



Federal Funding Account Applicant Tool

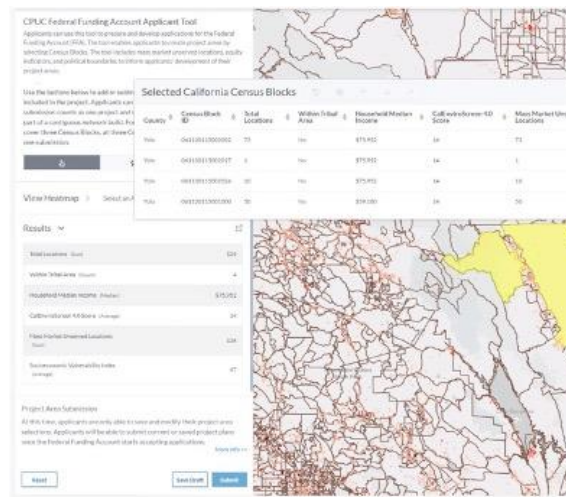
Improved data available for grant applicants

Overview of the new Applicant Tool for the Federal Funding Account, launched by the California Public Utilities Commission (CPUC).

More data for detailed plans

The Applicant Tool provides important geographic, economic, and business case data to assist eligible applicants with developing their applications for the Federal Funding Account.

(See sample of available data, right.)



Accessing the Tool

Applicants must register for an account at www.cpuc.ca.gov/ApplicantToolRegister to use the tool. With an approved registration, the Applicant Tool will enable prospective applicants to:

- Examine service needs in a selected area,
- Collate information for selected census blocks, and,
- Estimate subsidies for designed projects.
 - Applicants can review estimates for project costs and potential customer base.

Projects created in the Applicant Tool will be saved and submitted to the CPUC’s Broadband Grant Portal.

Background

The CPUC established the Federal Funding Account in 2022, in accordance with [Senate Bill 156](#). The fund will provide \$2 billion in grants for last mile broadband infrastructure projects to connect unserved and underserved Californians with high-speed broadband services. Projects built using the federal American Rescue Plan Act funds must be built by 2027.

More information is at: www.cpuc.ca.gov/federalaccount

