

Digital Equity Community of Practice Meeting

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Broadband for All



WELCOME

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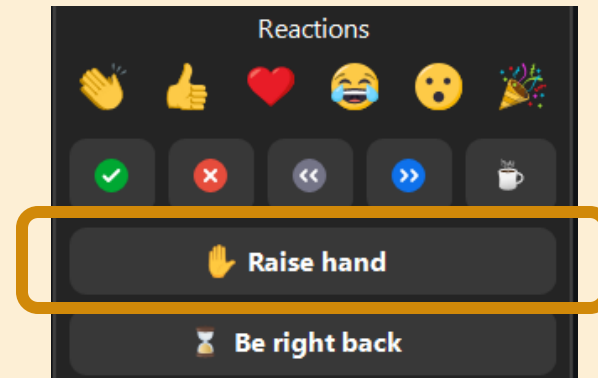
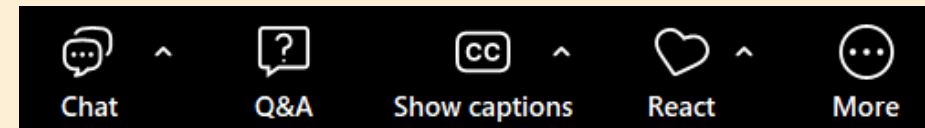
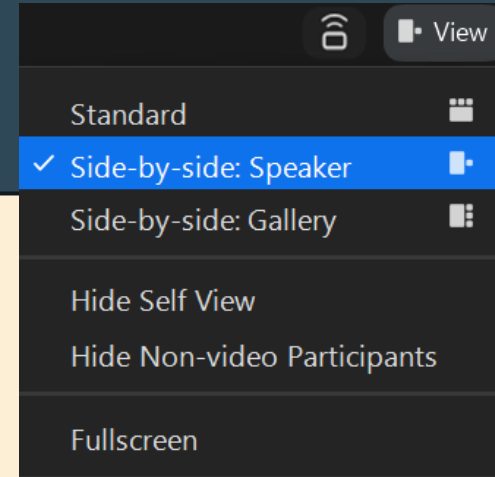
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Reactions Raise Hand feature or *9 if you calling into Zoom by phone

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



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.



Agenda

Welcome & Community Feedback

Middle-Mile Broadband Initiative

CA LifeLine Home Broadband Pilot Program

Digital Equity Resource Finder

Digital Inclusion Partnerships

Demo: Resource Sign-Up Form

Upcoming Grant Opportunities

Future Meetings

Community Feedback - Improvements

How can we improve your experience of these Community of Practice meetings?

- Issuing the recordings faster
- Train the trainer trainings
- High-level recap document in post highlighting important topics
- Connect to older and people with disabilities communities
- Grants and contract information
- Share the municipal project affiliated with this program
- Offer 1:1 counseling or advisors
- Share practical resources, funding opportunities, training, and partnership information that rural areas can use

Community Feedback – Questions

Do you have any questions for us?

- Besides access to the Internet, would you also address AI Literacy for communities?
- Will you touch on workforce training needs for providers and construction employers?
- How can this group ensure state-recognized tribes access digital equity programs despite lacking federal acknowledgment?
- We would love to promote broadband in our Community, how to join?
- What resources are available for low-income students and seniors to have access to computers?
- What no-cost resources, technical assistance, or partnership opportunities are available for small rural organizations?



MIDDLE-MILE BROADBAND INITIATIVE

Mark Monroe

DEPUTY DIRECTOR

Middle-Mile Broadband Initiative
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Project Update

Over 80% of the Network Permitted

798 additional miles
since March

50% of the Network Constructed

336 additional miles
since March

50 Huts in Construction

33 additional huts since April

Operator Onboarded

Skyline Technology Solutions
began providing service in July

~1,300 Miles Operational

Almost 800 additional miles
operational since Q2 MMAC

First FFA Service Agreements

First Master Service
Agreements (MSA) executed

Project Milestones

COMPLETED

1

Operator Selected and Onboarded

Skyline Technology Solutions selected and active network operations underway.

