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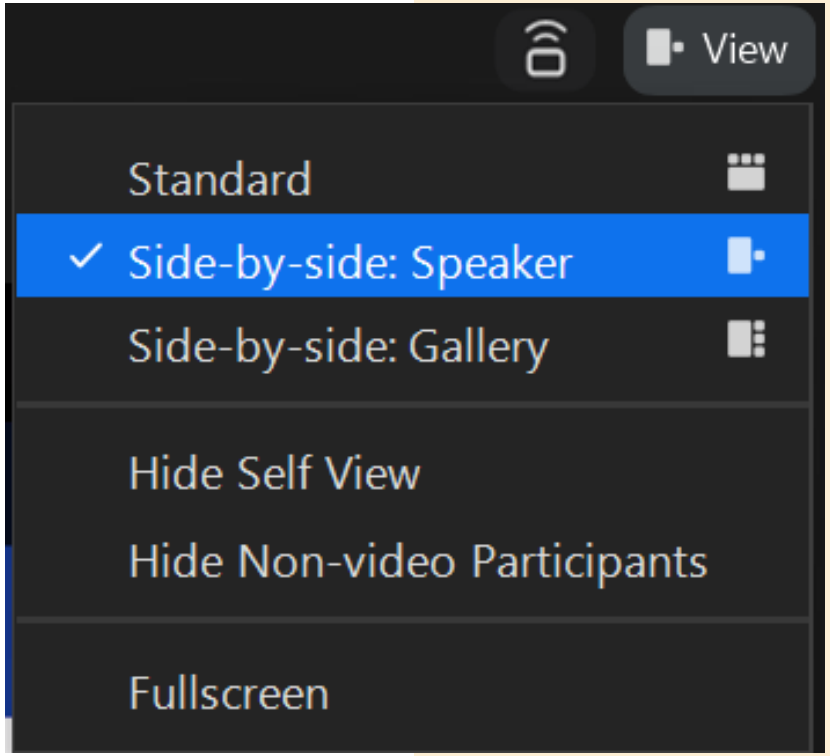

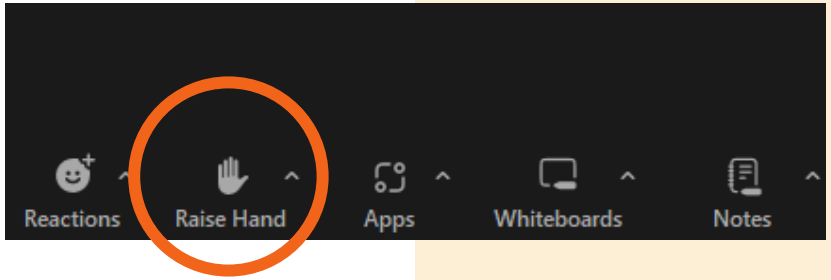

Agenda

- Welcome
- Executive Report
- Broadband for All Year in Review
- Member Spotlight
- Community Spotlight
- 2027 Focus and Meeting Schedule
- Public Comment
- Closing

EXECUTIVE REPORT

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EXECUTIVE REPORT

Year in Review

- Broadband for All Coordination/Efforts
- State Digital Equity Plan
  - Stakeholder & Partner Engagement
  - Tools & Resources
  - Partnerships
- Member & Community Spotlights
- Federal Funding

EXECUTIVE REPORT

Member & Community Spotlights: Year in Review

	Member Spotlight	Community Spotlight
January 2026	California State Library – California Library Connect / eBooks for all	Dev/Mission - Digital Inclusion and Tech Apprenticeship Program
April 2026	California Emerging Technology Fund – Verizon-Frontier Merger Public Benefit Agreement	California Privacy Protection Agency – Delete Request & Opt-out Platform (DROP)
July 2026	California Emerging Technology Fund – CETF-Verizon Public Benefits Agreement Implementation	North State Planning & Development Collective – North State Broadband Workforce Report
October 2026	California Department of Education – California Educators Together Platform	Los Angeles County – Los Angeles County Digital Equity Roadmap

BROADBAND FOR ALL YEAR IN REVIEW

Broadband for All Action Plan

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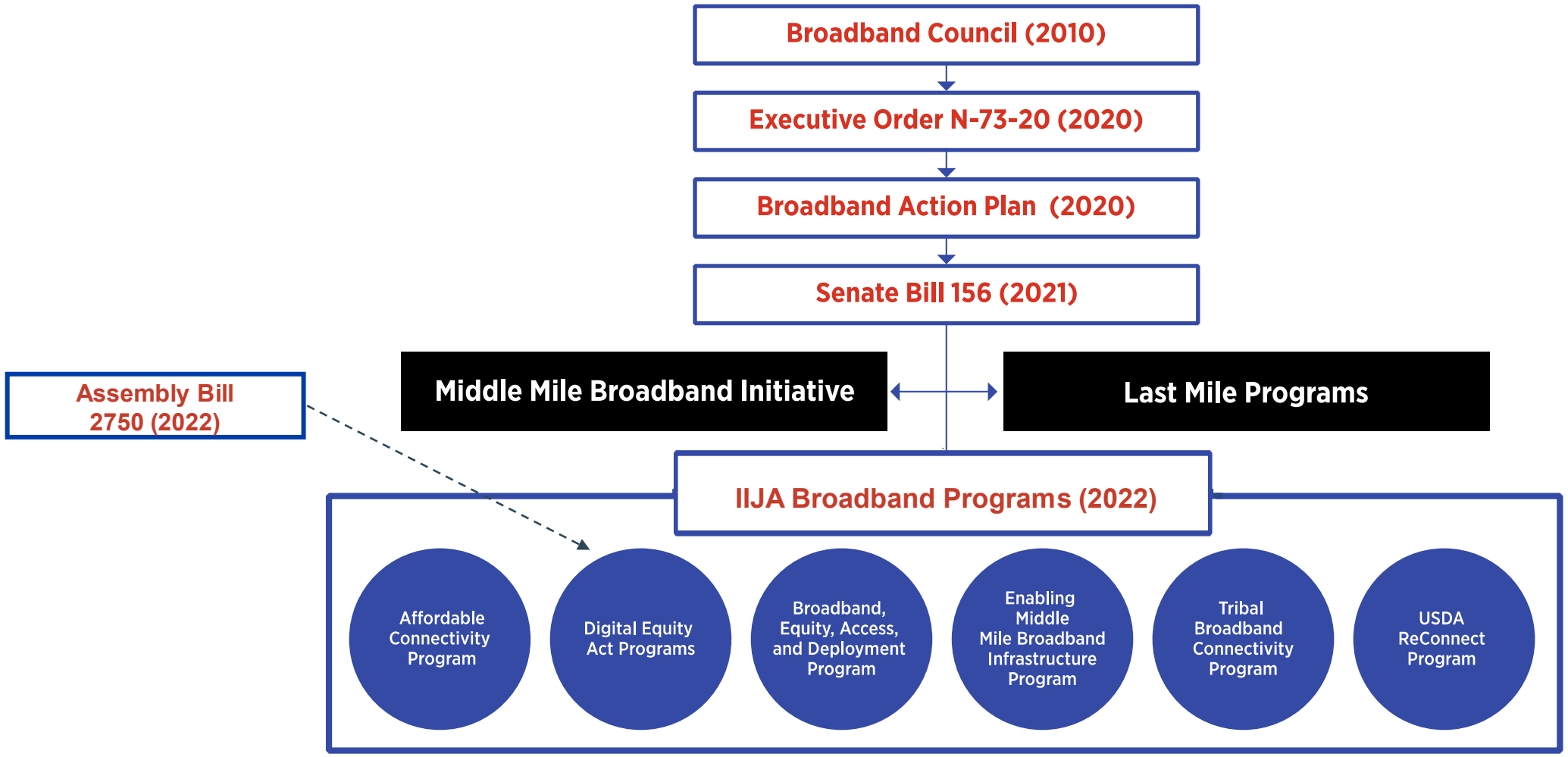
BROADBAND FOR ALL

Evolution



BROADBAND FOR ALL ACTION PLAN

Goals

GOAL 1:

