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GUIDANCE FOR AWARDEES ON SUBMITTING QUARTERLY REPORTS

The last mile Federal Funding Account (FFA) program is funded from the California State General Fund and the federal Capital Projects Fund (CPF). This guidance document provides clarification for FFA awardees on information that needs to be submitted on a quarterly basis. All awardees, regardless of funding source, must submit quarterly reports in compliance with federal rules.

Federal Funding Account awardees should follow the guidance below in preparing and submitting the quarterly reports in the [Broadband Grant Portal](#).

Instructions for Specific Quarterly Report Questions

The following provide instructions for specific questions in the quarterly report, which are identified in the parenthesis.

- 1. Questions denoted with a red asterisk (*) in the report are required and a response must be provided.**
- 2. Projected Construction Start Date (Question 11):** Provide the estimated date the project's construction activities will begin. This should be the date environmental permitting clearance under the California Environmental Quality Act is approved.
- 3. Projected Construction Completion Date (Question 12):** Provide the estimated date the project's construction activities will be complete. These dates should be the same as the construction progress report information including the submission of completion photos, as-builts, and reports for completed sections. (See [Post-Award Required Reporting Checklist](#)).
- 4. Projected Initiation of Operations (Question 13):** Provide the estimated date that the project will be substantially complete.
 - a. A project is substantially complete when construction reporting documentation has been submitted to show a path is complete for data to travel from the Optical Line Terminal to a right of way outside of last mile location(s).
 - b. Awardees should provide samples of performance testing consistent with Federal Communications Programs where last mile connections are reported at the time of substantial completion (see [Performance Measures Testing - Universal Service Administrative Company](#)).
 - c. Additional specific guidance on substantial completion will be provided.



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- 5. Total Planned Locations (Questions 28a-31a):** For this series of questions, awardees submit information on planned locations that will be served for projects in progress (i.e., not completed).
- a. For Questions 28a, provide the total number of locations intended to be served by the project. This number should equal the total number of records submitted in the Broadband Location Data Template.
- 6. Total Actual Locations (Questions 28b-31b):** Provide the actual locations served for projects that are completed. This set of questions is only relevant to completed projects.
- 7. Broadband Location Data Template:** Awardees must use the Broadband Location Data Template to provide project location data with each quarterly report. The total number of records reported in the template must equal the number reported in response to Question 28a. The template is available in the Broadband Grant Portal and at Federal Funding Account Awardee Resources. All required fields must be completed or the quarterly report submission will be considered incomplete.
- 8. Total Number of Funded Locations Served by Type (Questions 33a-36a):** Provide the types of locations served for the reporting categories: residential locations, residential total housing units, business locations, and community anchor institutions.

Have a question on the quarterly report? Contact the Broadband Caseworkers at broadbandcaseworkers@cpuc.ca.gov.



GUIDANCE ON THE BROADBAND LOCATION DATA TEMPLATE

Federal Funding Account awardees must submit project location data using the [Broadband Location Data Template](#) in response to question 40a in the quarterly report. Awardees should follow the guidance below to fill out the template.

Prior to project completion, awardees should use the template to report locations to be served by the project. The total number of locations reported in the template must equal the response to Question 28a. Once a project is reported as complete in the quarterly report, awardees should use the template to report actual locations served by the project.

Items to note for the Broadband Location Data Template:

- Do not change the cell formatting in the template.
- Do not reformat the template.
- All data should be entered as text or numeric values.
- Save the template as .xlsx, rename the file as needed.
- Optional columns may be left blank but can be completed if desired.
- Required columns must be completed as specified in the instructions below.
- Conditional columns need only be entered based on the condition specified in the template. Some conditional columns (Columns M, O, and P) may remain unfilled while the project is in progress. Once the project is reported as complete in the quarterly report, awardees must enter information for these conditional columns.

1. Column A (Optional): Field Name

The location address may be entered in this column. If included, only enter the street address and remove any commas or periods.

2. Column B (Optional): Location Name

Identifies the location record and is only used for updating existing locations. Enter the provided location name formatted as LOC-XXXX. This column is only relevant for projects funded with Capital Project Funds.

3. Column C (Required): Fabric ID Number

The "Fabric ID" is a unique identifier from the Broadband Serviceable Location Fabric. Enter the Fabric ID of the location with a maximum of 20 characters. A Fabric ID per location is required in this column. There should be no duplicate Fabric IDs. If a location is a multiple dwelling unit (MDU), enter the Fabric ID once and list in Column J, the number of units in the MDU.



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4. Column D (Required): Location Latitude

Enter the latitude of the project location where service will be installed and use GPS readings when possible. The location latitude should contain at least six decimal places (e.g., 34.000847).

5. Column E (Required): Location Longitude

Enter the longitude of the project location where service will be installed and use GPS readings when possible. The location longitude should contain at least six decimal places (e.g., 118.054989).

6. Column F (Required): FCC Issued Provider ID Number

Enter the 6-digit FCC Issued Provider ID of the internet service provider that will offer service for the project. This number should not be confused or replaced with the Federal Registration Number (FRN).

7. Column G (Required): Technology Type at Location

Enter the technology type that will be offered once the project is complete. Select one of the following technologies:

- Fiber
- Coaxial Cable
- Terrestrial Fixed Wireless
- Other (if chosen, awardee must complete column H)

8. Column H (Conditional): If Other, Specify

If *Other* is entered for a location in Column G, briefly describe the technology.

9. Column I (Conditional): Location Type

If a Fabric ID cannot be identified for a location in Column C, enter the location type using one of the following options.

