

Digital Equity Community of Practice Meeting

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Welcome

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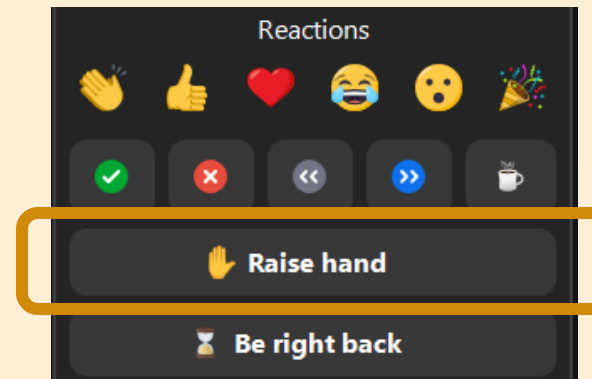
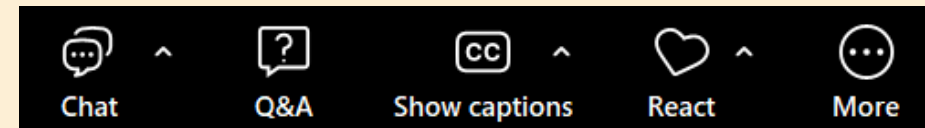
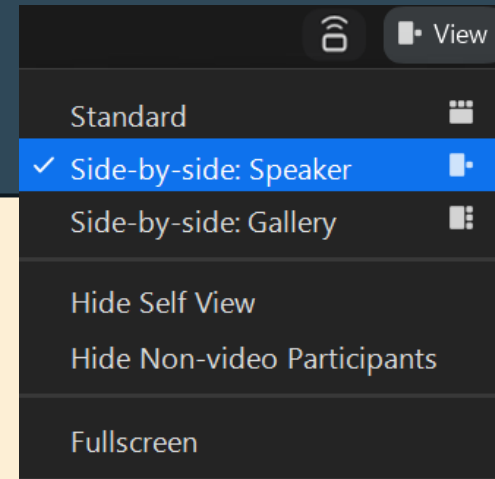
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Q&A Box Discussion after each agenda item. Please add your questions in the Q&A Box

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

Tech Access for Individuals with Disabilities

USDA Distance Learning & Telemedicine Grant

CDT/OBDL Updates

Community Feedback - Topics

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

- ✓ ACP replacement updates
- ✓ Affordability
- ✓ Artificial Intelligence
- ✓ Data Protection and Privacy
- ✓ Funding & Grants Opportunities
- ✓ Large device ownership
- ✓ Library Digital Inclusions Services
- ✓ Tech Accessibility for individuals with disabilities
- Accessibility to consistent broadband
- Cybersecurity
- Digital skills training
- Digital Equity for Stroke Survivors & Caregivers
- Digital literacy in media
- Donations of laptops
- Education program for digital financial literacy
- Environmental justice telecommunication issues
- Fiber Optics for all
- Increased data sharing
- Lifetime Support to Digital Tools
- New technologies
- Spanish language and rural access
- Student onboarding
- WCAG

Community Feedback – Future Speakers

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

- ✓ Andrew Broderick (SF Tech Council)
- ✓ Academics
- ✓ California Public Utilities Commission
- ✓ Librarians
- ✓ NDIA
- ✓ Sunne McPeak, CETF
- ✓ Vera Zakem, CA Dept. of Technology
- Benton Institute
- Brian Rathbone
- County Public Benefit Experts (re. HR1)
- Department of General Services
- Device Refurbishment Companies
- Education Superhighway
- Kevin Harbour, BizFed Institute
- Federal Communications Commission
- Governor Gavin Newsom
- LaVada English
- Latina women experts in tech
- Stacey Abrams
- Tim Downs, Next Level.Net
- Tribal connectivity leads
- Women in Tech
- Workforce development and job training organizations

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
 - Include bilingual presentations and materials
 - Interactive tools (i.e. Polls, Menti, etc.)
- ✓ Longer Q & A session
 - More case studies from rural inland regions
- ✓ Notifications of recordings emailed afterwards
- ✓ Offer taped zooms for all to see
- ✓ 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?

- I found the large device update very interesting. All of the content provided in the March update was fantastic. More content like that would be great!
- How our company can become part of the Grant process we serve Palm Springs, the High, Desert Yucca Valley, Coachella Indio, all?
- How to equip tech spaces for disabled persons?
- What is California's approach to unethical ISP promotions?
- What is our status on getting fiber to all homes in SoCal?
- I am very interested in joining, but this Thursday and all Thursdays are reserved for my grandchildren.

