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### Program Overview

Pursuant to [Public Utilities Code section 281](#), moneys in the California Advanced Services Fund (CASF) Broadband Infrastructure Grant Account (Infrastructure Account) are available to the Commission to award grants to subsidize the cost of middle-mile and last-mile infrastructure to expand the State's broadband network.

### Program Updates

On November 18, 2022, the CPUC issued [Decision \(D.\) 22-11-023](#) modifying CASF requirements and guidelines for the Broadband Infrastructure Grant Account.

On July 20, 2021, Governor Newsom signed [Senate Bill \(SB\) 156](#). These changes became effective on July 20, 2021. The relevant changes to the Broadband Infrastructure Grant Account are as follows:

- "Unserved area" changed to an area where no facility-based broadband provider serves households (or areas) at a minimum speed of at least 25 mbps downstream and 3 mbps upstream. See [Public Utilities Code Section 281\(b\)\(1\)\(B\)\(ii\)](#).
- Projects funded by the CASF program must deploy infrastructure capable of providing broadband access at speeds of a minimum of 100 mbps downstream and 20 mbps upstream. See [Public Utilities Code Section 281\(f\)\(5\)](#).
- All grantees must report licensed contractor or subcontractor expenditures in excess of \$25,000 for work funded by CASF. See [Public Utilities Code Section 281\(f\)\(2\)](#).

### Project Proposals and Funded Projects

[Project Summaries](#)

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### Application Resources

**PROGRAM RULES AND GUIDELINES**

Decision (D.) 22-11-023:  
[Attachment 1 - Revised CASF Program Guidelines for the Broadband Infrastructure Grant Account](#)

**PROJECT DEVELOPMENT RESOURCES**

[Project Development Resources - Data & Maps](#) - Geographic and data resources for project planning and submission of infrastructure grant applications

**APPLYING FOR FUNDS**

Prospective applicants and stakeholders - please consult your local [Broadband Consortium](#) first before contacting CASF Infrastructure Staff for information.

To prepare an application for funding, follow instructions included in [Attachment 1 - Revised CASF Program Guidelines](#)

### CASF BROADBAND INFRASTRUCTURE GRANT ACCOUNT

[CASF Infrastructure Approved Projects](#)

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# Agenda

|                 |                                                                                              |
|-----------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| 10:30-<br>10:35 | <b>Introduction</b><br>Heyward Daluz, Regulatory Analyst                                     |
| 10:35-<br>10:50 | California Interactive Broadband Map Updates<br>Zhuoying Liu, Research Data Analyst          |
| 10:50-<br>11:05 | Project Location Data and Submission Requirements<br>Benjamin Swearingen, Regulatory Analyst |
| 11:05-<br>11:30 | Q&A<br>Rosa Sauer, Regulatory Analyst<br>Jayson Santos, Senior Telecommunications Engineer   |

Submit questions to [casf\\_workshop@cpuc.ca.gov](mailto:casf_workshop@cpuc.ca.gov)

# CASF Broadband Infrastructure Grant Account

## *Planning for 2025 and Beyond*

### ➤ Current Timelines

| Event                                                                                                       | Date              |
|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------|
| Broadband Availability Map Published                                                                        | July 2025         |
| CASF Infrastructure Account Application Deadline                                                            | October 31, 2025  |
| Deadline for Staff to post Application Summaries and Maps to CPUC website and notify CASF Distribution List | November 14, 2025 |
| Deadline for Challenge Submissions                                                                          | December 5, 2025  |
| Deadline for Application Approvals Under Ministerial Review                                                 | March 31, 2026    |
| Deadline for Publishing Draft Resolutions Recommending Project Approval                                     | May 15, 2026      |