2

First Service Agreements Executed

Early customer opportunities have been converted to CDT service agreements.

3

~1,300 Miles Operational

Almost 800 additional miles operational since Q2 MMAC.



ON TRACK

4

Hut Installation Progressing

Hut placement, utility, and electronics work is advancing for operations.

5

65% of Network Constructed by End of 2026

CDT forecasts construction of approximately 5,300 miles by year-end.

6

FFA & Tribal Activation Advancing

Agreements are being coordinated and executed to support tribal connectivity and FFA project connections.

FFA & MMBN Coordination

- **Master Service Agreements (MSAs) executed to connect 8 FFA projects**
- **Continued discussions to support activation as other FFA projects become ready**



MMBI Tribal Partnerships

5 Tribal Joint Builder Partnerships



3 Hut Placements on Tribal Land



Partnering with Tribal Nations

In addition to the early light-up of the Bishop Paiute Tribe, CDT is working with **more than 30 Tribes** to develop plans to use MMBN:

- 24 On-Route Tribes
- 11 Off-Route Tribes planning to complete “build-to” projects





CALIFORNIA LIFELINE HOME BROADBAND PILOT PROGRAM

Lisa Anthony

REGULATORY ANALYST

California Public Utilities Commission (CPUC)

CA Lifeline Home Broadband Pilot Program

Pending Review: 1

- Connect To Communications

Pending Onboarding and Systems Interface Testing : 5

- Cal Ore Telephone Co.
- City of Ontario
- Frontier/Verizon
- Pinnacles Telephone Co.
- Ponderosa Telephone Co.

Enrolling Customers: 13

- Bright House Network
- Calaveras Telephone Co.
- Cal.Net, Inc.
- Charter Fiberlink
- Comcast Phone of California
- Ducor Telephone Company
- Foresthill Telephone Co.
- Kerman 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 07/20/2026

Service	New	Transfer	Reconnect	Total
Broadband Only (66%)	12,289	2,205		14,494
Bundled Broadband (34%)	5,715	1,800	3	7,518
TOTAL	18,004	4,005	3	22,012

*New enrollments continue to drive pilot participation (82% new and 18% transfer rates)

CA Lifeline Home Broadband Pilot Program

Resources:

One-page Broadband Pilot Flyer

- The one-page flyer was created for community-based organizations to distribute at events and increase awareness of the California LifeLine Home Broadband Pilot.

California LifeLine Home Broadband Pilot Program

- The Home Broadband Pilot webpage offers information and resources in a single location on the California LifeLine website.

Exciting News for California Residents!

On **January 26, 2026**, the California Public Utilities Commission (CPUC) launched a three-year California LifeLine Home Broadband Pilot, helping make internet more affordable for eligible households across California. The Pilot offers a discount on home broadband with minimum speeds of 100/20 Mbps* and 1,280 GB of data per month.

What Discount Can I Receive?

Eligible households may choose **ONE** CA LifeLine Discount Option:

- Up to \$20/month for standalone broadband service;
- Up to \$30/month for bundled broadband; or
- Up to \$19/month toward CA LifeLine wireline or wireless phone service

Important: California LifeLine allows only one discounted service per eligible household. Households may choose either a Home Broadband Pilot discount or a traditional California LifeLine phone service discount, but not both.

GET STARTED IN 3 EASY STEPS:

STEP 1: Check if You Qualify- You may qualify if you participate in programs like Medicaid or SNAP, or meet California LifeLine income eligibility guidelines. Visit www.californialifeline.com for details.

STEP 2: Find a Provider- Visit californialifeline.com, click on Provider Search, and enter your ZIP Code to find available providers.

STEP 3: Contact a Service Provider- Call a provider in your area and tell them you are applying for the California LifeLine Home Broadband Pilot. They will help you enroll.



