



Matching Funds for Infrastructure



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California Advanced Services Fund

- **California Advanced Services Fund (CASF)** is a CPUC existing program - provides matching grants for broadband infrastructure in unserved and underserved areas in the State for 2 years.
 - About \$87 million remaining in the fund to distribute.
 - Normally grant is 40% of the cost of projects.
 - Must build within two years.





Modifications to CASF Program

- On July 9, 2009, the CPUC adopted a decision modifying the CASF program and schedule for applicants seeking federal stimulus funds for broadband.
 - These program changes enable applicants seeking funds under the Recovery Act's Broadband Technology Opportunities Program (BTOP) to obtain matching funds from the CPUC CASF on a timely basis.
 - Program change allows applicants seeking CASF grants to match BTOP funds to apply for up to 10% of cost from CASF. BTOP provides 80% of cost of project.
 - If applicant seeks BTOP funds in addition to CASF funds, the CPUC's definitions for "unserved" and "underserved" apply.
- See <http://docs.cpuc.ca.gov/efile/PD/102215.pdf>





Revised CASF Schedule

The Commission adopted a new schedule for submitting CASF applications for applicants seeking federal broadband stimulus funds:

- July 17, 2009 – CASF applications submitted by this date will have *priority processing* for a CPUC decision in September 2009.
- July 18 - August 14, 2009 – CASF applications submitted during this period will have second priority for CPUC decision in October 2009.
- Applicants with pending CASF proposals may withdraw existing applications and re-file under new schedule.





California Data

- In determining whether an area is served or unserved, the California Broadband Task Force maps have been updated with data from the California Advanced Services Fund grant process and Digital Infrastructure and Video Competition Act data filings.
- The CPUC has posted these maps on its CASF website <http://bit.ly/CalifBBMaps>, and www.recovery.ca.gov will link to this page.





Questions?

- Contact Mike Amato at mca@cpuc.ca.gov or Geraldine Carlin at gvc@cpuc.ca.gov with questions about the revised CASF schedule and program.
- For more information about the CASF program, see also:
<http://www.cpuc.ca.gov/PUC/Telco/Information+for+providing+service/announcingcasf.htm>

