

Digital Equity Community of Practice Meeting

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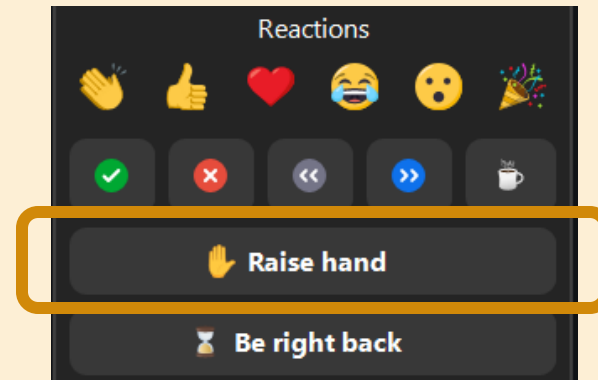
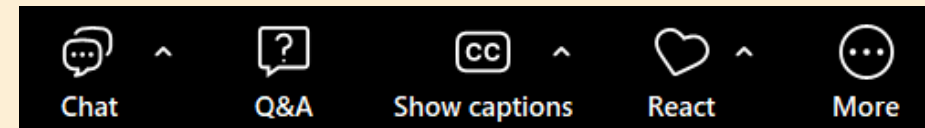
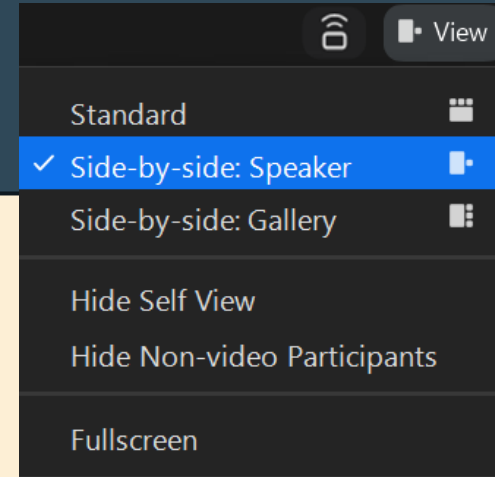
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Meeting Norms

- 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

LifeLine Home Broadband Pilot Program

Regional/Local Digital Navigation Panel

Digital Inclusion Training & Services

Upcoming Grant Opportunities

Digital Equity Resource Finder

Future Meetings



WELCOME

James Spencer

BROADBAND ADMINISTRATIVE MANAGER

Office of Broadband and Digital Literacy
California Department of Technology

Community Update / Highlights

- NTIA Digital Equity Competitive Grant
- Los Angeles County Digital Equity Roadmap
- CPUC Approved Nearly 32 Million to Expand Broadband Access
- Community Feedback
- Digital Inclusion Partnership Resource Sign-Ups

Community Feedback - Improvements

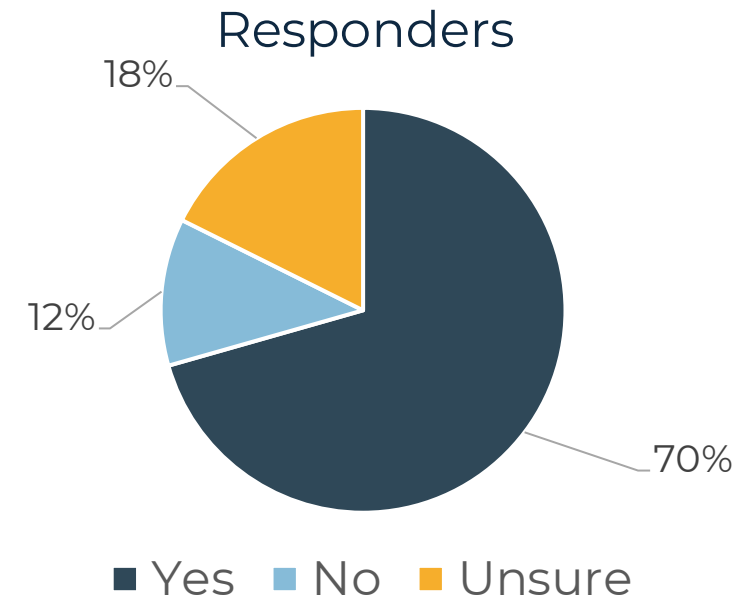
How can we improve your experience of these Community of Practice meetings?

- Get information early to register for events
- Provide agendas and other information in advance of the meetings
- Provide accessible, electronic copies of any materials
- Offer simultaneous interpretation
- Hosting 1-on-1s
- Grants on AI literacy
- Have different sub-focus groups...like healthcare, aging, education, etc.
- Access to tools & resources

Community Feedback

Would your organization like to take advantage of free digital navigation training for your staff or volunteers?