DON'T MISS OUT! AFFORDABLE, HIGH-SPEED INTERNET CAN HELP YOU STAY CONNECTED, ACCESS HEALTHCARE, EDUCATION, OR WORK FROM HOME



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** Standalone broadband plan does not include voice service for making 911 calls. Customers may be de-enrolled from the program due to non-usage. Only one service is allowed per household, except for TTY users who may receive a discount on a second phone line. (GO 153-A). Wireless service may experience interruptions due to weather conditions, terrain, or gaps in service coverage. (D.12-12-038) Exemptions may be applied in locations where the 100/20 Mbps speed is not available. Some income-eligible, low-cost broadband plans may not meet the 100/20 Mbps.

CA Lifeline Home Broadband Pilot Program

Resources:



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Public Utilities Commission

Search example: How can I reduce my bill?

SEARCH

[Home](#) › [Consumer Support](#) › [Financial Assistance](#) › [Program Information](#) › [Pilots and Government Partnerships](#) › [California LifeLine Home Broadband Pilot Program](#)

California LifeLine Home Broadband Program

Program Overview

The California Public Utilities Commission (CPUC) has launched a three-year, technology-neutral Home Broadband Pilot to expand broadband access for low-income households in California. Eligible consumers may apply the California LifeLine subsidy to any internet plan that meets minimum service standards, including standalone or bundled broadband plans. The program seeks to close the digital divide and support telework, online education, telehealth, civic participation, and public safety.

The California LifeLine Home Broadband Pilot provides:

- Up to \$20 subsidy for broadband service.
- Up to \$30 for broadband service bundled with a wireline or wireless voice service. Bundles must be offered by the same provider.
- Up to \$39 reimbursement for new connection charges, once per year per household.
- Minimum service standards of 100/20 Mbps with 1,280 GB of data usage per month, with exceptions for areas where this speed is not feasible or for low-cost plans.

Eligibility Criteria

The eligibility criteria for this program are the same as those established for the California LifeLine Program, as outlined in [General Order \(GO\) 153-A](#), Section 5. For full details on eligibility requirements, please refer to the link below.

[California LifeLine Eligibility](#)

How to Participate

California LifeLine Service Providers, as well as Service Providers possessing a Commission-issued Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity (CPCN) or Wireless ID Registration (WIR), either directly or through an affiliate, may seek authorization to participate in the Pilot by filing a Tier 2 advice letter, as outlined in [Decision 25-08-050](#).

- [Advice Letter Information](#)

Service Providers who do not possess a CPCN or WIR must complete the application and registration processes to obtain certification.

- [Information for Telecommunications Applicants and Registrants in California](#)

Local agencies may participate in the California LifeLine Home Broadband Pilot by adhering to the procedures specified in [Resolution T-17903](#).

- [CA LifeLine Home Broadband Pilot Registration Form for Local Agencies](#)

Additional information is available at the following:

- [California LifeLine Program](#)
- [Provider Search - California LifeLine](#)
- [CA LifeLine Home Broadband Pilot Registration Form for Local Agencies](#)

For inquiries, direct questions to LifeLineBBPilot@cpuc.ca.gov

Available Service Providers by Region



Region	Service Providers
Region 1: Superior California	Cal Ore
	Cal.NET
	Comcast
	Ducor
	Foresthill
	Kerman
	Siskiyou Spectrum
Region 2: North Coast	Volcano
	Cal.NET
	Comcast Spectrum
Region 3 - San Francisco Bay Area	Cal.NET
	Comcast Spectrum
Region 4: Northern San Joaquin Valley	Cal.NET
	Calaveras
	Comcast
	Ponderosa
	Sierra Spectrum
	Volcano
Region 5: Central Valley	Cal.NET
	Comcast
	Pinnacles
	Ranch WiFi Spectrum
Region 6: Southern San Joaquin Valley	Cal.NET
	Comcast
	Ducor
	Foresthill
	Kerman Ponderosa Ranch WiFi Spectrum
Region 7: Inland Empire	Ponderosa Spectrum
Region 8: Los Angeles County	Comcast Spectrum
Region 9: Orange County	Cal.NET
Region 10: San Diego - Imperial	Comcast
	Spectrum