# Broadband Map Updates

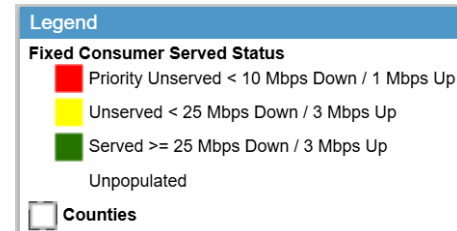
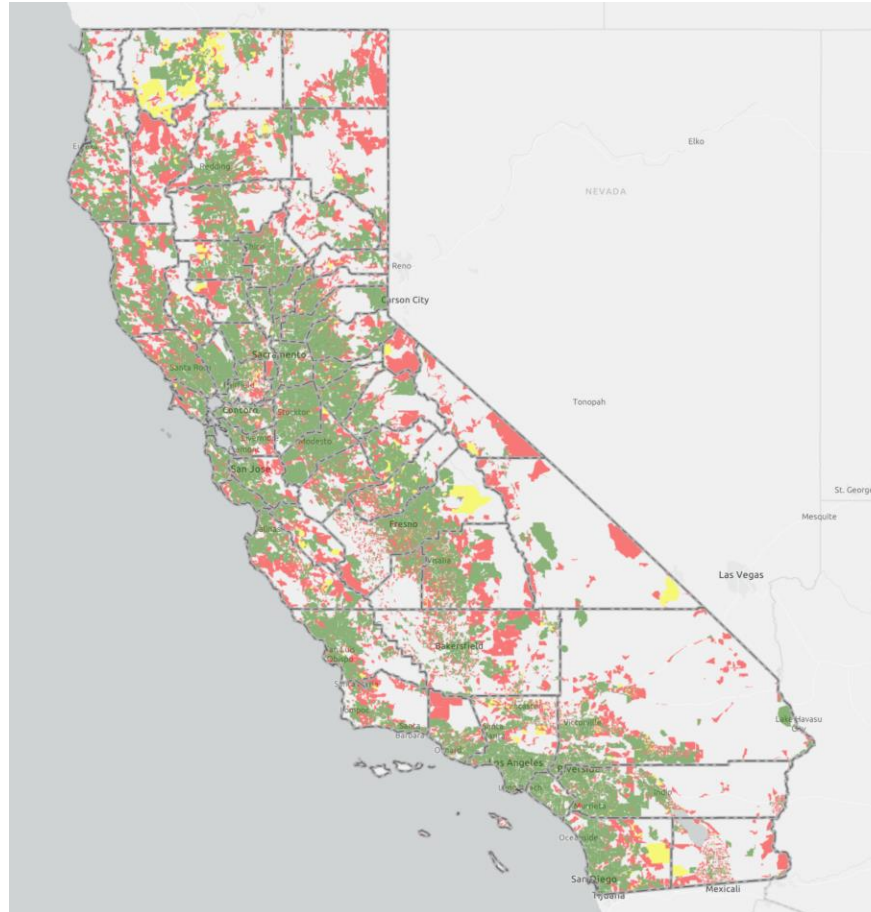
Zhuoying Liu, Research Data Analyst



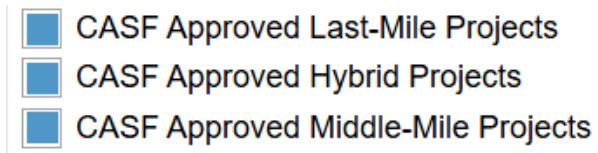
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# California Interactive Broadband Map

## Fixed Consumer Served Status



# California Interactive Broadband Map - CASF Grant Layers



# Examples: Project properties

## CASF Approved Hybrid Projects

|                                    |                                                                  |
|------------------------------------|------------------------------------------------------------------|
| <b>Provider Name:</b>              | LCB Communications, LLC                                          |
| <b>Doing Business As Name:</b>     | LCB Communications                                               |
| <b>FCC Registration Number:</b>    | 23325780                                                         |
| <b>Project Name:</b>               | Aromas San Juan Project                                          |
| <b>Project Type:</b>               | Hybrid                                                           |
| <b>Technology of Transmission:</b> | Optical Carrier/Fiber to the end user/Terrestrial Fixed Wireless |
| <b>Downstream Speed (Mbps):</b>    | 5000                                                             |
| <b>Upstream Speed (Mbps):</b>      | 5000                                                             |
| <b>Households:</b>                 | 1101                                                             |
| <b>Application Date:</b>           | 6/1/2023                                                         |
| <b>Application Type:</b>           | CPCN                                                             |
| <b>Requested Amount:</b>           | \$29,482,766.00                                                  |
| <b>Approval Status:</b>            | Approved                                                         |
| <b>Approval Date:</b>              | 6/20/2024                                                        |
| <b>Grant Amount:</b>               | \$29,482,766.00                                                  |
| <b>Funding Level:</b>              | 100%                                                             |
| <b>Resolution:</b>                 | T-17817                                                          |