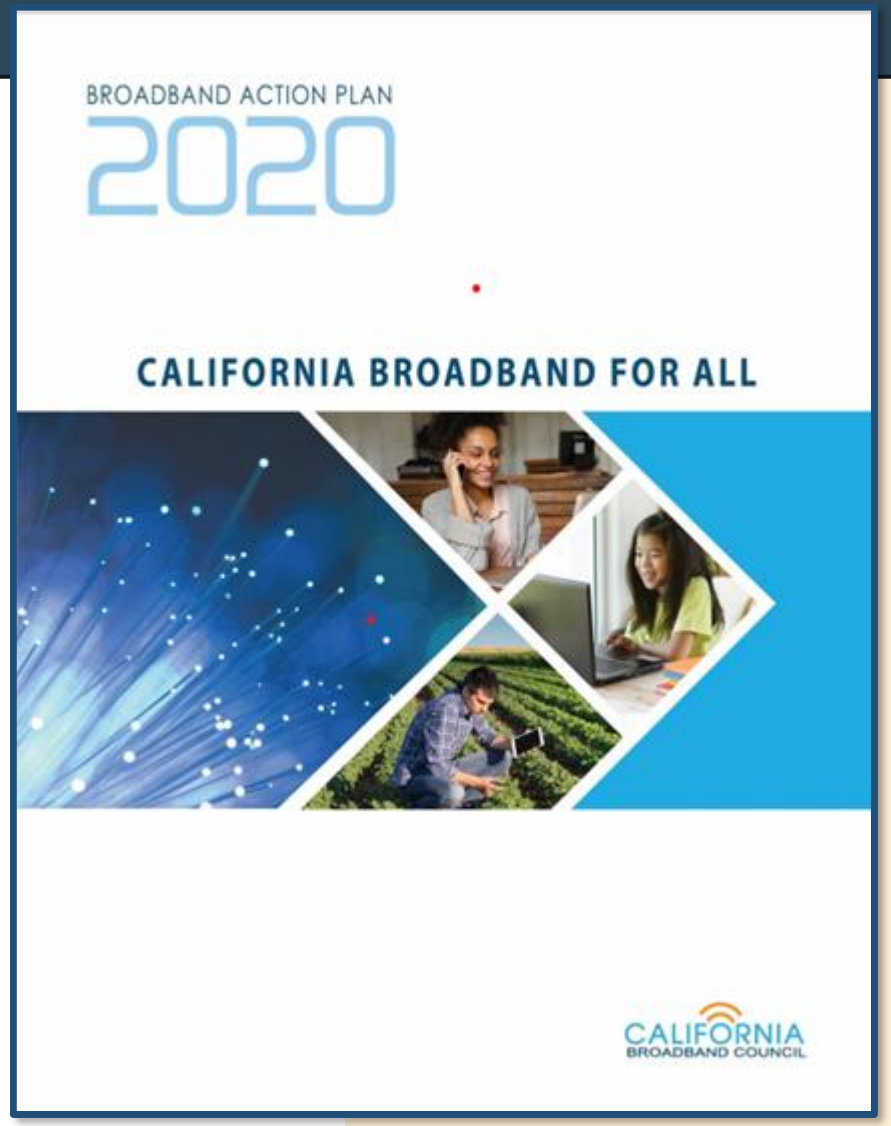
All Californians have high-performance broadband available at home, schools, libraries, and businesses.

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.



BROADBAND FOR ALL ACTION PLAN

Highlights

Action Item #12: LifeLine Program

Home Broadband Pilot Program

Action Item #14: Contracting & Procurement

Operations TPA, Digital Inclusion Partnerships (DIP)

Action Item #16: Promote & Track Enrollment in Low-Cost Offer

LifeLine Pilot & DIP

Action Item #18: Digital Inclusion Stakeholder Network

13,000-plus

Action Item #21: Broadband for All Portal

Site Expansion (DERF, MMBI)

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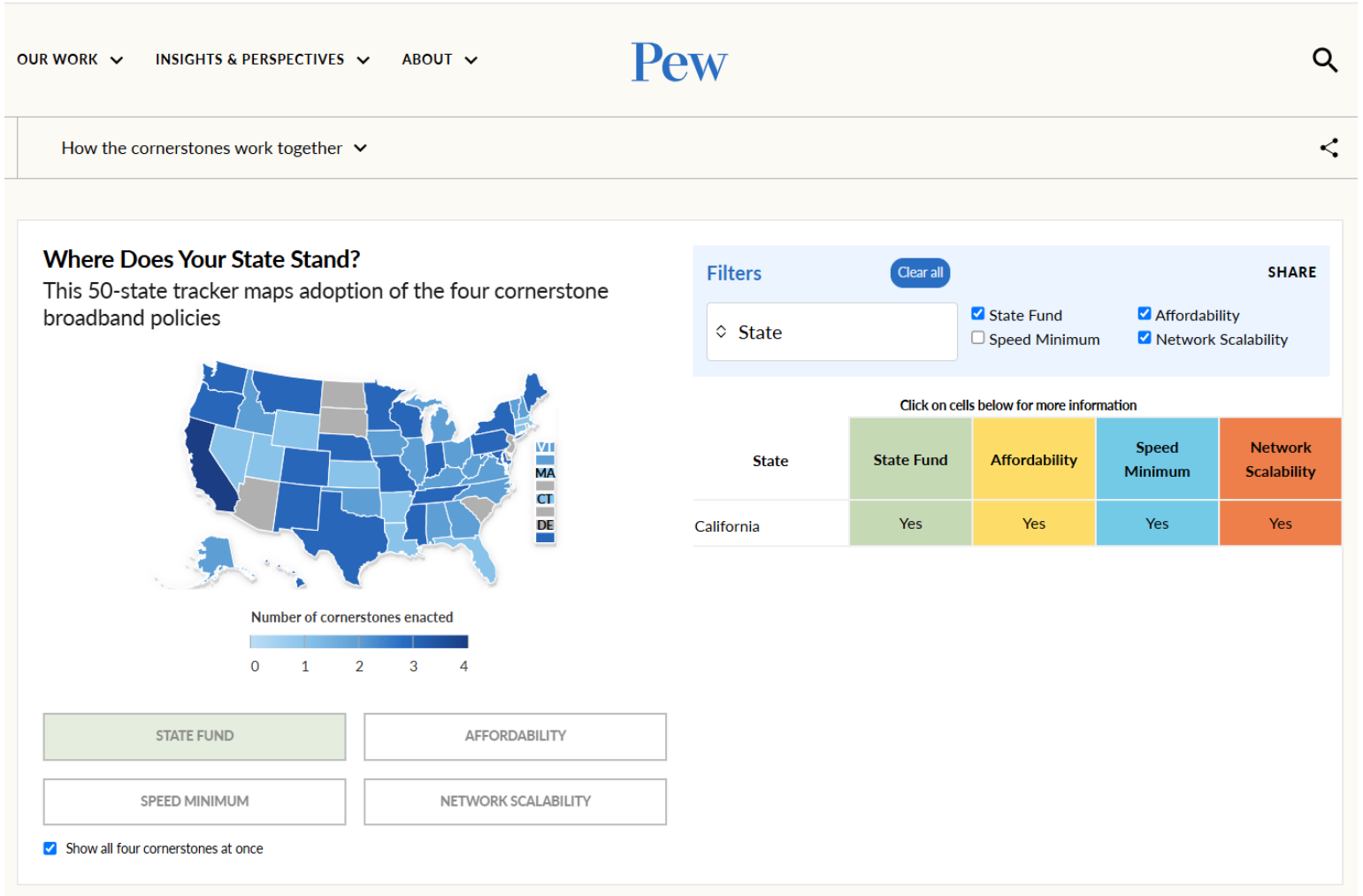
Pew Report on Broadband Policy

A recent Pew report tracked four cornerstone policies for universal broadband. Those policies were:

- Dedicated deployment funding
- Affordability requirements
- Minimum speed standards
- Network scalability

California is the only state in the nation to address all four policies in statute.



Tracking the Foundations for Universal Broadband Across States | The Pew Charitable Trusts

BROADBAND FOR ALL YEAR IN REVIEW

Middle-Mile Broadband Initiative

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MIDDLE-MILE BROADBAND INITIATIVE

Key Milestones

Over 85% of the Network Permitted
Almost 2,000 additional miles in 2026

55% of the Network Fiber Constructed
1,130 additional miles of fiber completed in 2026

79 Huts in Construction
74 additional huts started in 2026

Customer-Facing Tools Advancing
Branding and website support early sales

~1,300 Miles Ready to Connect
Additional 3,000 miles targeted to be ready to connect by the end of 2026

Executed FFA Service Agreements
Master Service Agreements (MSA) executed for 10 projects

MIDDLE-MILE BROADBAND INITIATIVE

FFA & MMBN Coordination

- **Master Service Agreements (MSAs) executed to connect 10 FFA projects**

- **Continued discussions to support activation as other FFA projects become ready**