Questions



DIGITAL EQUITY RESOURCE FINDER

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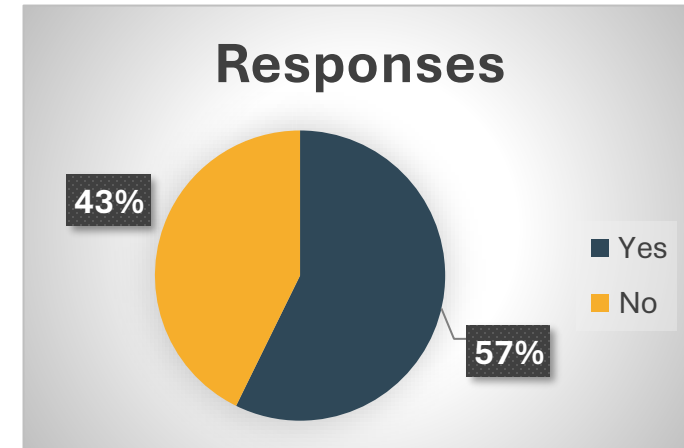
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DE Resource Feedback

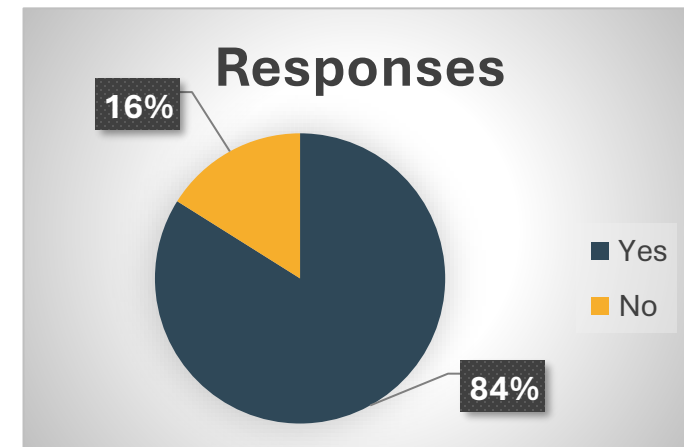
Is your organization aware of the Digital Equity Resource Finder?

Yes	67
No	50
Total	117



Would you like outreach materials to promote the Digital Equity Resource Finder within your community?

Yes	94
No	18
Total	112



Outreach Toolkit



Digital Equity Resource Finder Outreach Toolkit

Related Pages

- [California Digital Equity Finder](#)
- [Add Your Organization](#)
- [Update a Resource](#)

On This Page

- [Overview](#)
- [Email and Newsletter Template](#)
- [Social Media](#)
- [Video Demo](#)
- [Contact](#)

Share with others Help connect every Californian to essential digital inclusion programs and services right in their communities! Below are some resources you can customize to spread the word.

Overview

The California [Digital Equity Resource Finder](#) is a tool designed by the California Department of Technology in collaboration with stakeholders which enables organizations and residents to find essential digital inclusion programs and services in their communities.

This Outreach Toolkit includes customizable outreach materials to allow your organization to promote the Resource Finder with your partners and residents in your community. Help spread the word!

Email and newsletter templates

Copy and paste the template below and send it to community members, partners, or anyone who might benefit from the Digital Equity Resource Finder.

Tips for using these templates:

- No technical knowledge required: this tool is free and easy to use.
- Feel free to personalize the opening line so it sounds like you.
- You can send this as an email or adapt it into a newsletter, message, or post.
- Access these templates in the language of your choice by translating this webpage using the Google Translation tool on the top right corner of this page.



