

# California Advanced Services Fund

Prior to Chapter 671, Statutes 2021, Senate Bill (SB) 4, the total authorized amount for the CASF program was \$645 million.\* The goal of the Broadband Infrastructure Account is to provide broadband access to no less than 98% of California households in each consortia region. ALL AWARD DATA AS OF DECEMBER 31, 2021.

## Infrastructure, Loan, and Line-Extension Grant

\$348 million awarded Supporting **108 projects** of which 101 last-mile/hybrid projects provide broadband access to 71,119 estimated potential households. The average cost per household to the CASF for last-mile/hybrid projects was \$4,112.

## Public Housing Account

\$13.9 million awarded for infrastructure and adoption projects Supporting **322 projects**, connecting 21,268 affordable housing units across 31 counties. Providing digital literacy training to **128 project locations** with 28,652 residents in total.

## Rural and Regional Urban Consortia Account

\$18.7 million awarded Supporting **13 Consortia grants** that are facilitating CASF infrastructure applications to serve 44 counties to advance broadband deployment.

CASF Account	# Projects (2021)	Awarded (2021)	# Projects (since 2008)	Awarded (since 2008)
Infrastructure	21	\$93,043,622	108	\$347,936,938
Infra. Loan	0	\$0	1	\$600,295
Infra. Line Extension	1	\$292,548	2	\$297,778
Tribal Tech. Assistance	21	\$1,340,550	30	\$1,878,550
Consortia	2	\$537,555	45	\$18,730,027
Adoption	33	\$1,422,887	212	\$16,844,043
Pub. Housing	0	\$0	450	\$13,940,626
<b>Total</b>	<b>78</b>	<b>\$96,637,162</b>	<b>848</b>	<b>\$400,228,257</b>

State operations constitute approximately 6.7% of total program FY 2020-21 budget.

A list of consortia regions and CASF Annual Reports are available at <https://www.cpuc.ca.gov/industries-and-topics/internet-and-phone/california-advanced-services-fund>

\*SB 4, effective 10/8/2021, deleted the minimum cumulative appropriation for each of the CASF accounts and authorized the CPUC to set these appropriation amounts (new funding allocations are to be determined).

## Broadband Adoption Account

\$16.9 million awarded Supporting **212 digital inclusion and broadband access projects** serving 290,752 participants in 30 counties.

## Tribal Assistance Program

\$1,878,550 Awarded – Supporting **30 projects** for 16 Tribes to provide technical assistance in developing market studies, feasibility studies, and/or business plans which support Tribes in their pursuit of improved communications.

## In July 2021, SB 156 made key changes to the CASF including:

- Redefines “unserved” as an area where no internet service provider offers speeds of at least 25 Mbps downstream and 3 Mbps upstream (25/3).
- Prioritizes unserved areas with available only at speeds at or below 10/1 or areas with no internet connectivity.
- Funded infrastructure project must be capable of providing broadband access at speeds of 100/20.
- Transitions methodologies to provide service to serviceable locations.
- Establishes the Federal Funding Account under the CASF.
- Extends Public Housing Account eligibility to low-income communities in any housing development or mobile home park.