BRIDGE Fiber™

California's Open-Access Network

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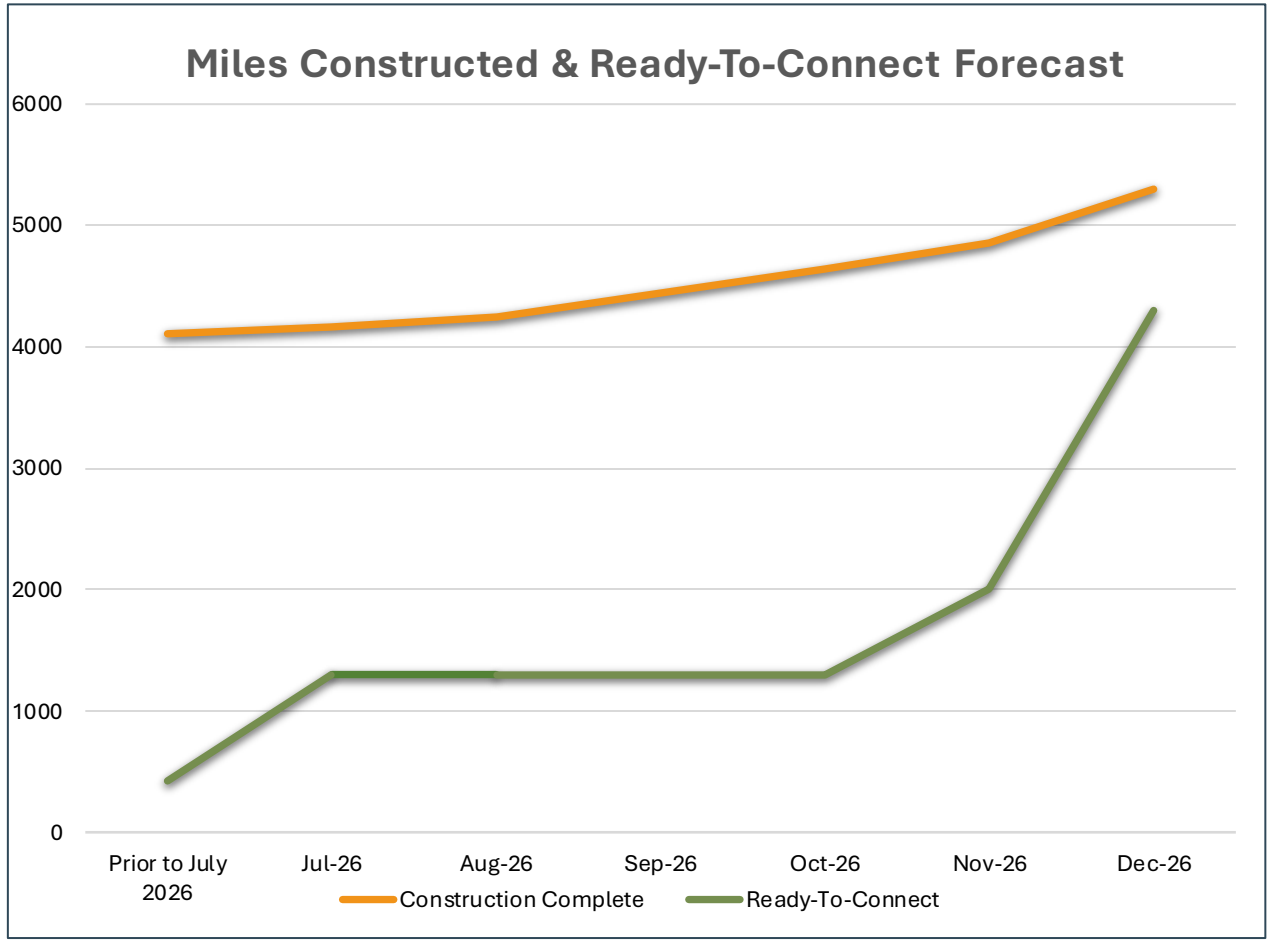
A connected California starts here!

In addition to FFA awardees, we offer solutions for:

- Municipal Governments
- Public Safety
- Regional Collaboration
- Internet Access
- Disaster Recovery

MIDDLE-MILE BROADBAND INITIATIVE

2026 End of Year Target



MIDDLE-MILE BROADBAND INITIATIVE

Installation Updates

FIBER (Total 8,217 Miles)

1,038 Pre-construction
6,000 Installation
- **2,660** In Construction
- **3,340** Construction Complete

1,179 Ready-to-Connect

HUTS (Total 134 Count)

44 Pre-construction
79 Installation
11 Ready-to-Connect

As of 9/30/26	Total Miles	Total Permitted		Total Constructed	
Total Miles	**8,217**	**7,179**	**86%**	**4,519**	**50%**

MIDDLE-MILE BROADBAND INITIATIVE

Construction Site Visit: Karuk Tribe

Orleans, CA

MIDDLE-MILE BROADBAND INITIATIVE

Construction Site Visit: Hoopa Valley Tribe

Hoopa, CA

MIDDLE-MILE BROADBAND INITIATIVE

2026 MMBI Stakeholder Engagement Schedule

Virtual Meetings

10:00-11:00 a.m.

~~Friday, January 30~~

~~Friday, May 1~~

~~Friday, July 31~~

Friday, October 30

BROADBAND FOR ALL UPDATES

Last Mile Program

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CPUC LAST MILE SUMMARY

Broadband Programs & Investments Overview

	Broadband Equity Access and Deployment (BEAD)	California Advanced Services Fund (CASF)	Loan Loss Reserve Fund (LLR)	Last Mile Federal Funding Account (FFA)
Amount	**~$1.86 billion**	**$136 million for 2026-27**	**$50 million**	**~$2 billion total** thru Fiscal Year 27-28 *~$550 million appropriations outstanding*
Summary	**Funds for planning, infrastructure and adoption starting in 2026** **Resolution T-17920 approved September 17, 2026, ratified NTIA curing of Final Proposal**	**Funds broadband infrastructure and adoption in low-income housing, Tribal communities, and unserved areas**	**Provides new bridge loans and financing to local government, Tribes, and nonprofits to finance their own broadband Infrastructure**	**Funds for last-mile broadband infrastructure projects in every county**
What's Next?	**Final Proposal and Supplemental Policy**	**Infrastructure, Line Extension, Tribal Tech Assistance, Adoption**	**New Application Materials**	**Statewide Fiber Deployment**

CPUC LAST MILE PROGRAM

California BEAD Updates

Broadband Equity, Access, And Deployment (BEAD) Program

Current:

- **Resolution T-17920** approved by the Commission on September 17th.

Technology Type	Technology Split	Total Locations	Total Cost
Fiber	52.67%	141,861	$1,274,622,143
Low Earth Orbit Satellite	27.08%	72,937	$76,560,541
Unlicensed Fixed Wireless	1.92%	5,181	$17,827,191
Licensed Fixed Wireless	0.21%	556	$9,670,659
Licensed-by-rule Fixed Wireless	18.12%	48,787	$36,367,051
Total	**100%**	**269,322**	**$1,415,047,585**

- **San Joaquin Valley Five-County Partnership:** $252 million for 34,000+ locations, primarily cable and fiber, with matching funds exceeding 25 percent minimum requirement.

CPUC LAST MILE PROGRAM

California BEAD Next Steps

Next Steps to Draw Down Subgrantee Funds

- **Notice of Award:** Due back to NIST November 2, 2026.
- **Commission Staff Guidance to Subgrantees:** Staff outreach to subgrantees, including written guidance.
  - Finalize subgrantee monitoring plan
  - Finalize subgrantee agreements
  - Work to obtain Tribal consent for outstanding projects
- **Subgrant Agreements:** Must be signed by subgrantees no later than March 2, 2027
  - NTIA may consider extension requests
- **Permitting and project scoping**: Subgrantees to work with NTIA and CPUC to secure permits
- **Deployment**: Once permitting and project scope is finalized
- **Supplemental BEAD Policy Notice:** NTIA issued notice on September 3, 2026, authorizing a pathway for funding unserved locations using remaining BEAD funds. Staff are assessing the viability and timing for a supplemental round.

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BEAD Grants to Five Counties in Central Valley

- Celebration of $252,688,048 in BEAD funding awarded to expand high-speed internet access across Fresno, Kings, Tulare, Merced, and Madera counties on October 2nd.
- Grants will provide positive economic and community impact and highlights benefits for residents, businesses, students, and local economies.
- Event showcased ongoing collaboration between the CPUC, County leaders, and Internet Service Providers.

Attendees included Supervisors from each of the five Counties, Congressman Jim Costa, Assemblyman David Tangipa, and CPUC Commissioner Darcie Houck.

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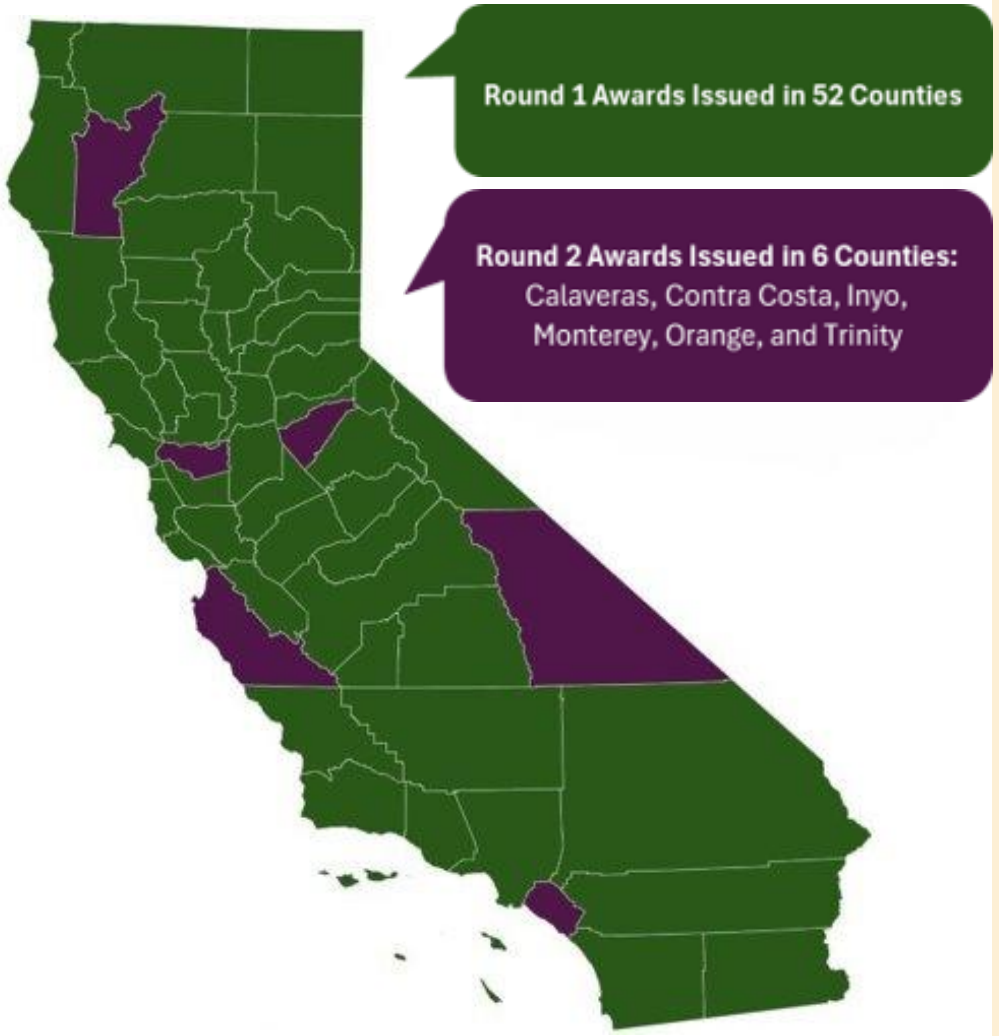
Last Mile Federal Funding Account