Digital Equity Resource Finder

	Organizations	Locations
April 2026	234	876
July 2026	249	949
Increase	+15	+73



New Contributors & Partnerships

State Entities

- California Connect
- CSL - Assistive Technology Lending Program
- DOR – CA Assistive Technologies, Services, & Devices Supplier Directory

Library Systems

- Anaheim Public Library
- Contra Costa County Library
- Monterey County Free Libraries
- Plumas County Library
- Richmond Public Library
- Simi Valley Public Library

Nonprofit Organizations

- Chinese for Affirmative Action
- Dev / Mission
- Independent Living Resource Center San Francisco
- Nuwave Community Media
- Outreach and Technical Assistance Network (OTAN)

Local Government Partnership

- City of San Diego (SD Access 4 All)
- County of Los Angeles

Questions



DIGITAL INCLUSION PARTNERSHIPS

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California Department of Technology

BB4All / SDEP Alignment

CDT/OBDL sought to find no-/low-cost partners for BB4All/SDEP Goals 2 & 3.



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

BB4All / SDEP Alignment

Goals
Enroll 500,000 residents in low-cost internet service and/or a subsidy program
Provide digital literacy & AI skills training to at least 50,000 residents
Train 300 Digital Navigators by 2027; provide 10,000 hours of resident support
Provide at least 30,000 new or refurbished devices to low-income individuals
Annual multimodal survey with 50,000+ respondents + public dashboard on BB4All portal
Provide 30,000 users access to online educational & workforce development resources

Digital Inclusion Partnerships (DIP)

Partner	Activity
California Emerging Technology Fund	• Call center to support low-cost internet enrollment • Digital ID • Digital literacy and digital navigation training • Device access • Digital equity survey • Online education and workforce development resources
digitalLIFT	• Digital equity capacity-building training for community-based organizations • Individual digital navigator training
East Bay Broadband Consortium	• School Technology Assessment Survey to identify needs and gaps in K-12 schools
Everyone On	• California-specific affordable offer locator with address-level specificity
Human-I-T	• Online artificial intelligence training curriculum • Virtual digital navigation and tech support • Free or low-cost devices • Online workforce development resources
Literacy Minnesota	• Asynchronous Northstar Digital Literacy Training platform to increase digital literacy skills of residents
National Digital Inclusion Alliance	• Digital Inclusion Impact Aggregator to track and measure statewide and local digital inclusion efforts

Digital Inclusion Partnerships (DIP)

Activity	Partner
 Promote/Track Low-Cost Offers/Subsidies/Streamline Enrollment	• CETF (Enrollment Assistance, Call Center etc.) • Everyone On (Affordable Offer Locator)
 Digital Literacy Skills & Training Platform	• CETF (DigitalLearn Platform) • Literacy Minnesota (Northstar Platform) • Human-I-T (AI Training)
 Digital Navigation (DN) Training & Services	• DigitalLIFT (DE Capacity & DN Training) • CETF (DN and DN Training) • Human-I-T (Virtual DN & Tech Support)
 Devices & Statewide Device Ecosystem	• CETF (CA Green Tech Initiative) • Human-I-T (Devices)
 Digital Equity Data Refinement	• CETF (DE Survey) • East Bay BB Consortium (K-12 TA Survey) • NDIA (DE Impact Aggregator)
 Online Educational & Workforce Development Resources	• CETF (TBD) • Human-I-T (Referrals)