Yes	36
No	6
Unsure	9
Total	51



Digital Inclusion Partnerships Updates

Total Organizational Sign-Ups: 55 (as of 8/25)

Tools and Resources	Total Sign-Ups
Digital Literacy Trainings (Instructor-led or On-demand)	46
Digital Literacy Training (Artificial Intelligence Training)	42
Digital Equity Program Development for Organizations	31
Digital Navigator Training (Synchronous)	40
Digital Navigator Training (Asynchronous)	43
Remote Digital Navigation (Needs Assessment and/or Technical Support)	46
Device Access (Donate, Refurbish, Distribute, and/or Identify donors)	38
Digital Equity Data Refinement (Tech Assessment and/or Aggregator)	28

Digital Inclusion Partnerships Updates

- **Only government & non-profit organizations are eligible**
- **Resources are free of charge**
- **Sign-ups for multiple services**
- **Referrals to & follow-ups from multiple partners / providers**
- **Shortening process to 24–48-hour follow-ups**

LIFELINE HOME BROADBAND PILOT PROGRAM



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Broadband for All

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 08/18/2026

Service	New	Transfer	Reconnect	Total
Broadband Only (66%)	13,846	2,433	0	16,279
Bundled Broadband (34%)	6,393	2,050	7	8,450
TOTAL	20,239	4,483	7	24,729

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

CA Lifeline Home Broadband Pilot Program

Broadband Only Plans		
Service Provider	Plan & Download/Upload Speed	% of SP's BB Only Population
Comcast/Xfinity (73%)	Gigabit BB (1000/35)	32%
	Internet Essentials (75/10)	27%
VarComm	Giga Service (1000/100)	50%
	Terra Fiber 50 (50/20)	50%
Kerman Telephone Company (KTC)	HSID050.0MB (50/25)	25%
	FHSID050MB (50/50)	25%
Foresthill Telephone Company	HSID01GB (1000/1000)	50%
	FHSID0100MB (100/100)	50%

Bundled Broadband Plans		
Service Provider	Plan	% of SPs Bundled BB Population
Comcast/Xfinity (62%)	Gigabit Broadband (1000/35) with Unlimited Wireliess	9%
	300 MBPS Broadband (300/35) with Unlimited Wireless	5%
VarComm	Giga Service (1000/100)	50%
	Lassen (100/20)	40%
Kerman Telephone Company (KTC)	HSI50.0MB (52/25)	36%
	HSI25MB (25/12)	26%
Foresthill Telephone Company	HSI25MB (25/12)	26%
	FHSI12MB (25/25)	26%

Questions

REGIONAL/ LOCAL DIGITAL NAVIGATION PANEL



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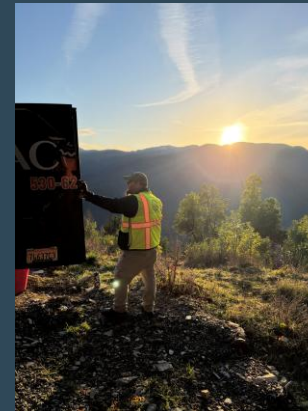
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Questions

DIGITAL NAVIGATION TRAINING & SERVICES



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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:** Call 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 / URL

Primary contact name *

Title / role

Acknowledgement: *

☐ 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. Digital Literacy Training: assessment, online platform and curricula (choose one)

☐ Instructor-led cohorts in-person or online

☐ On-Demand at individuals' own pace with synchronous training for instructors

2. Digital Literacy Training: assessment, online platform and curriculum

☐ 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 (Call Center)

☐ Needs assessment and 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)

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

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

Submit

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Questions



UPCOMING GRANT OPPORTUNITIES

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California Department of Technology

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. Digital Divide Grant Program



Michelson 20MM: Digital Sparks Grant

Funding Cycle	August 31 - September 15, 2026
Eligible	Organizations that support CA systems-level strategies with potential to create positive impact at scale and inform State and local public policy.
Funding	Up to \$25,000 in support of initiatives that address focus areas.
Focus	• Address digital discrimination on most vulnerable communities • Increase civic participation in digital equity policy-making and regulatory processes with the goal of recognizing internet service as a public utility. • Address digital inequity and its impact on economic mobility for all Californians that are scalable across the state and bridge the digital divide. 20MM-DE-Spark-Grants-Application-Fillable-PDF-2026.pdf



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 Round Three Notice of Funding Opportunity



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

[Native Entities Grant Program | BroadbandUSA](#)



Anthropic Grant Program: Claude Corps

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

[Claude Corps / Anthropic](#)





DIGITAL EQUITY RESOURCE FINDER

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California Department of Technology

Digital Equity Resource Finder

	Organizations	Locations
July 2026	249	949
August 2026	259	1003
Increase	+10	+54



New Contributors & Partnerships

Library Systems

- Oakland Public Library
- Stockton-San Joaquin County Public Library
- Mendocino County Library
- Rancho Cucamonga Public Library

CBO/Nonprofit Organizations

- North State Planning and Development Collective
- IT Computer Wiz Kids Inc
- Starting Over Inc

Schools

- Napa Valley Adult Education
- Apple Valley Adult Education School

Other

- Cisco

Outreach Toolkit



Digital Equity Resource Finder Outreach Toolkit

Related Pages

- [California Digital Equity Finder](#)
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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.



Future Meeting Dates

Upcoming Community of Practice Meetings*

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

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

*Subject to Change



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