106 Technical Assistance Grants
122 Projects Across California

- $1.23 billion in grants awarded
- 58 counties with awarded grants
- 2.1 million Californians benefitting from investments
- 4,000 Community Anchor Institutions benefitting
- 7,500 fiber miles deploying
- 120 projects offer an affordable plan

Approximately $550 million remaining for appropriation as early as 2027 Budget Act for additional application rounds

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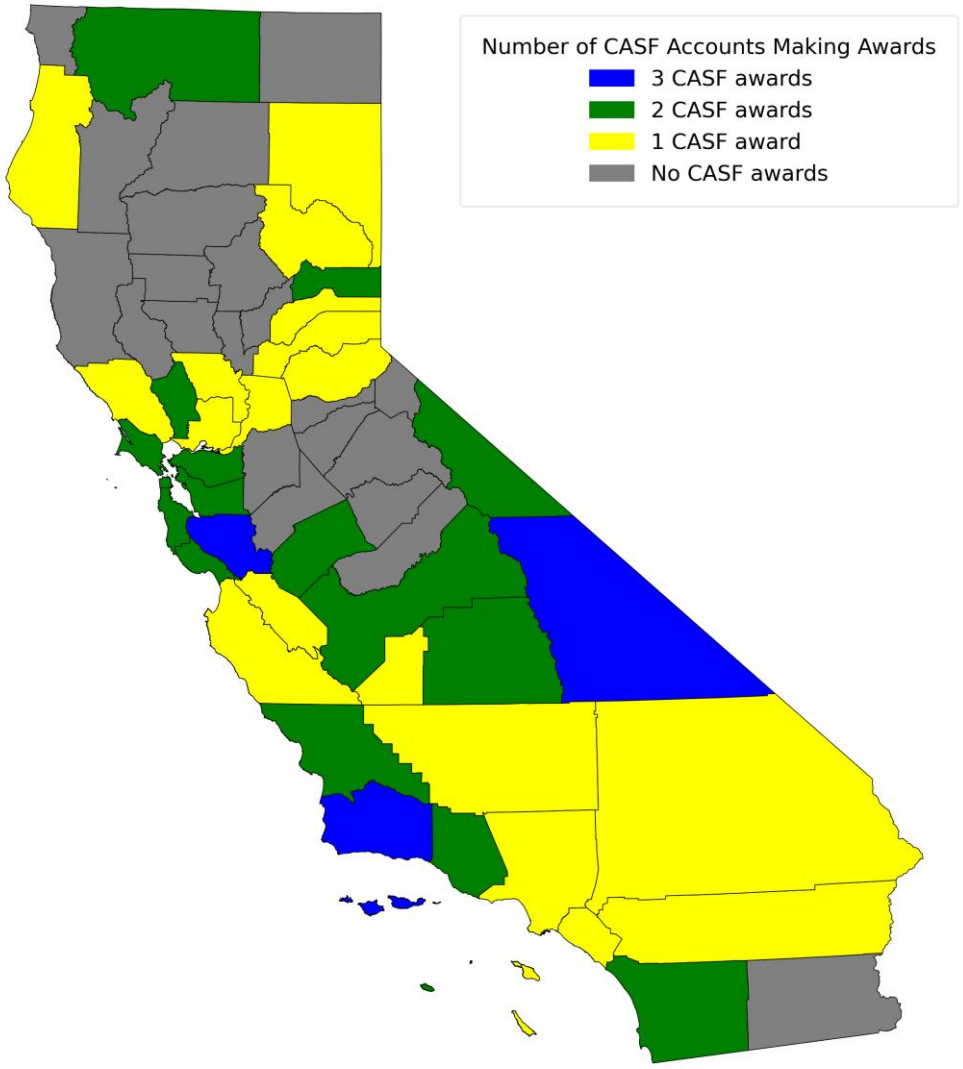
2026 CASF Awarded Grants



- **CASF Infrastructure Grants:**

  Awarded $166 million for 17 infrastructure projects serving over 3,800 locations in 17 counties.

- **CASF Adoption Account Grants:**

  Awarded over $11 million thus far for 114 projects in 27 counties (as of July 2026).

- **CASF Broadband Public Housing Grants:**

  Awarded $2.4 million to 17 projects so far with $3.7 million for 18 applications pending

- **CASF Consortia Grants:**

  Awarded approximately $3.4 million to 6 Consortia in 16 counties.

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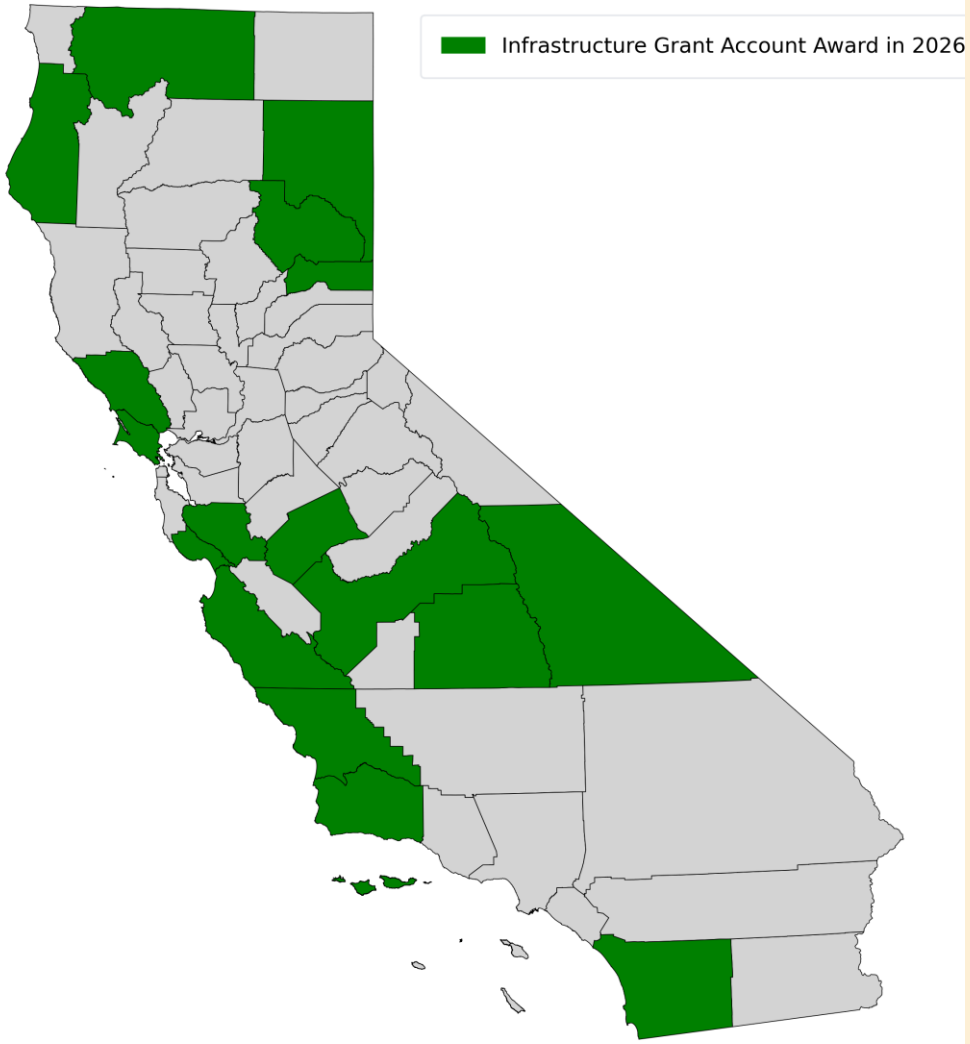
2026 CASF Infrastructure Grants



