free broadband service



CASF Broadband Adoption Account

Deadline: July 1, 2026

- *Eligible:* Local govt, senior centers, schools, libraries, nonprofits, CBOs
- *Funding:* \$100K–\$4M+ and 15% match
- *Focus:* Digital literacy & broadband access in community spaces, call centers



CASF Tribal Technical Assistance

Deadline: July 1, 2026

- *Eligible:* CA Tribes with or without federal recognition that demonstrate Tribal leadership and Tribal Consortia.
- *Focus:* To pursue improved voice and broadband communications needs (ie. Market & feasibility studies, business plans, grant writing, consulting, TTA tribal staff hours and admin costs).



CPUC Annual CASF Public Workshop

The CPUC held the annual CASF Public Workshop to facilitate collaboration among regional consortia, stakeholders, local governments, facility-based broadband providers, and consumers regarding cost-effective strategies to reach unserved areas.

Updates & Panels on:

- Broadband Infrastructure Deployment
- Broadband Public Housing Account
- Adoption Account
- Line Extension Program

Recording Available at:

[California Advanced Services Fund \(CASF\)](#)
[Public Workshops](#)



Tribal Broadband Connectivity Program

Notice of Funding Opportunity: pending

- \$500M in estimated funding
- NTIA anticipates that the focus of the new program will be on projects that complement BEAD infrastructure to ensure that BEAD investment is maximized.
- **Get Ready Primer** outlines eligible entities and how to prepare for the TBCP 3 and Native Entities Grant Program

[TBCP 3 &
NEGP Get
Ready Primer](#)



Request for Innovative Ideas (RFI²)



Promote/Track Low-Cost Offers/Subsidies/Streamline Enrollment



Digital Literacy Skills & Training Platform



Digital Navigation Training & Services



Devices & Statewide Device Ecosystem



Annual DE Survey



Online Educational & Workforce Development Resources



Collective Funding Action

Future Meeting Dates

*Upcoming Community of Practice

(Thursdays 10:30 AM - 12:00 PM)

- **Thursday, May 28**
- Thursday, June 25
- Thursday, July 30
- Thursday, August 27
- Thursday, September 24
- Thursday, October 29
- Thursday, November 19
- Thursday, December 17

*Subject to Change



MIDDLE-MILE BROADBAND INITIATIVE

First Network Light-up: Bishop Paiute Tribe

Activated 423 miles of the State's Middle-Mile Broadband Network (MMBN) along Hwy 395 – January 2026

Finalized agreement with the Bishop Paiute Tribe for service – March 2026

Connected the first last-mile provider of the State's network – April 2026

<https://broadbandforall.cdt.ca.gov/middle-mile-broadband-initiative/mmbi-advisory-committee/>

<https://broadbandcouncil.ca.gov/>



Questions



Broadband for All

Upcoming Community of Practice Meeting

Date: Thursday, May 28, 2026

Time: 10:30 AM – 12:00 PM

Website:

BroadbandForAll.cdt.ca.gov

Contact:

broadbandforall@state.ca.gov

Sign up:

Broadband for All Email Update



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