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DEMO: DIGITAL INCLUSION PARTNERSHIP RESOURCE SIGN-UP FORM

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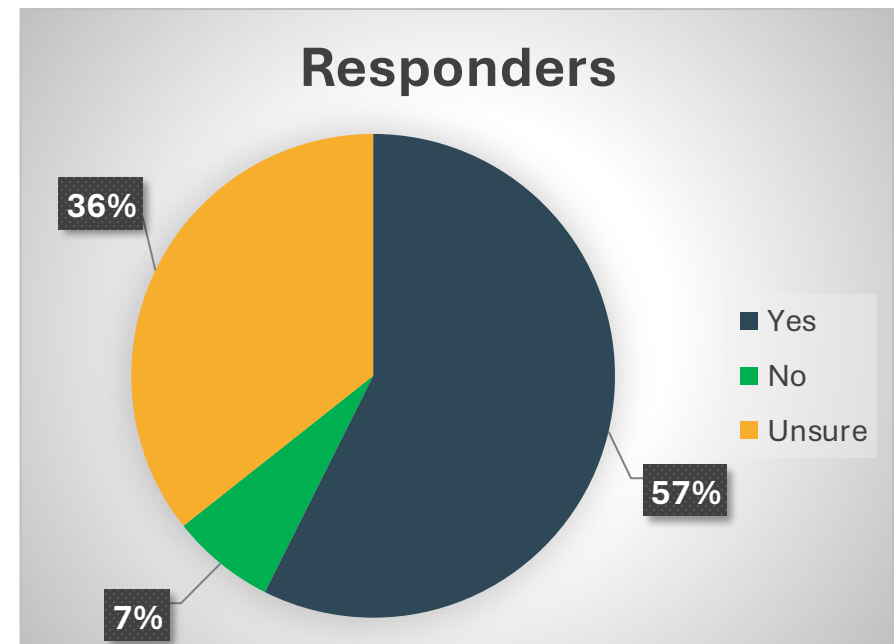
PRINCIPAL

Broadband Equity Partnership

Community Feedback

Does your organization have the capacity and readiness to begin using no-cost digital inclusion resources (i.e. digital literacy assessment and training platform, digital navigator training, online educational and workforce development resources)?

Yes	66
No	8
Unsure	41
Total	115



Digital Inclusion Partnership Resource Sign-up Form

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Digital Inclusion Partnerships

The termination of federal Digital Equity Act programs drastically reduced funding available for the digital equity strategies such as broadband adoption assistance, digital literacy training, digital navigation services, device access, online education and workforce development resources, and the collective capacity to implement them at scale. California remains committed to digital equity and to the full implementation of Broadband for All and the [State Digital Equity Plan](#).

In service to that commitment, the California Department of Technology (CDT) has partnered with seven entities to deliver free digital tools, training, and resources to community-based groups across California. Through these partnerships, California residents gain access to low-cost home internet, devices, and digital skills training.

The entities are:

- **California Emerging Technology Fund:** Cell center access to support low-cost internet enrollment; digital literacy and digital navigation training; device access; digital equity survey, and online education and workforce development resources
- **digitalLIFT:** Digital equity capacity-building training for community-based organizations and individual digital navigator training
- **East Bay Broadband Consortium:** School Technology Assessment Survey to identify needs and gaps in K-12 schools
- **Everyone On:** California-specific affordable offer locator with address-level specificity to assist residents to find low-cost internet
- **Human-I-T:** Online artificial intelligence training curriculum, virtual digital navigation and tech support, free or low-cost devices, and online workforce development resources
- **Northstar Digital Literacy:** Asynchronous digital literacy assessment and training platform to increase digital literacy skills of residents
- **National Digital Inclusion Alliance:** A Digital Inclusion Impact Aggregator to assist in tracking and measuring collective statewide and local digital inclusion efforts

Digital Tools and Resources Sign-Up Form

Due to limited resources, only organizations that have staff capacity and readiness to take action should complete the form below. Please limit to one entry per organization.

Organization information

Organization Name *	Organization Website
Primary contact name *	Title/ role
Contact Email *	Phone number

☐ By filling out this form, I acknowledge my organization has the staff and capacity to utilize these resources and understand that these resources and tools are being made available on a first come, first serve basis. My organization has immediate capacity and is ready to utilize the following:

Resources

1. Broadband Adoption (check all that apply)

☐ Customizable outreach materials for low-cost internet service plans and subsidies

☐ Cell Center access - utilize to assist enrolling clients in low-cost internet service plans / subsidies