- **The Infrastructure Grant Account** awarded more than $166 million for 17 projects in 2026
  - Serving over **3,800 locations** across **17 counties**

- **Upcoming 2026 Application Window**
  - Broadband Availability Map published September 23, 2026
  - Application deadline extended from October 1st to November 2nd to allow applicants to analyze new eligibility data and incorporate BEAD results
  - Approximately $58 million available for applicants

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2026 CASF Adoption Account

- **The Adoption Account** awarded more than $11 million for 114 projects in 2026
  - Serving **27 counties**
- **Record numbers** of Adoption Account applicants
  - **January 2026**: 154 applications, **a new program record**
  - **July 2026**: 160 applications, **another new program record**
  - Total of 314 applications demonstrate ongoing demand for adoption awards

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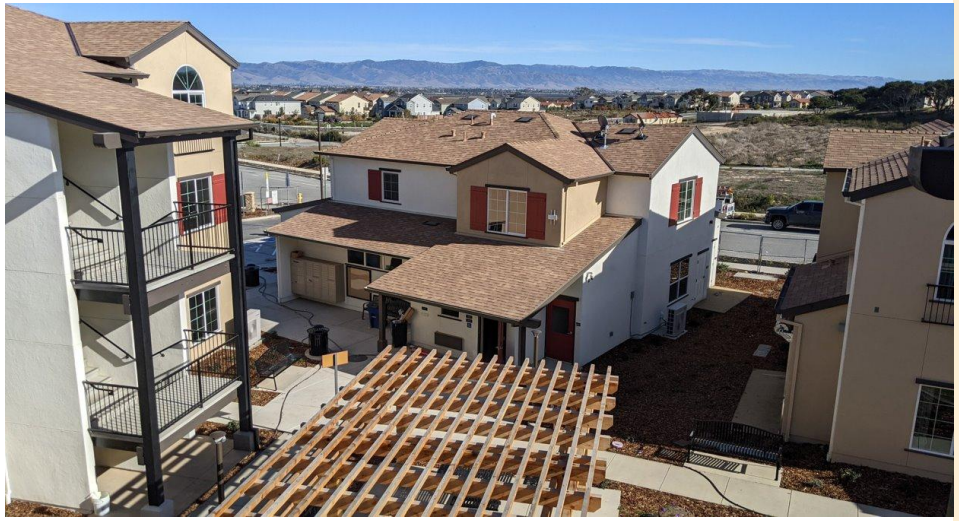
Broadband Public Housing Account



- **The Broadband Public Housing Account** awarded $2.4 million to 17 projects so far
  - Another $3.7 million requested for 18 applications submitted for July 1, 2026 application round
  - Applications cover 10 counties
- Resolution T-17928 (August 13, 2026) approved 4 projects
  - A total of $595,911 in Santa Barbara, Madera, Merced, and Contra Costa Counties

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CASF Regional Consortia

Consortia Awards in Resolution T-17919				
	Approved Consortium	**Counties Served**	**CASF Approved Amount**	**Grant Term**
1	Broadband Consortium Pacific Coast	San Luis Obispo, Santa Barbara, Ventura	$600,000	3 Years
2	East Bay Broadband Consortium	Alameda, Contra Costa, Solano	$600,000	3 Years
3	E = mc² Silicon Valley	San Francisco, San Mateo, Santa Clara	$400,000	2 Years
4	Gold Country Broadband Consortium	El Dorado, Nevada, Placer, Sierra	$600,000	3 Years
5	Inyo Mono Broadband Consortium	Inyo, Mono	$600,000	3 Years
6	Los Angeles Digital Equity Action League	Los Angeles	$600,000	3 Years
Total			$3,400,000	

Decision 25-11-003

- Authorized 3 new Regional Tribal Consortia (see next slide)
- Expanded scope to include work for Broadband, Equity, Access and Deployment (BEAD) program
- Streamlined administrative requirements

Resolution T-17919

- Approved June 11, 2026
- Awarded $3.4 million to six Regional Consortia (16 counties)
- New Consortia serving East Bay Area and Silicon Valley
- Projects will support regional coordination on broadband project development, grant application assistance, mapping, and permitting support

CPUC LAST MILE PROGRAM

CASF Regional Tribal Consortia

Decision 25-11-003:

- Authorized three new **Regional Tribal Consortia**
- Commission collaborated with Tribal governments in **Central, Southern, and Northern** California regions to hold three Regional Tribal Consortia Workshops
- Commission anticipates opening an application round for Regional Tribal Consortia soon to solicit and approve awards

Regional Tribal Consortia Workshops

1. **Central**
   - Hosted by **Mechoopda Indian Tribe of Chico Rancheria**
   - July 14, 2026, at CSU Chico
2. **Southern**
   - Hosted by **Morongo Band of Mission Indians**
   - August 25, 2026, at Morongo Council Chambers in Banning
3. **Northern**
   - Hosted by **Hoopa Valley Tribe**, Hoopa Council Chambers
   - September 22, 2026.

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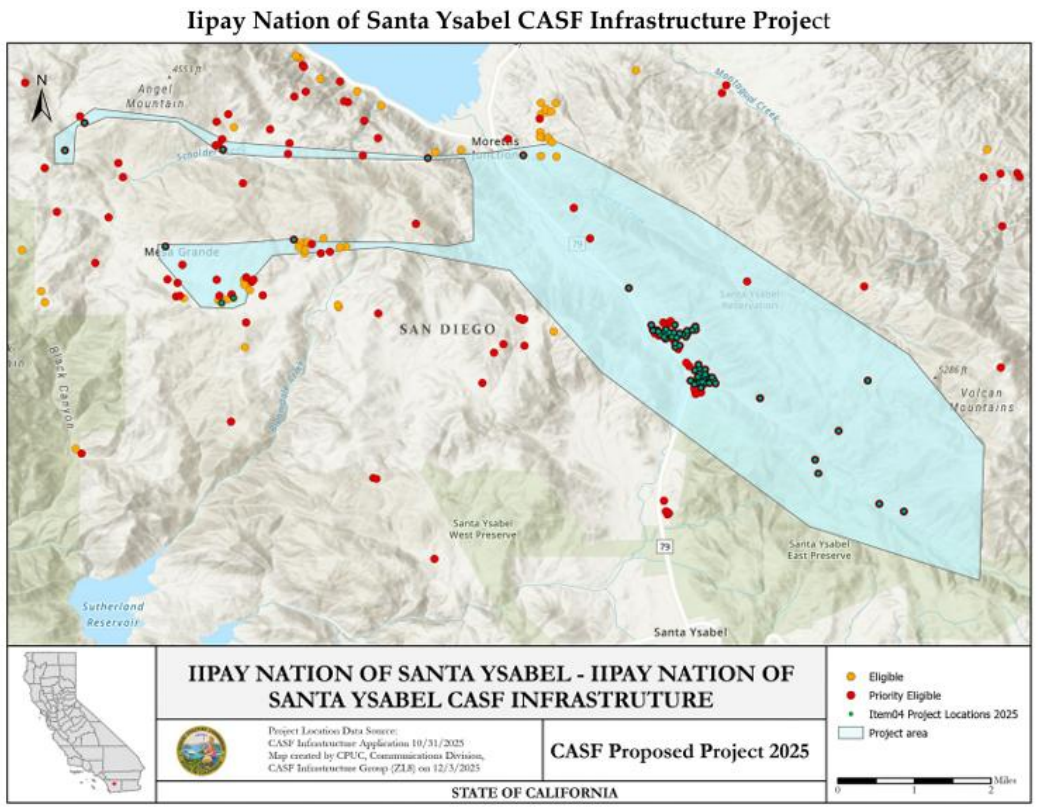
2026 CASF Tribal Awards



- **Infrastructure Grant Account**

  Awarded $60.1 million for three awards to projects affiliated with Tribal entities

- **Tribal Technical Assistance**

  Awarded $1 million to 4 separate applicants

  Another 6 applications pending ($1.1 million)

- **Federal Funding Account**

  CPUC continues to work with Tribal entities to complete deployment for 9 projects awarded a total of $171.7 million