## CASF Approved Middle-Mile Projects

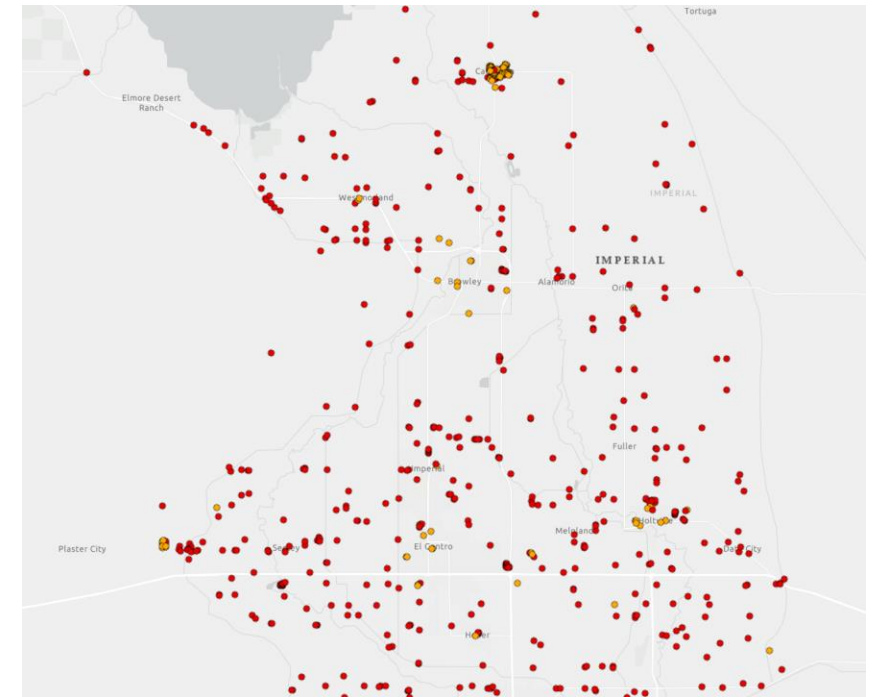
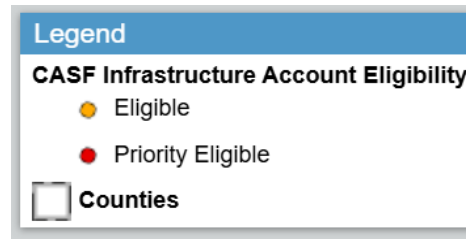
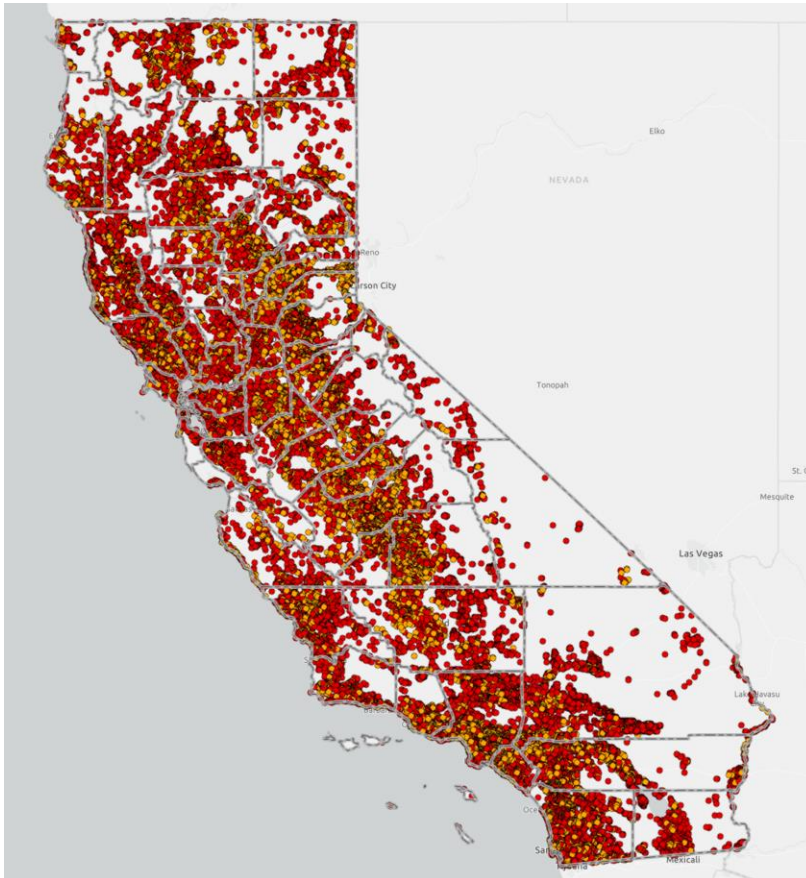
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| <b>Provider Name:</b>              | Sunesys                               |
| <b>Doing Business As Name:</b>     | Sunesys                               |
| <b>FCC Registration Number:</b>    | 11588746                              |
| <b>Project Name:</b>               | Connected Central Coast               |
| <b>Project Type:</b>               | Middle Mile                           |
| <b>Technology of Transmission:</b> | Optical Carrier/Fiber to the End User |
| <b>Downstream Speed (Mbps):</b>    | 100                                   |
| <b>Upstream Speed (Mbps):</b>      | 100                                   |
| <b>Households:</b>                 | 11124                                 |
| <b>Application Date:</b>           | 2/1/2013                              |
| <b>Application Type:</b>           | CPCN                                  |
| <b>Requested Amount:</b>           | \$10,640,000.00                       |
| <b>Approval Status:</b>            | Approved                              |
| <b>Approval Date:</b>              | 4/10/2014                             |
| <b>Grant Amount:</b>               | \$5,596,943.00                        |
| <b>Funding Level:</b>              | 80%                                   |
| <b>Resolution:</b>                 | T-17429                               |
| <b>CASF_OID:</b>                   | 66                                    |