- Residential
- Business
- Community Anchor Institutions (CAI)

10. Column J (Conditional): Housing Units at Location

Enter the number of housing units for locations identified as *Residential* in Column I. Leave blank for locations identified as *Business* or *Community Anchor Institution*.



11. Column K (Required): Speed Pre-Investment

Enter the broadband speed available at each location prior to the project offering service. Select one of the following options:

- Below 25/3 Mbps
- 25/3 Mbps or greater but than 100/20 Mbps
- Greater than 100/20 Mbps

For each location, speeds at the time of the award should be reported. The [FCC National Broadband Map](#) is a resource to obtain broadband speeds data.

12. Column L (Required): Maximum Download Speed Offered at Location Post-Investment

Enter the maximum advertised download speed that will be offered after project completion. Enter numeric values only in Megabits per second (Mbps). That is, 1 Gigabit per second speed must be entered as "1000" without any words or letters.

13. Column M (Conditional): Maximum Download Speed Delivered at Location Post-Investment

Leave this column blank while a project is in progress. When a project is reported as complete in the quarterly report, enter the actual delivered download speed per location confirmed by speed tests.

14. Column N (Required): Maximum Upload Speed Offered at Location Post-Investment

Enter the maximum advertised upload speed that will be offered after project completion. Enter numeric values only in Megabits per second (Mbps). That is, 1 Gigabit per second speed must be entered as "1000" without any words or letters.

15. Column O (Conditional): Maximum Upload Speed Delivered at Location Post-Investment

Leave this column blank while a project is in progress. When a project is reported as complete in the quarterly report, enter the actual delivered upload speed per location confirmed by speed tests.

16. Column P (Conditional): Latency Delivered at Location Post-Investment

Leave this column blank while a project is in progress. When a project is reported as complete in the quarterly report, enter the measured latency at each location.



QUARTERLY REPORT FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

The following Frequently Asked Questions document is intended to provide guidance on the submission of quarterly reports and requirements set forth in the California Public Utilities Commission Decision (D.) 22-04-055, Appendix A and 2 CFR Part 200. The answers provided here are informational only and do not modify the requirements set forth in the program rules or award documents. Further questions may be sent to:

broadbandcaseworkers@cpuc.ca.gov.

Project Construction and Completion Dates

1. What is the difference between projected and actual construction start dates?
 - A. The construction start date is the date a project has permission to start construction from the California Public Utilities Commission (and can incur construction expenses). This is generally when a project receives environmental permitting clearance (such as under the California Environmental Quality Act).

The projected start date is the estimated date an awardee anticipates work on the project to begin.

The actual start date is the date work started on the project. The start of the project may only begin after the project was approved by the Commission and may include confirming project design, applying for permits, and hiring consultants.

2. What is the difference between projected and actual construction completion dates?
 - A. The projected completion date is the date when construction is expected to be completed.

The actual completion date is the date on which construction was completed.

Construction completion should align with construction progress report information including the submission of completion photos, as-builts, and reports for completed sections. (See [Post-Award Required Reporting Checklist](#)).

3. Are CEQA approvals considered part of construction activities?
 - A. CEQA activities are not considered part of construction, and approvals/disposition must be formally received before construction activities begin.



4. What does it mean to initiate operations for a project?
- A. Operations begin when the first customer has been offered service, which must be initiated within 10 days of the customer requesting service.

Best Practices for Submitting Project Location Data

5. What should an awardee do if the project location data changes?
- A. If project location data changes because the scope of the project is changing from the original award, please review the [Administrative Manual](#) and consult with your assigned Federal Funding Account Analyst.
6. What is the difference between locations planned to be served and locations served?
- A. Locations “planned to be served” are the part of the project, planning, design, and construction that have not yet been offered service but are planned in the project. Locations “served” are those that have been offered service in the project.

This item requests data on locations offered or provided service by the grant project. The term “served” does not relate to data or claims by other providers to the location.

7. Do planned locations (locations not yet offered service) need to be reported?
- A. Yes, locations that are planned to be served in the project area must be reported in response to Question 28a and Question 40.
8. The project contains multiple dwelling units (MDUs). How should these be reported?
- A. Projects should report broadband serviceable locations in the quarterly report and the units separately. The fabric location ID(s) should be reported in Column C (Fabric ID Number) and the number of units in the multiple dwelling unit should be reported in Column J (Housing Units at Location) in the Broadband Location Data Template.

Broadband Location Data Template

9. Where can I find the Broadband Location Data Template?
- A. The template can be downloaded from the [Broadband Grant Portal](#) and the [Federal Funding Account Awardee Resources](#) webpage under “Reporting.”



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- 10.** What if a location ID cannot be found for a project location?
- A. The latitude/longitude coordinates should be provided in columns D and E and address can be provided in column A of the [Broadband Location Data Template](#).
- 11.** Do the number of locations reported in the [Broadband Location Data Template](#) have to match the narrative in the quarterly report?
- A. Yes, the total number of records reported in the Broadband Location Data Template must equal the number reported in response to Question 28a of the narrative quarterly report.

Speed and Pricing Template

- 12.** Where can I find the Speed and Pricing Template?
- A. The template can be downloaded from the [Broadband Grant Portal](#) and on [Federal Funding Account Awardee Resources](#) webpage under "Reporting."
- 13.** Is it required to upload a file to report offered speed tiers, base prices, and associated fees?
- A. Yes, for projects marked as "Complete," a speed and pricing file template must be uploaded. It must include offered speed tiers, non-promotional base prices, and applicable fees. The [Speed and Pricing Template](#) should be used.
- 14.** What qualifies as a promotional offer?
- A. A specific deal or discount offered for a period of time to encourage commitment, and which "expires" when pricing reverts to a non-promotional price.