Broadband for All Action Plan

GOAL 1:

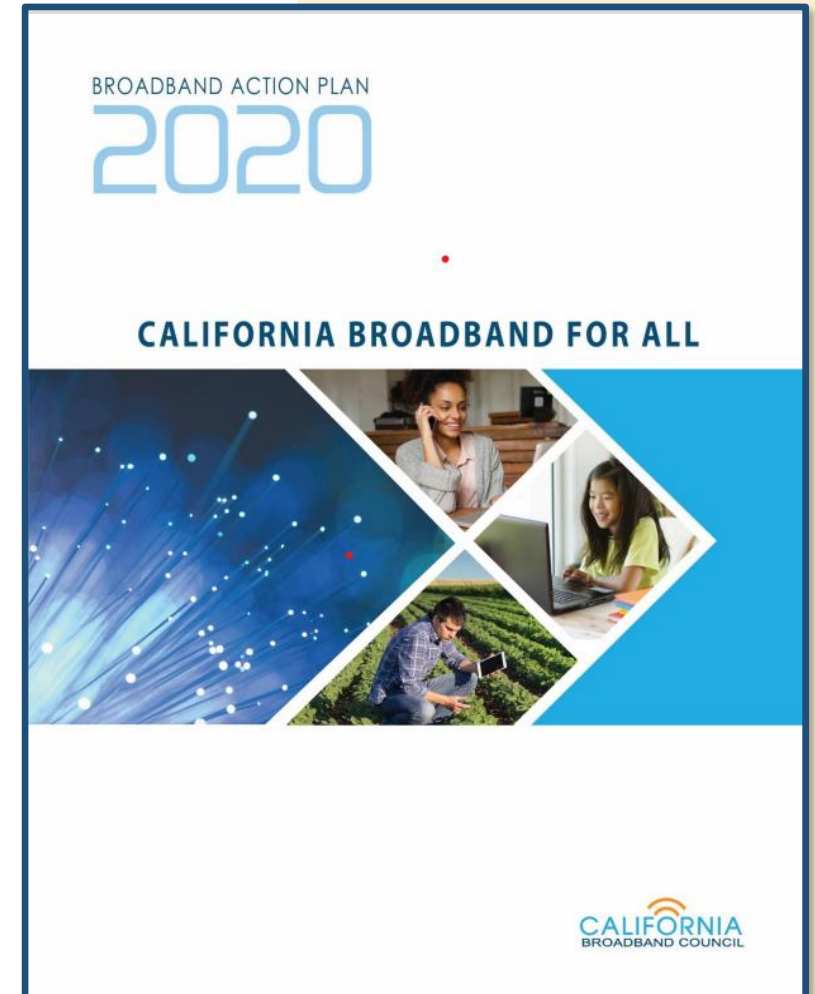
All Californians have high-performance broadband available at home, schools, libraries, and businesses.

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.



CA LIFELINE HOME BROADBAND PILOT PROGRAM

Loi Nguyen

REGULATORY ANALYST

California Public Utilities Commission (CPUC)

CA Lifeline Home Broadband Pilot Program

Local Agencies:

- City and County of San Francisco
- City of Ontario

Completed Onboarding and Systems Interface Testing:

- **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.**

CA Lifeline Home Broadband Pilot Program

Broadband Pilot Subscriber County as of 05/25/2026

Service	New	Transfer	Total
Broadband Only (67%)	7,400	1,627	9,027
Bundled Only (33%)	3,232	1,179	4,411
TOTAL	10,632	2,806	13,438

Questions



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TECH ACCESS FOR INDIVIDUALS WITH DISABILITIES

Andrew Broderick

CO-DIRECTOR

SF Tech Council

Jacob Johnson

CHIEF INFORMATION OFFICER

CA Department of Rehabilitation

Mark Bella

**PUBLIC REGULATORY
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CPUC CA Connect/Deaf &
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Ryan Easterly

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

Working for Inclusive &
Transformative Healthcare (WITH)
Foundation

Marisol Ferrante

ASSISTIVE TECH EDUCATOR

Independent Living Resource
Center San Francisco

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Tech Access for Individuals with Disabilities

Andrew Broderick, Co Director

SF Tech Council

SFTC is a multi-sector collaborative dedicated to advancing digital inclusion for older adults and people with disabilities in San Francisco, promoting technology access, adoption and use so all can participate in SF's connected community.

Programs & Services:

- Device distribution
- Digital Skill Training
- Community Pop-Ups (Tech support, Enrollment)
- Convenings and Advocacy Campaigns

Website: <https://www.sftechcouncil.org>



Tech Access for Individuals with Disabilities

Jacob Johnson, Chief Information Officer

CA Department of Rehabilitation (DOR)

The DOR provides Assistive Technology services to help individuals with disabilities increase their employment and independence.



Programs & Services:

- Voice Options Program
- Employment Services:
 - Mobility Evaluation Program
 - Assistive Devices & Equipment Provision
 - Training & Technical Support
 - Durable Medical Equipment

Website: <https://cal-atsd.dor.ca.gov/Service>



Tech Access for Individuals with Disabilities

Mark Bella, Public Regulatory Utilities Analyst IV

CPUC California Connect

The program's goal is to make it easier for every Californian with speech, hearing, vision, mobility, or cognitive disabilities to connect with the world around them in a way that is comfortable and convenient for them.