CPUC LAST MILE PROGRAM

Last Mile Grantee Spotlight

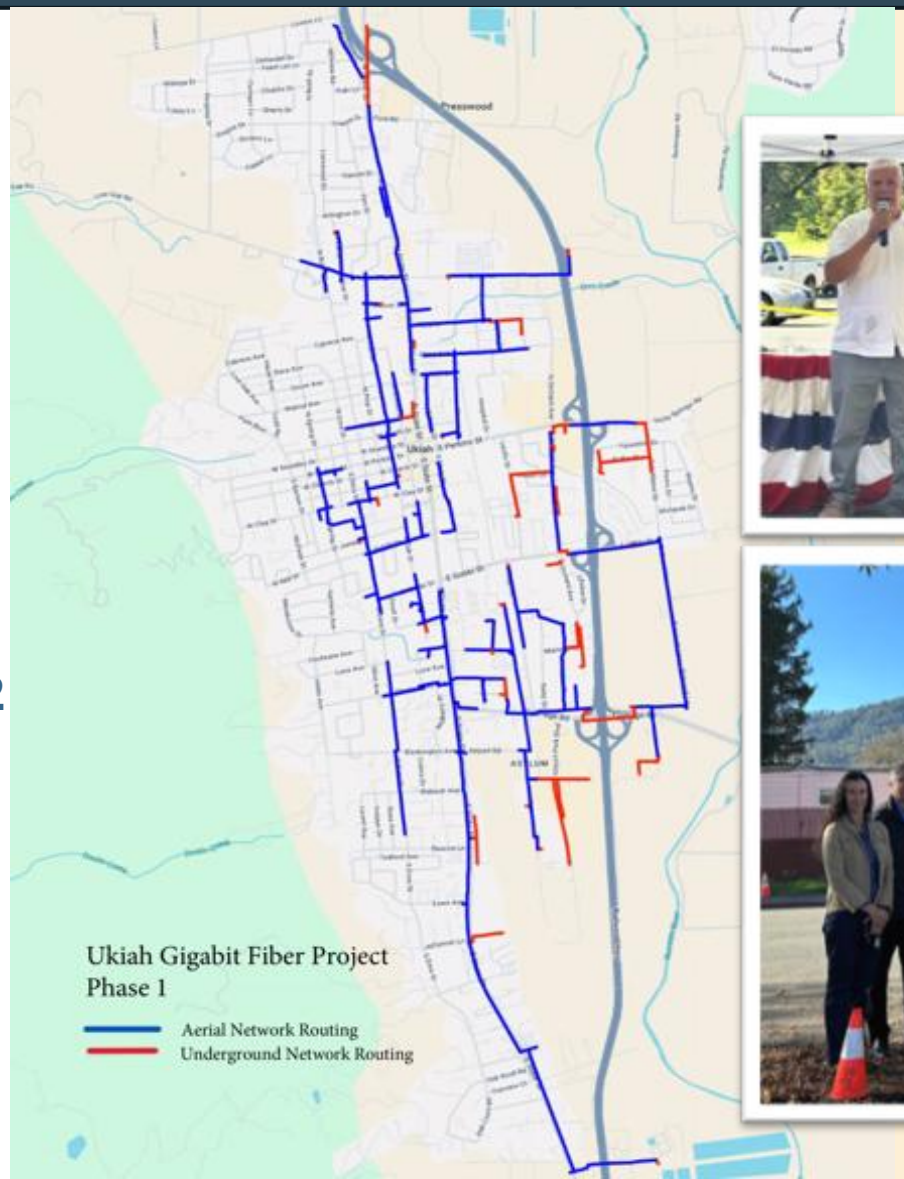
Federal Funding Account

City of Ukiah Gigabit Fiber Project

- City of Ukiah
- Mendocino County

Project Outcomes

- Benefitting Population **~9,142**



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Other Broadband Achievements in 2026

- Issued two decisions in LifeLine Rulemaking (R. 25-11-005)
  - Disaster Relief Protections for LifeLine Participants
  - Modernization of Specific Support Amounts and Minimum Service Standards
- Approved Verizon-Frontier Merger
  - Pursuant to specific conditions for broadband deployment and consumer protections
- Upcoming decision in Wireless Service Quality Rulemaking (R.26-02-017)
- Ongoing Rulemaking on Carrier of Last Resort Modernization (R.24-06-012)
  - Party comments on staff proposal
  - CPUC participation at FCC and in court to protect California's authority to enforce obligations to serve

As of October 16, 2026

BROADBAND FOR ALL YEAR IN REVIEW
Affordability

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California Public Utilities Commission (CPUC)

AFFORDABILITY

CA LifeLine Home Broadband Pilot Program

Total Active Pilot Subscribers:

	MTD - September				YTD Total Active Participants			
	Net New	Transfer	Reconnect	Total	Net New	Transfer	Reconnect	Total
BB Only	1,891	258	0	**2,149**	16,761	2,813	0	**19,574**
Bundle	765	134	8	**907**	7,469	2,306	16	**9,791**
Total	**2,656**	**392**	**8**	**3,056**	**24,230**	**5,119**	**16**	**29,365**

- Main reason for application denial: Most denials were associated with applicants not completing the enrollment process rather than eligibility-related determinations.
- This is an area where community and trusted partners can help.

AFFORDABILITY

CA LifeLine Home Broadband Pilot Program

In 2026, CPUC initiated the CA LifeLine Home Broadband Pilot to help address some of the need in the wake of cancellation of the Affordable Connectivity Program.

Provider / ISP	Status as of 9/30/26
Comcast Phone of LA, LLC	Enrolling subscribers as of 3/12/26
Time Warner Cable, Charter, Brighthouse (all "Spectrum")	Enrolling subscribers as of 3/12/26
Sebastian (Foresthill, Kerman)	Enrolling subscribers as of 4/10/26
Ducor (Affiliate: Varcomm Broadband, Inc.)	Enrolling subscribers as of 4/23/26
Ranch Wifi, LLC	Enrolling subscribers as of 4/23/26
Siskiyou (affiliate: Golden Bear Broadband dba SisQtel Broadband)	Enrolling subscribers as of 5/29/26
Calaveras Telephone (affiliate: CalTel)	Enrolling subscribers as of 5/29/26
Cal.net	Enrolling subscribers as of 8/05/26
Sierra Telephone	Enrolling subscribers as of 7/16/2026

AFFORDABILITY

CA LifeLine Home Broadband Pilot Program

(CONTINUED)

Provider / ISP	Status as of 9/30/26
Frontier Communications of California	Production onboarding target: 10/2026
Volcano Communications	Enrolling subscribers as of: 8/11/2026
Cal Ore	Production onboarding target: TBD
Pinnacles Telephone	Production onboarding target: TBD
Ponderosa Telephone	Production onboarding target: TBD
City of Ontario	Production onboarding target: TBD

AFFORDABILITY

CA LifeLine Home Broadband Pilot Program

Provider	Connections or Enrollments (9/30/26)
Comcast (Xfinity)	**17,404**
Time Warner (Spectrum)	**8,598**
Charter (Spectrum)	**2,584**
Brighthouse (Spectrum)	**634**
Sebastian (Kerman)	**33**
Ranch WiFi	**31**
Varcomm (Ducor)	**22**
Sebastian (Foresthill)	**9**
Cal.Net	**5**
Calaveras	**31**
Siskiyou	**9**
Volcano	**4**
Sierra	**1**

AFFORDABILITY

CA LifeLine Home Broadband Pilot Program

Pending Enrollment Applications: (Sep. 30, 2026)

Pending applicant completion *(Pending response apps, IDVs, and IEHs)*	9,162
Pending Email Verification	1,553
Pending TPA Review	484
Total	11,199

Enrollment Application by Received Channel: (Sep. 30, 2026)

Customer Portal	2,969
Mail	998
System** (all renewal applications)	376
Total	4,343

AFFORDABILITY

CA LifeLine Home Broadband Pilot Program

Customer Service Updates – Support Center: Enrollments, Transfers, General Pilot Questions and Technical Support: (Counts as of 9/30/2026)

Phone Calls Received	3,521
Chat Received	105
Email Received	112
Total:	3,738

Top 3 Contact Reasons:

1. *How to apply*
2. *Email verification questions*
3. *Program eligibility*

BROADBAND FOR ALL YEAR IN REVIEW

Adoption

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PRESIDENT and CEO

California Emerging Technology Fund (CETF)

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DE Funding via Public Benefit Agreements

In 2026, telecommunications mergers resulted in public benefits agreements for major improvements in Internet infrastructure, new affordable Internet plans, and $70M for broadband adoption aligned with BB4All and SDEP goals.

Verizon Frontier - $40M for Digital Inclusion + $1M to Promote Supplier Diversity

- Get 100,000 Low-Income Unconnected HHs Online with Affordable Internet Service
- Assess all Enrollees for Digital Literacy: Encourage Synchronous Training
- Provide Online Asynchronous DigitalLearn as Alternative and Additional Resource

Charter Cox - $30M

- $20.5M to Get 100,000 Low-Income HHs Online: 70,000 Unconnected; 30,000 Underconnected
- $7M for Direct Notification, Outreach in Ethnic Media, Regional Broadband Consortia
- $2.5M for California Green Technology Initiative

ADOPTION

DE Funding via Public Benefit Agreements

In 2026, mergers in the telecommunications space brought $70M in funding to CA for broadband adoption work aligned with BB4All and SDEP goals.

Verizon Frontier - $40M

- 12,386 Enrollments (100,000 Enrollments Goal in 5 Years)
- 31 Digital Navigators Trained and CSUC Certified; 58 in Training (300 DN Goal in FY26-27)
- 68 Digital Navigator Customer Service Representatives (Call Center DNs) and CSU Certified
- 48 CBO Grant Agreements: 30 Digital Literacy (3,200 HHs); 18 Call Center
- 12 Grantees in Business Network Collaborative to Increase Small and Diverse Suppliers

Charter Cox - $30M

- First Public Benefits Payment at End of December 2026
- Planning for $1.2M in Grants for California Green Technology Initiative to Increase Supply of Computers for Low-Income HHs Completing Digital Literacy Training
- CBO Grants Will Rely Upon Public Benefits Action Plan from 2026 Listening Sessions

ADOPTION

Statewide Digital Equity Survey

In 2026, CETF and CDT worked with stakeholders to develop another statewide assessment of Broadband Adoption: 2027 Digital Equity Survey

Purpose:

- Benchmark progress since 2023 by regions and populations.
- Assess and quantify remaining challenges for closing the Digital Divide and promoting Digital Inclusion to achieve Digital Equity.
- Provide guidance for implementation of Broadband For All and Digital Equity Plans and help target resources.