## CASF Approved Last-Mile Projects

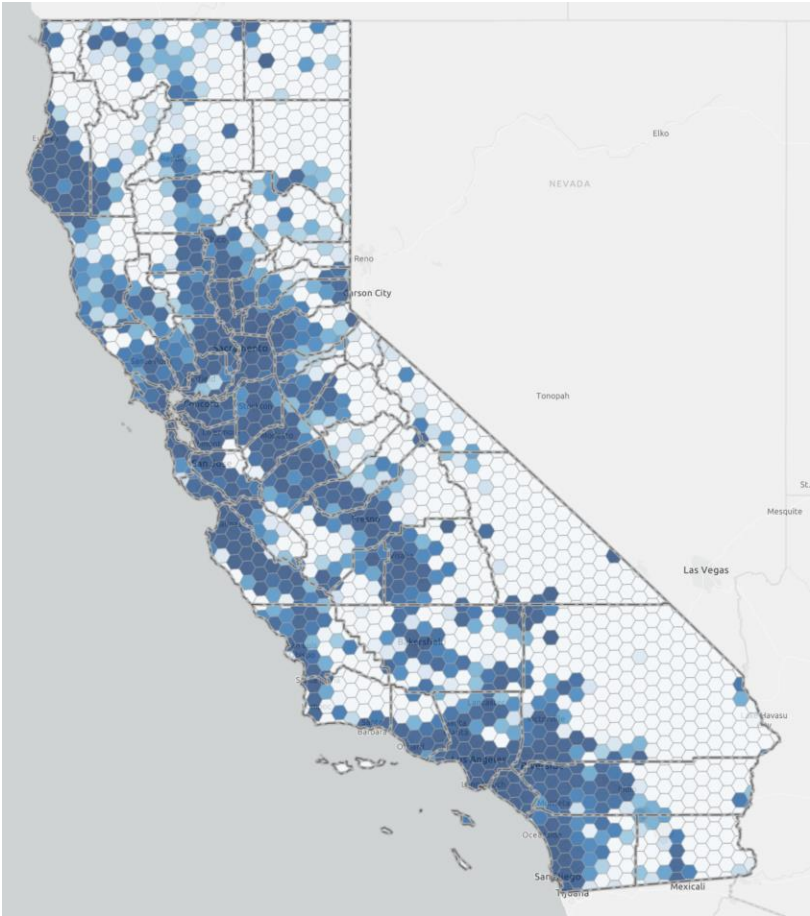
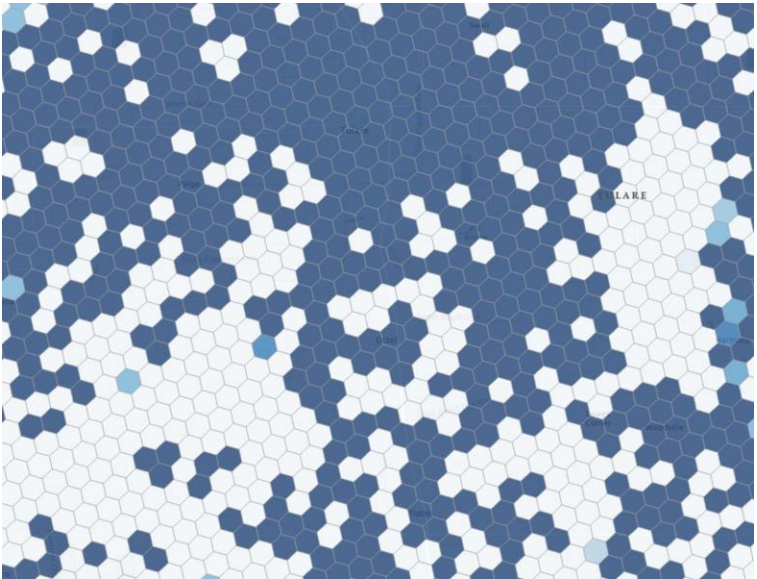
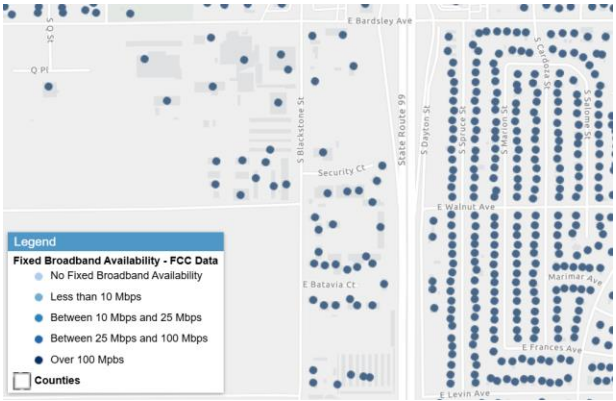
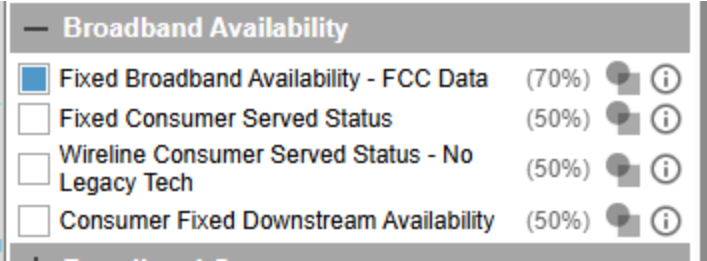
|                                    |                                 |
|------------------------------------|---------------------------------|
| <b>Provider Name:</b>              | Pinnacles Telephone Company     |
| <b>Doing Business As Name:</b>     | Pinnacles                       |
| <b>FCC Registration Number:</b>    | 1537133                         |
| <b>Project Name:</b>               | Pinnacles Monument              |
| <b>Project Type:</b>               | Last Mile                       |
| <b>Technology of Transmission:</b> | Optical carrier/Asymmetric xDSL |
| <b>Downstream Speed (Mbps):</b>    | 6                               |
| <b>Upstream Speed (Mbps):</b>      | 1                               |
| <b>Households:</b>                 | 47                              |
| <b>Application Date:</b>           | 2/1/2013                        |
| <b>Application Type:</b>           | CPCN                            |
| <b>Requested Amount:</b>           | \$195,299.00                    |
| <b>Approval Status:</b>            | Approved                        |
| <b>Approval Date:</b>              | 10/31/2013                      |
| <b>Grant Amount:</b>               | \$195,299.00                    |
| <b>Funding Level:</b>              | 60%                             |
| <b>Resolution:</b>                 | T-17420                         |