Programs & Services:

- Accessible Equipment & Devices
- Voice Options Program
- Speech Generating Devices (SGD) / AAC
- California Relay Service (CRS)
- Exchange and Support

Website: <https://caconnect.org/>



Tech Access for Individuals with Disabilities

Marisol Ferrante, Assistive Tech Educator

Independent Living Resource Center San Francisco (ILRCSF)

ILRCSF ensures that people with disabilities are full social and economic partners, within their families and within a fully accessible community.

Programs & Services:

- Assistive Technology Education & Support
- Device Lending Library
- AT Funding Navigation
- Wheelchair Repair Program
- Peer Support & Counseling
- Workshops & Training
- Community Activities Program

Website: <https://www.ilrcsf.org/>



Tech Access for Individuals with Disabilities

Ryan Easterly, Executive Director

Working for Inclusive & Transformative Healthcare (WITH) Foundation

The WITH Foundation promotes the establishment of comprehensive healthcare for adults with developmental disabilities that is designed to address their unique and fundamental needs.



Programs & Services:

- Primarily a healthcare equity grantmaker
- Digital Health Initiative
 - Voice Assistants
 - Universal Design Events
 - Design Symposium

Website: <https://withfoundation.org/>



Questions



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USDA DISTANCE LEARNING & TELEMEDICINE GRANT

Robert Machado

TELECOM GENERAL FIELD REPRESENTATIVE

U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA)

Distance Learning & Telemedicine Grants

Overview

This competitive program helps rural communities use advanced telecommunications technology to connect to each other - and the world - overcoming the effects of remoteness and low population density.

The DLT grant program helps rural residents tap into the enormous potential of the internet to improve education and health care; two of the most crucial keys to successful rural economic and community development.

Deadline: June 30, 2026 11:59 pm EST

- Awards range from \$50,000 to \$750,000.
- A minimum 15% match is required and cannot be from another federal source.

Distance Learning & Telemedicine Grants

Eligibility

Who may apply?

For both programs, eligible applicants include most entities that provide education or health care through telecommunications, including:

- State & local governmental organizations
- Federally-recognized Tribes
- Non-profit organizations
- Incorporated, for-profit businesses
- Groups of eligible entities working together

What is an eligible area?

The DLT program is targeted to rural areas with populations 20,000 or fewer.

Distance Learning & Telemedicine Grants

How to Apply

- Applicants can apply online via [Grants.gov](https://www.Grants.gov).
- Program Resources are available online (includes forms, guidance, certifications, etc.) on the To Apply tab above.
- Check back here or contact your [General Field Representative](#) for additional information.
- [FY 26 DLT Application Guide](#)



Distance Learning & Telemedicine Grants

For More Details



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www.rd.usda.gov/programs-services/telecommunications-programs/distance-learning-telemedicine-grants

Upcoming Webinar

Wednesday, June 3

1:00 – 2:00 EST

[Registration Link](#)



Questions



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CDT OFFICE OF BROADBAND AND DIGITAL LITERACY UPDATES

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Digital Equity Resource Finder

CA Official website of the State of California

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Digital Equity Resource Finder

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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

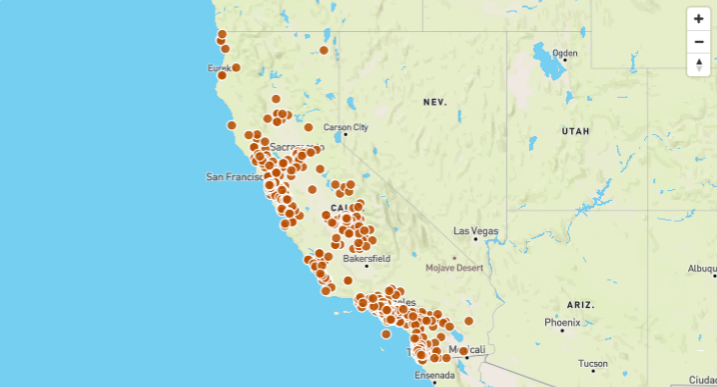
Service delivery: Either Virtual or In-Person

Open Search: Search

View: **Map view** Table view

Showing 873 results serving All Counties

Sort results by: A-Z



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

[Zoom to this resource](#)

Acton & Agua Dulce Democratic Club

- Computers centers
- Digital navigation
- Digital skills training
- Free or low-cost devices
- Free or low-cost hotspots
- Low-cost internet enrollment assistance
- Low-cost internet programs
- Online educational resources
- Public Wi-Fi
- Technical support
- Workforce development



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).



CASF Broadband Adoption Account

Webinar and Q&A: June 4, 2026 1:30pm – 3:30pm

- In-depth webinar exploring the changes to the Broadband Adoption Account and new Application Forms
- Important information on grant application updates for the upcoming July 1, 2026, application deadline.
- Registration is not required – Join [HERE](#)
- More information can be found on the CPUC [California Advanced Services Fund \(CASF\) Adoption Account](#) webpage

[Webinar
WebEx Link](#)



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 investments
- **Get Ready Primer** outlines eligible entities and how to prepare for the TBCP 3 and Native Entities Grant Program
- [NTIA Tribal Consultation Summary Report](#)

[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 Meetings*

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

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

*Subject to Change



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