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# **California Teleconnect Fund Staff Proposal**

**Workshop Presentation**  
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# Recommendations

- Goals
- Participants
- Services
- Service Providers
- Cost Containment





# Goals

Restate universal service goals  
for the CTF





## Goals (1)

To bring every Californian access to advanced communications services in their local communities;





## Goals (2)

to insure high-speed internet connectivity for community anchor institutions at reasonable rates;





## Goals (3)

to increase high-speed internet access penetration in communities with lower rates of internet adoption and greater financial need.





# Goals

Access means  
high-speed, real-time, interactive,  
any-to-any internet connections  
provided to the public during  
reasonable business hours at minimal  
or no fee within their local community.





# Participants





# Participants

K-12 Schools

Community Colleges

Libraries

Public hospitals and health clinics

Community based organizations (CBOs)





# Participants

To be eligible as a CBO...

- Must be a CBO
- Must offer a qualifying service
- Must further universal service goals of the CTF (all entities)





# Participants

A CBO is

- Small, nongovernmental, California 501c3 nonprofit corporation\*
- Directly serves individuals and families
- Serves anyone who needs it at minimal/no fee
- Located within local geographic area where target population resides
- Governing body drawn from the community

\*Religious organizations only through separate legal entity





# Participants

A CBO has 7 required attributes:

- 1) revenues < \$1 million (except 2-1-1)
- 2) qualifying services  $\geq$  50% of services
- 3) community access to internet
- 4) direct service at specific locations
- 5) in area with internet adoption rate < 60%
- 6) 501c3 letter
- 7) Form 990 or equivalent

and 1 optional attribute:

- 8) in area with median income < 150% FPL *OR*
- 9) majority of Board resides in county





# Participants

## Qualifying services

- Education - early childhood education, K-12 curriculum, or internet training
- Job training, job placement
- Nonprofit community technology programs
- Health care by licensed professionals
- 2-1-1 approved by CPUC Resolution





# Participants

To be eligible as a K-12 School...

- private school endowment < \$1 million

To be eligible as public hospital/health clinic...

- CTF-eligible CTN members eligible, under permanent federal rural health program





# Services





# Services

Service eligibility based on  
functionality\*

- High-speed, real time, interactive, any-to-any internet connections
- Data circuits
- For schools - services supported by E-rate

\*must be approved before discount is given





# Service Providers

Service providers who may receive CTF subsidies

- Certificated service providers and wireless registered service providers
- Non-certificated/registered service providers in partnership with certificated/wireless registered and CTF participating service providers
- Local government and nonprofit service providers in underserved areas





# Service Providers

Safeguards for service providers  
who receive CTF subsidies

- User protections
- Service quality, affordability, and safety requirements





# Cost Containment

## Cost drivers

- Number of participants
- Services used
- Price of services





# Cost Containment

## Cost containment strategies

- Requirements for CBO eligibility
- Participant recertification within 3 years
- Annual reporting of user headcounts
- Service approval before discount given
- Discount of flat amount per service type