2. Digital Literacy Training: assessment, online platform and curricula (rank in order of preference)

	1st (Highest preference)	2nd	3rd (Lowest preference)
Instructor-led cohorts in-person or online	☐	☐	☐
On-Demand at individuals' own pace with synchronous training for instructors	☐	☐	☐
Online Artificial Intelligence training (How to use basic AI tools)	☐	☐	☐

3. Digital Equity Program Development for Organizations

☐ On Demand Training with Live Virtual Debrief

4. Digital Navigator Training for organizational staff/volunteers (rank in order of preference)

	1st (Higher preference)	2nd (Lower preference)
Synchronous (Instructor-led)	☐	☐
Asynchronous (Online / On-Demand)	☐	☐

5. Remote Digital Navigation (select all that apply)

☐ Needs assessment and internet enrollment (Cell Center)

☐ Technical support

6. Device Access (free or low-cost) Participate in the California Green Technology Initiative / Expand individual device ownership ecosystem in California (select all that apply):

☐ Donate new or used devices

☐ Refurbish devices

☐ Distribute devices to clients and constituents

☐ Help identify donors of retired devices

7. Digital Equity Data Refinement (select all that apply)

☐ Promote Digital Equity Survey to community constituents (online and mobile phone friendly)

☐ Integrate K-12 Student Tech Assessment Online Survey (school districts only)

☐ Participation in the Digital Inclusion Impact Aggregator (quarterly organizational progress reporting)

8. Other resources (select all that apply)

☐ Online Educational resources

☐ Online Workforce development resources



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UPCOMING GRANT OPPORTUNITIES & FUTURE MEETINGS

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Digital Inclusion Manager

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Engagement & Operations Manager

Native Entities Grant Program

- **Deadline:** November 17, 2026 (by 11:59pm ET)
- **Eligible:** Tribe, Alaska Native entity, Hawaiian org., or consortium
- **Funding:** \$250M available; Grant ranges from \$500,000 and \$2,500,000
- **Match:** 10% of matching funds
- **Focus:** Broadband use and adoption activities, workforce development, technology upgrades



Tribal Broadband Connectivity Program

- **Deadline:** November 17, 2026 (by 11:59pm Eastern Time)
- **Eligible:** Tribal Government or Organization, College or University, Consortium applicants and prior entities that previously received TBCP grant funds.
- **Funding:** \$540M available for eligible applicants
 - Broadband Use and Adoption Projects \$500,000 to \$2,500,000
 - Broadband Infrastructure Deployment \$1,000,000 to \$25,000,000
- **Focus:** Deployment of internet infrastructure, affordability, telehealth & distance learning initiatives



CPUC CA Advanced Services Fund Programs

CASF Tribal Technical Assistance

Deadline: October 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

Deadline: January 1, 2027

- *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 Broadband Public Housing Account

Deadline: January 1, 2027

- *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



CPUC Digital Divide Grant Program R4

- **Deadline:** October 30, 2026
- **Eligible:** Rural and urban public schools, 501c3 non-profits
- **Funding:** DDGP will provide three grants for a total of \$200,000
 - one grant of \$100,000 for rural and urban public schools
 - two grants of up to \$50,000 each for non-profit / CBO
- **Focus:** Projects may address gaps in broadband networks, affordability, access to personal devices and digital skills training.



Anthropic Grant Program: Claude Corps

- **Deadline:** January 2027 (second cohort)
- **Eligible:** 1,000 fellows over 18+ years under 2 years of work experience, no degree requirement, authorized to work in the U.S.
- **Funding:** \$150M initiative to train and deploy 1,000 young workers into 400 nonprofits across the U.S. (Fellows will get paid \$85K annually)
- **Focus:** The goal is to equip nonprofits with AI tools and systems while giving fellows hands-on AI skills that will benefit their careers.



Future Meeting Dates

Upcoming Community of Practice Meetings*

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

- Thursday, August 27
- Thursday, September 24
- Thursday, October 29
- Thursday, November 19
- Thursday, December 17

*Subject to Change



THANK YOU & QUESTIONS

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