

BTOP OBJECTIVES

- ❑ Provide access to broadband service to consumers residing in unserved areas.
- ❑ Provide improved access to broadband service to consumers residing in underserved areas.
- ❑ Provide broadband access, education, awareness, training, equipment, and support to community anchor institutions, or organizations and agencies serving vulnerable populations, or job-creating strategic facilities located in state- or federally-designated economic development areas.
- ❑ Improve access to, and use of, broadband service by public safety agencies.
- ❑ Stimulate the demand for broadband, economic growth, and job creation.

FUNDING AVAILABLE IN ROUND 1

- ❑ \$ 50 million for Public Computer Centers.
- ❑ \$ 150 million for Sustainable Broadband Projects.
- ❑ \$ 200 million National Reserve to Augment NOFA.

WHAT IS A PUBLIC COMPUTER CENTER?

A place, including but not limited to community colleges, libraries, schools, youth centers, employment service centers, Native American chapter houses, community centers, senior centers, assistive technology centers for people with disabilities, community health centers, and Neighborhood Network Centers in public housing developments, that provide broadband access to the general public or a specific vulnerable population, such as low-income, unemployed, aged, children, minorities and people with disabilities.

ELIGIBLE COSTS FOR PUBLIC COMPUTER CENTERS

- ❑ Acquiring broadband-related equipment, instrumentation, network capability, hardware and software, and digital network technology for broadband services.
- ❑ Developing and providing training, education, support and awareness or web-based resources.
- ❑ Facilitating access to broadband services, including, but not limited to, making public computer centers accessible to the disabled.
- ❑ Undertaking such other projects and activities as the Assistant secretary finds to be consistent with the purpose for which the program was established.

ELIGIBLE COSTS FOR SUSTAINABLE BROADBAND ADOPTION

- ❑ Acquiring broadband-related equipment, hardware and software, and digital network technology for broadband services.
- ❑ Developing and providing training, education, support and awareness programs or web-based content.
- ❑ Conducting broadband-related public education, outreach, support and awareness campaigns.
- ❑ Implementing innovative programs to facilitate greater access to broadband service, devices and equipment.
- ❑ Undertaking such other projects and activities as the Assistant Secretary finds to be consistent with the purpose for which the program was established.

EVALUATION CRITERIA

- ❑ Project purpose, 30 points.
- ❑ Project benefits, 25 points.
- ❑ Project viability, 25 points.
- ❑ Project budget and sustainability, 20 points.

ELIGIBILITY FACTORS

- ❑ Advances at least one of the BTOP statutory Purposes
- ❑ Fully complete application
- ❑ Project “substantially completed” within two years
- ❑ Technically feasible
- ❑ Budget reasonable and all costs eligible
- ❑ 20 percent match provided or waiver applied for

MATCHING FUNDS

- ❑ Match can be in kind (i.e. contributed goods or services) or in cash
- ❑ Cash matches are scored more favorably
- ❑ Costs that would not be eligible for federal funding as part of the project are NOT eligible as matching funds
- ❑ Grantees must document all in - kind matching funds and report them as part of regular financial reporting.

CETF PLANS FOR ROUND 1

- ❑ Submit three consolidated grant proposals.
- ❑ Jointly review applications with the CPUC and the state.
- ❑ Award \$15 million as match funding over the three rounds (2009-2010).
- ❑ Continue to catalog concept proposals for Rounds 2 and 3.

OPTIONS FOR APPLYING FOR ARRA FUNDS

- ❑ Apply Alone.
- ❑ Sub-contract with an Applicant.
- ❑ Apply with CETF Umbrella Grant.
- ❑ Apply with Local or Regional Collaborative.

SOURCES FOR MATCHING FUNDS

- ❑ CETF
- ❑ California Advanced Services Fund
- ❑ Foundations, Local Governments.