Sample Size: 1,650 HHs to achieve <3% margin of error matched to population demographics.

Methodology: Random Digital Dialing supported by advance texting and online survey option.

Launch Date: Mid-January 2027

Independent Research Partner: University of Southern California Equity Research Institute

BROADBAND FOR ALL
YEAR IN REVIEW
State Digital Equity Plan

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STATE DIGITAL EQUITY PLAN

Stakeholder Engagement

The **Digital Equity Community of Practice** fosters **alignment, coordination, and collaboration** within the statewide digital equity ecosystem and focuses on relevant topics and guest speaker panels.

Month	Registrants	Attendees
January	278	126
February	272	137
March	248	132
April	261	131
May	207	99
June	201	111
July	221	109
August	202	112
September	213	103
TOTAL	**2103**	**1060**

Note: All COP registrants receive meeting artifacts, which are also posted on the Broadband for All Portal.

STATE DIGITAL EQUITY PLAN

Digital Equity Resource Finder

Quarter	Organizations	Locations
Jan 2026	211	788
April 2026	234	876
July 2026	249	949
October 2026	267	1012
Year Increase	+56	+224

2026 Enhancements

- Increased functionality
- Increased # of orgs. & locations
- Included new partners
- Updated state asset inventory

STATE DIGITAL EQUITY PLAN

Digital Inclusion Partnerships

Total Organizational Sign-Ups and Referrals as of 9/30:

Referral Stage	Count	% of Referrals
Sign-ups	79	—
Referrals from CDT	178	100%
Followed up by vendors	178	100%
Replied to vendor outreach	96	54%
Declined services	14	8%

Note: One sign-up may lead to more than one referral

STATE DIGITAL EQUITY PLAN

Digital Inclusion Partnerships Progress

Activity – Promotion and Enrollment in Low-Cost Offers / Subsidies	Outcome
Households connected to low-cost internet programs / subsidies	6,806
Organizations that sent direct notifications	7
Households reached by direct notifications	9,630,000
Activity – Digital Literacy Training	**Outcome**
Organizations providing access to digital literacy training platforms	61
Digital literacy assessments taken	706
Residents using digital literacy training platforms	365
Organizations providing access to online Artificial Intelligence training	18
Residents utilizing online Artificial Intelligence training	147
Activity – Digital Navigation Training, Services, & Tech Support	**Outcome**
Organizations receiving digital inclusion program management training	4
New digital navigators trained	35
Organizations utilizing virtual digital navigation services	42
Digital navigation sessions performed – Call Center	47,385
Digital navigation sessions performed – Virtual	6,934
Computer technical support hours provided to residents	272
Activity – Devices	**Outcome**
Organizations participating in device program	61
Donated devices received	21,913
Devices distributed to residents	1,532

STATE DIGITAL EQUITY PLAN

Digital Inclusion Partnerships Feedback

LOCAL ORGANIZATION TESTIMONIALS

“We appreciate having this as a resource for our staff and patrons.”

“This information is very helpful. I can’t wait to refer clients.”

DIGITAL INCLUSION PARTNER OBSERVATIONS

“Libraries are making our free AI courses a permanent part of how they serve their communities, from patron-facing promotion to staff training. That kind of lasting adoption is exactly what we hoped this partnership would make possible.”

“Programs who have staff capacity seem excited to start. One location with a very small budget was …very excited to have a year of it paid for her.”

“Some organizations may be short staffed, and they are not ready to utilize the resources even though they are available to them free of charge. Some said they need to first find funding to pay for the staff time to go through the training.”

STATE DIGITAL EQUITY PLAN

Upcoming Community of Practice Meetings

Monthly on Thursdays*

10:30 AM - 12:00 PM

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

*Subject to change

MEMBER SPOTLIGHT

California Educators Together Platform

Mary Nicely

DEPUTY SUPERINTENDENT OF INFORMATION & TECHNOLOGY

California Department of Education (CDE)

CALIFORNIA EDUCATORS TOGETHER

California Educators Together (CaET) is a statewide online community of practice created by the California Department of Education (CDE). The system was designed to:

- **Connect educators** with high-quality **instructional resources** from diverse providers.
- **Provide educational leaders and educators** access to high-quality **professional learning** coursework and programs.
- **Enable educators** with opportunities to **connect and collaborate** with grade and subject-alike peers across the state.
- **Provide CDE** funded, statewide programs a unified means to **disseminate resources and supports** generated by large, annual state investments.

- **225,764 Registered Users**
- **220,876 Resources**
- **121,658 Lesson Plans**
- **27,753 Groups**
- **88 Courses**

https://www.caeducatorstogether.org/

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EDUCATORS TOGETHER

Key Features Supporting Each "Vertical" Within the Platform

Resource Repository - Sharing and Tracking

- Upload large or small collections of resources (micro-repositories) into the main repository
- Publish broadly or target specific user audiences based on role/assignement, grade level, or agency
- Bundle resources into "collections" based on theme or topic or program
- Track use to determine degree of dissemination success

Collaboration & Communication Tools

- Statewide community of practice groups
- Professional learning groups/cohorts
- Threaded discussion boards & messaging system
- Targeted publishing of events, workshops, conferences

Professional Learning Management System

- In-system course authoring or course integration (from other LMS environments - Canvas, etc.)
- Course distribution, cohort rostering, and management
- Auto-graded assessments & progress monitorin
- Course certifications and comprehensive reporting

Instructional Material Development and Sharing

- Create and publish model curriculum
- Digital Outline, Unit, Lesson Plan authoring and sharing
- Resource collections from trusted, state and national educational OER providers

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California Educators Together Supporting California Department of Education Initiatives

California Department of Education teams leverage California Educators Togeth to deliver, manage, and sca statewide initiatives by providing a centralized platform for professional learning, communication, collaboration, and resource distribution & tracking.

CDE Programs with Most Use Past Two Years:

- Universal Pre-Kindergarten Program
- Project CRESC CA Ethnic Studies
- CaET High Quality Resources
- Leadership Development Institute
- CTE Teach - CTE New Teacher PD
- Project ARISE - Literacy PD Courses
- CA Digital Literacy Collaborative
- Golden State Pathways Program
- Specialized Secondary Programs
- EPICC English Learner Roadmap
- Seasons of CS
- Others...

Tools Utilized in CaET

Community of Practice Tools

- Group Hosted Discussion Boards
- Group Resource Uploading & Sharing
- Group News & Events

Learning Management System

- PD Course Design & Authoring
- PD Course Distribution & Management
- Auto-graded Assessments
- Auto-triggered Course Certificate Generation and Disbursement