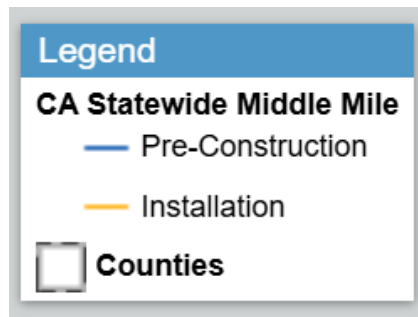
# California Interactive Broadband Map - Eligibility layer



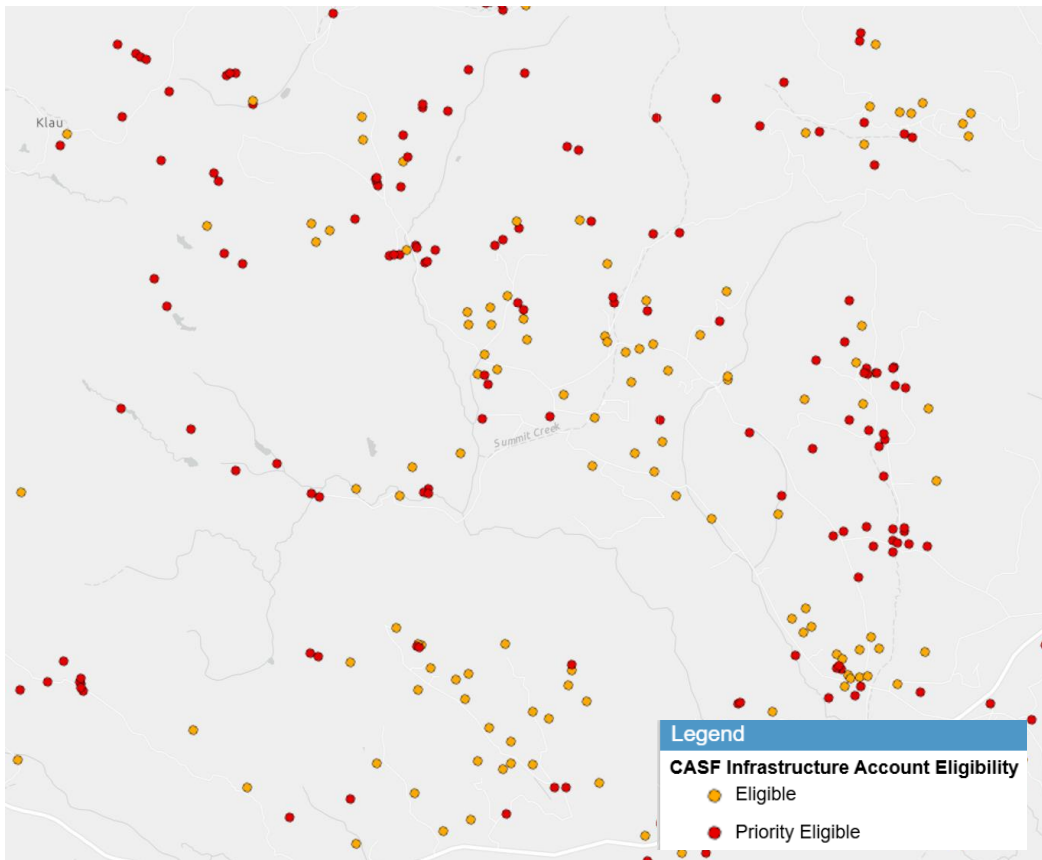
# California Interactive Broadband Map - FCC data layer



# California Interactive Broadband Map – CA Statewide Middle Mile Layer



# CASF Funding - Serviceable Locations



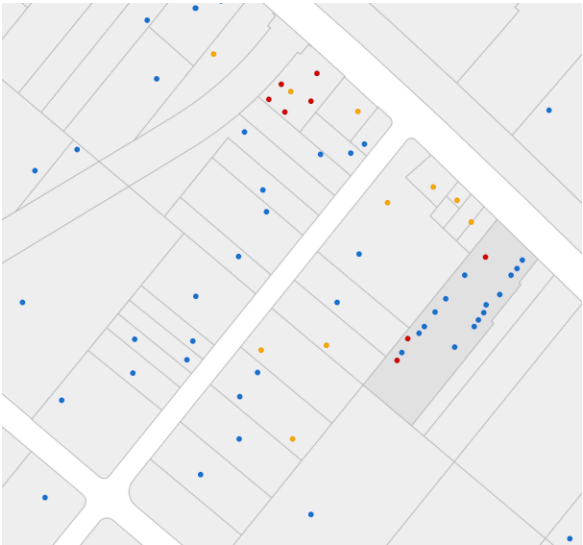
- Priority Eligible : Download speeds less than 10 Mbps and upload speeds less than 1 Mbps.
- Eligible Unserved :Download speeds between 10 and 25 Mbps, and upload speeds between 1 and 3 Mbps.
- Served - not eligible for funding : Meet or exceed the federal benchmark of 25 Mbps download and 3 Mbps upload speeds.



# Broadband Serviceable Location Fabric

- A dataset created by CostQuest Associates
- Broadband Serviceable Locations across the United States
- Specific locations where broadband internet access can be delivered
- Includes a unique identifier for each broadband serviceable location(location\_id)

| location_id | latitude  | longitude   | bsl_flag |
|-------------|-----------|-------------|----------|
| 1322167721  | 37.789247 | -122.180307 | True     |
| 1322196705  | 37.794602 | -122.25634  | True     |
| 1322196706  | 37.519448 | -122.038491 | True     |
| 1322196707  | 37.532163 | -122.071552 | True     |
| 1322196709  | 37.614927 | -121.850068 | True     |
| 1322196710  | 37.54728  | -121.984906 | True     |
| 1322196712  | 37.853352 | -122.253651 | True     |
| 1322196713  | 37.588797 | -121.869707 | True     |
| 1322196715  | 37.612749 | -122.067673 | True     |
| 1322196717  | 37.860023 | -122.253162 | True     |
| 1322196718  | 37.823061 | -122.207234 | True     |



| NAME                      |  |
|---------------------------|--|
| December 2024 (Version 6) |  |
| June 2024 (Version 5)     |  |
| December 2023 (Version 4) |  |
| June 2023 (Version 3)     |  |
| December 2022 (Version 2) |  |
| June 2022 (Version 1)     |  |

Location ID is one of the most important fields in the dataset and acts as a primary key for joining, tracking, and validating broadband availability at specific addresses.

Use the CQ fabric to obtain Location ID and associated information.

# Project Location Data Submission Requirements

**Ben Swearingen, Regulatory Analyst**

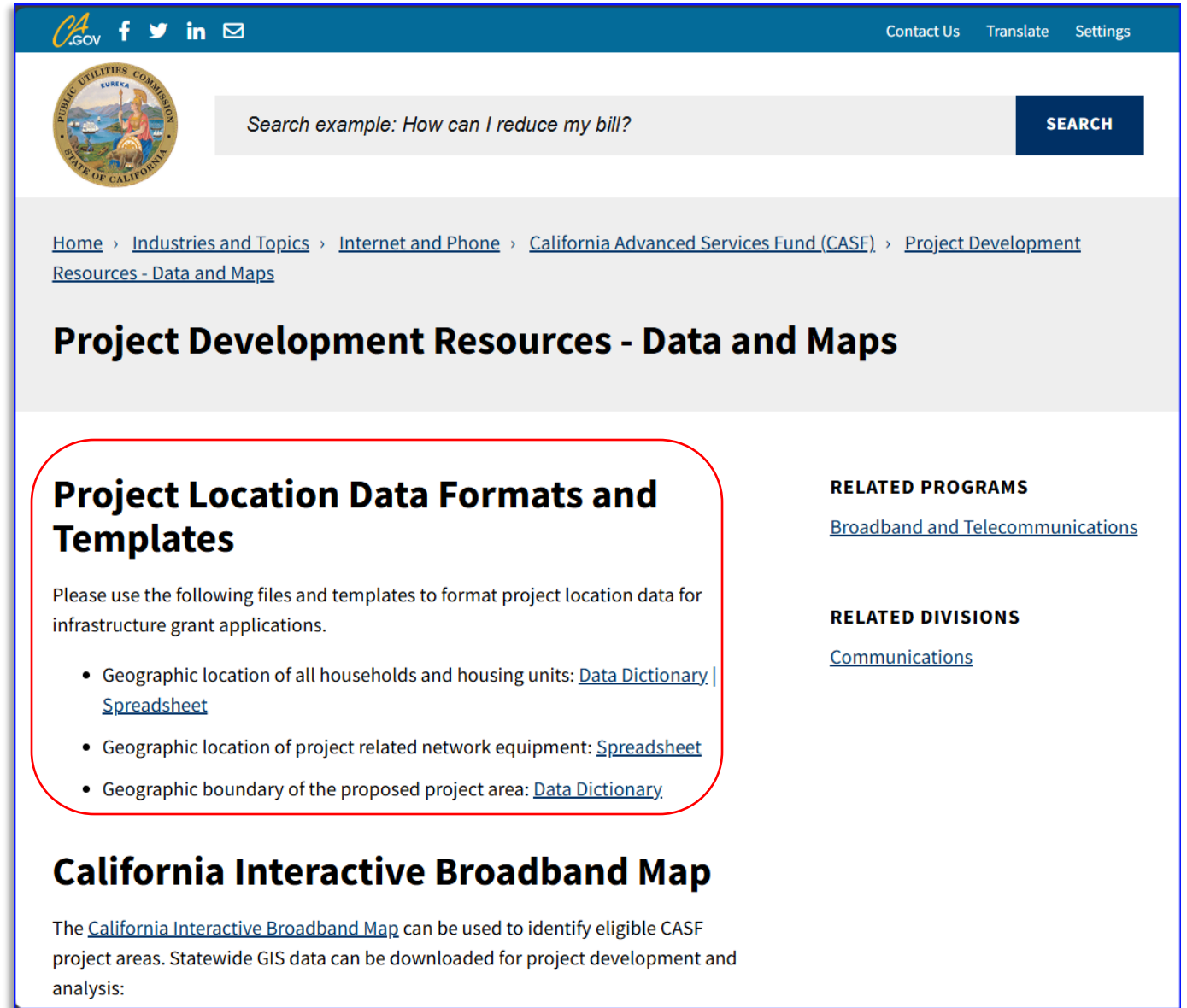


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# Project Development Resources – Data & Maps

## Project Location Data Formats and Templates

❖ Website updates coming soon!