Resource Repository

- Resource and Material Distribution

Lesson Plan & Course Outline Tools

- Creation and Distribution of LPs & Outlines

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New AI Guidance Tools

-Build a lesson from select OER

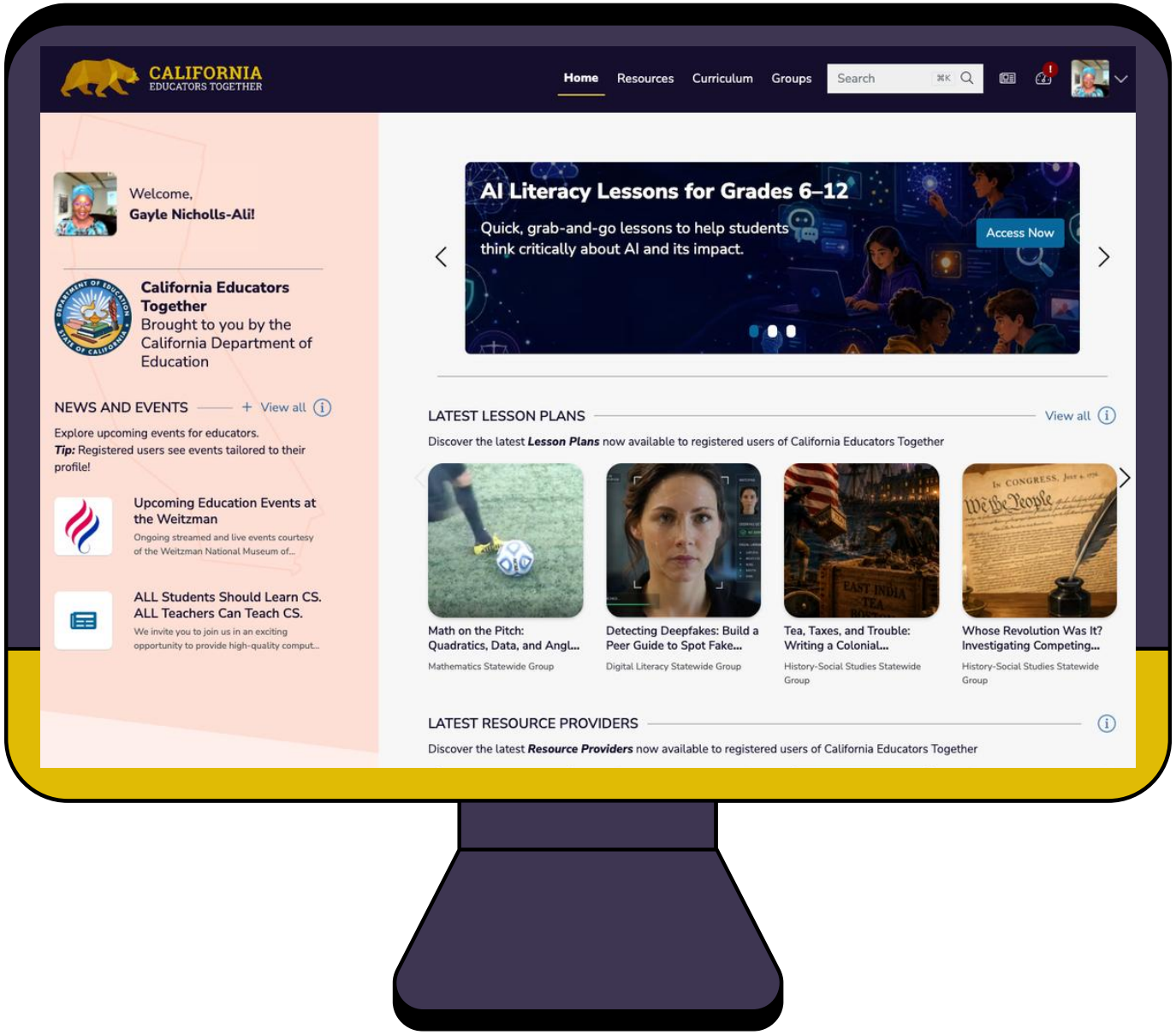
-Analyze a lesson for differentiation

-Create a targeted vocabulary list for a lesson

-Create discussion starters for a resource

-AI guided PD course authoring

-Generate an Exit Ticket for a lesson



Platform Demonstration

If any group would like a full demonstration of the tools they're using and/or tools that could best support your program-we'd be happy to assist.

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Los Angeles County Digital Equity Roadmap

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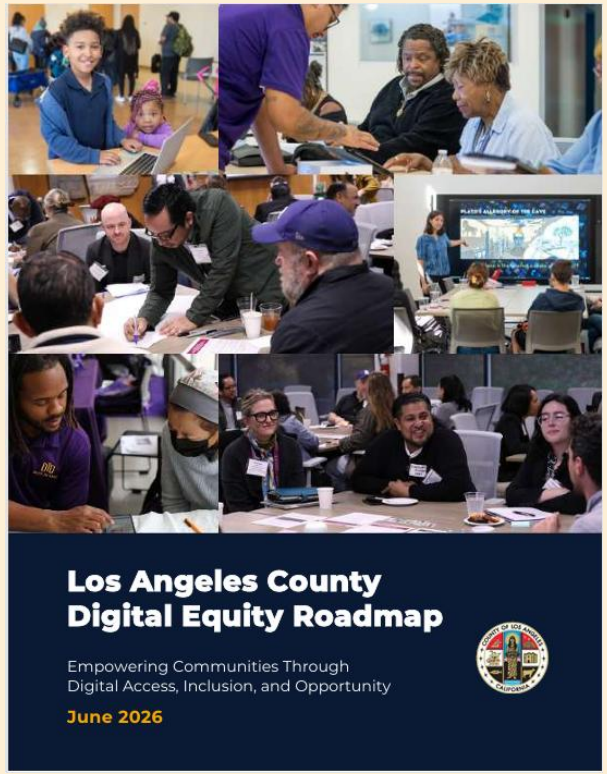
- In October 2025, the Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors approved a motion to co-develop the region's first Digital Equity Roadmap
- This three-year action plan will address the digital divide by expanding access to the internet, computers, digital skills, AI literacy, and digital support for all residents
- The Roadmap builds on and coordinates existing digital inclusion services and resources already offered by organizations across the Los Angeles County digital equity ecosystem



View the Roadmap here

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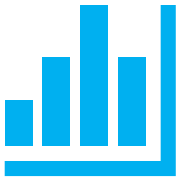
Los Angeles County Digital Equity Roadmap

Vision Statement and Key Elements

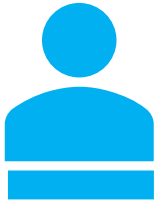
All communities are connected to affordable, accessible internet and technology services, creating a more economically empowered, digitally inclusive, and resilient Los Angeles County that is thriving in the current digital age

Assets and strengths based

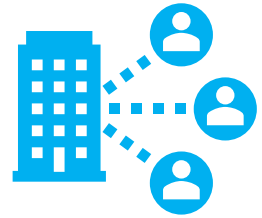
Community centered



Data informed



Equity driven



Multi-sector and issue area focused

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Co-Creation Process

Co-Creating a Shared Digital Equity Framework

In January 2026, ISD convened the Stakeholder Team to co-create a shared vision for the Roadmap, and they co-prioritized guiding principles and co-confirmed resident barriers, challenges, gaps, and needs

Co-Engaging in Digital Equity Asset Mapping

In February 2026, ISD partnered with CDT to map digital equity assets by encouraging Stakeholder Team participation in the State Digital Equity Resource Survey, which helped inform the Roadmap's implementation strategies

Co-Identifying Digital Equity Strategies and Solutions

In March 2026, ISD convened the Stakeholder Team to identify digital inclusion resources and share funding strategies for long-term sustainability, and in April 2026, ISD gathered additional input to refine activities and resources for the Roadmap

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Resident Engagement Process Insights

Barriers and Challenges

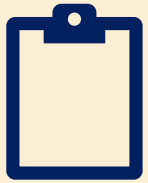
- Unaffordability
- Lack of awareness
- Lack of functionality and individual computers
- Lack of tailored training
- Safety concerns
- Limited resources

Solutions

- Free and low-cost internet services and computers
- Trusted messengers and community-friendly spaces
- Equity-centered digital skills and AI literacy training
- Multi-language digital resources
- Internet safety training
- Trusted digital navigation services

8,100+

Digital Needs Community Survey Responses



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Digital Equity Community Conversations

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Resident Engagement Process Insights

"Before today, I had no idea there were programs that help you get internet or computers. Nobody tells you about that."
-Hispanic/Latina Older Adult Female, City of Rosemead area

"It's difficult doing Word documents on the phone, the screen is small, it makes it hard to type—just such a hassle."
-Hispanic/Latina Adult Female Student, Unincorporated Willowbrook area

"If I cannot tell (what is a scam), how can I be expected to keep kids safe?"
-White Young Adult Female Job Seeker, Unincorporated Acton/Agua Dulce area

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Digital Equity Community Ambassadors Program

An inaugural cohort of six residents who co-shared their ideas, lived experiences and thoughts, and co-shaped community-centered efforts for the Roadmap co-creation process

- Build transformative relationships with residents
- Increase resident participation in County-led initiatives
- Strengthen equity-grounded community engagement practices
- Foster civic and community leadership to co-create the Roadmap

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Outcome Goals

- Residents have increased access to and use of broadband internet services
- Residents have increased access to and use of internet-enabled computers
- Residents have increased knowledge and digital skills to access and use the internet and computers
- Residents have increased capacity, confidence, and support to access and use the internet, computers, and digital literacy and skills training programs
- Residents have increased work experience, job skills, and industry-related preparation needed to obtain full-time job employment opportunities in the technology sector

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Implementation Activities

Stakeholder Alignment, Engagement, and Partnerships Facilitation: convene and coordinate with stakeholder organizations to confirm roles, responsibilities, commitments, meeting cadence, reporting protocols, digital inclusion activities, and supporting resources for implementation

Shared Measurement System Development and Implementation: develop and implement a shared measurement system with a data dashboard and track implementation progress, service delivery effectiveness, and resident outcomes and impact

Digital Accessibility and Equity Tool Development and Integration: create and integrate a regional assessment tool to ensure digital inclusion activities strategies are accessible, equitable, and inclusive for residents during implementation

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Implementation Activities

Organizational Capacity-Building Coordination: provide coaching, technical assistance, and support to stakeholder organizations and strengthen effective and efficient digital inclusion service delivery, data collection, and reporting through continuous learning

LearnBasicTech Digital Skills Training Program

Laptop Distributions

Career Readiness with DTD Interns

Community Broadband Networks

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Thank You!

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2027 FOCUS AND MEETING SCHEDULE

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California Department of Technology

2027 Focus and Meeting Schedule

Staff Recommendation:

- Annual Action Plan Review and Revision
- Broadband for All Initiatives
- Member and Community Spotlights
- Quarterly Meetings
  - January 21*
  - April 23
  - July 23
  - October 22

***All dates are 4th Fridays of the month except for January, which is a Thursday.**

PUBLIC COMMENT

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THANK YOU!

Sign up:
Broadband for All Email Update

Next CBC Meeting:
Thursday, January 21, 2027
9:30 am – 11:30 am

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