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## Project Development Resources - Data and Maps

### Project Location Data Formats and Templates

Please use the following files and templates to format project location data for infrastructure grant applications.

- Geographic location of all households and housing units: [Data Dictionary](#) | [Spreadsheet](#)
- Geographic location of project related network equipment: [Spreadsheet](#)
- Geographic boundary of the proposed project area: [Data Dictionary](#)

### California Interactive Broadband Map

The [California Interactive Broadband Map](#) can be used to identify eligible CASF project areas. Statewide GIS data can be downloaded for project development and analysis:

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# Data Dictionary

# Geodata Spreadsheet

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# Project Development Resources – Data & Maps

- **GIS Data Format:**
  - **Tabular:** Excel (provided template preferred), CSV, File Geodatabase(.gdb),
  - **Geospatial:**
    - Shapefile (.shp, .shx, .dbf, etc.)
    - KML/KMZ (.kml, .kmz)
    - GPKG (GeoPackage)...
- Must have an assigned projection: **WGS-84**
- All project area polygons must be closed, non-overlapping polygons with a single, unique identifier.
- Each polygon must have a single value for each of the following fields: **technology, downstream bandwidth, and upstream bandwidth.**
- List **each location** capable of providing **minimum speed of 100 Mbps download and 20 Mbps upload** with the following:
  - Street Address
  - Latitude and Longitude coordinates
  - [Location ID](#) - A unique 10-digit identifier assigned to each broadband serviceable location (see [CostQuest Licensing | BroadbandUSA](#) for information on how to obtain Location ID)

# Project Development Resources – Project Area Map

## Instructions

| <div><div>California Public Utilities Commission</div></div> <div>California Advanced Services Fund<br/>Broadband Infrastructure Grant Account</div>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            |  |
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| <h2>Instructions for the Geographic Boundary of the Proposed Project Area</h2>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   |  |
| <p><b><u>INSTRUCTIONS:</u></b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>1. The KMZ or Shapefile must be submitted as a compressed data file (*.zip file).</li><li>2. Add your <i>DBA name</i> to the beginning of the file name, followed by an underscore “_”.<br/>EXAMPLE: Item 4_ABC_Project_Name_&lt;year&gt;.</li><li>3. Submit to <a href="mailto:CASF_Application_Questions@cpuc.ca.gov">CASF Application Questions@cpuc.ca.gov</a> by the deadline.</li></ol>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           |  |
| <p><b><u>WHAT THE MAP SHOULD SHOW:</u></b></p> <p>Applicants should submit polygons in a KMZ or Shapefile format representing the proposed project area containing CASF Eligible Serviceable Locations and maximum advertised speeds per technology.</p> <p>The data associated with each polygon should indicate the proposed maximum advertised downstream and upstream data speeds associated with that network technology, and the coverage area polygon should depict the boundaries where proposed users should expect to receive those advertised speeds.</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             |  |
| <p><b><u>STANDARDS:</u></b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>1. All map areas must be closed, non-overlapping polygons with a single, unique identifier.</li><li>2. Any variation in any of the required fields necessitates the creation of a separate polygon showing the relevant coverage. In other words, each polygon must have a single value for each of the following fields: technology, downstream bandwidth, and upstream bandwidth.</li><li>3. The KMZ or Shapefile must have an assigned projection with an accompanying .prj file.</li><li>4. The KMZ or Shapefile must use unprojected (geographic) WGS84 geographic coordinate system.</li><li>5. The shapefile must be submitted as a *.zip file. This can be done with a program like WinZip or, in Windows by selecting the files associated with a shapefile, right-clicking the files, then clicking ‘Send to’ then ‘Compressed (zipped) folder’.</li><li>6. In addition to the shapefile, each submitted *.zip file must include metadata or a plain text “readme” file that contains a comprehensive explanation of the methodology employed to generate the map layer including any necessary assumptions and an assessment of the accuracy of the finished product.</li></ol> |  |

# Geodata Spreadsheet

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# Contact Information

- Application Questions: Contact Your Regional Consortia FIRST: [Consortia Contact Information](#)
- CASF Application Questions: [CASF\\_Application\\_Questions@cpuc.ca.gov](mailto:CASF_Application_Questions@cpuc.ca.gov)
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# Q&A

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**Jayson Santos, Senior Telecommunications Engineer**



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# Send in your questions!

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**Thank You!**  
**(if we didn't respond to your question,  
we will respond through email)**

