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The screenshot shows the California Public Utilities Commission website. The header includes the state seal, social media icons, and a search bar. The main content area is titled "CASF Broadband Infrastructure Grant Account". It features a "Program Overview" section with a paragraph about the grant account's purpose. Below this is a "Program Updates" section with two paragraphs of text and a bulleted list of updates. The "Project Proposals and Funded Projects" section includes links for "Project Summaries" and "Approved Projects". The "Application Resources" section contains links for "Program Rules and Guidelines" and "Project Development Resources". At the bottom, the "Applying for Funds" section provides information for prospective applicants.

CASF Broadband Infrastructure Grant Account

Program Overview

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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\(i\)\(1-2\)](#).

Project Proposals and Funded Projects

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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](#)

The screenshot shows the "CASF distribution list" page. It features a section titled "ADDITIONAL RESOURCES" with a sub-header "APPLICATION OVERVIEW WEBINARS". This section lists three webinars: "July 10, 2025 Webinar", "May 28, 2025 Webinar", and "March 22, 2023 Webinar". Each webinar has a list of resources: "Flyer", "Video", and "Slides". An orange arrow points to the "July 10, 2025 Webinar" section. At the bottom of the page, there is a section titled "FORMS AND TEMPLATES".

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FORMS AND TEMPLATES

Agenda

10:30-10:35	Introduction Heyward Daluz, Regulatory Analyst
10:35-10:40	Application Item 1 (Project Summary) Brandon Coyle, Regulatory Analyst
10:40-10:45	Application Item 4 (Project Location Data) Benjamin Swearingen, Regulatory Analyst
10:45-10:50	Application Item 8 (Project Expenditures) Jayson Santos, Senior Telco Engineer
10:50-11:00	Application Item 18 (CEQA Questionnaire) Jayson Santos, Senior Telco Engineer
11:00-11:30	Application Item 19 (Application Checklist) and Q&A Rosa Sauer, Regulatory Analyst

Submit questions to casf_workshop@cpuc.ca.gov

CASF Broadband Infrastructure Grant Account

Planning for 2025 and Beyond

➤ Current Timelines

Event	Date
Broadband Availability Map Published	Published in 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

Application Item 1: Project Summary

Brandon Coyle, Regulatory Analyst



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Application Item 1: Project Summary

- Fillable form
- Hover over fields to see tooltips
- Not required to use template
 - All info from Rules and Procedures Section 8.1 is required for all applications
- CPCN/U-Number or WIR if applicable
- Additional info can be added via last page

Item 01: Project Summary Template

This template is for Application Item 1 – Project Summary. Any supporting documentation that is not covered by the fillable fields is encouraged to be appended to the document. Applicants are not required to use this template. You can find more details on what is required to be included in Section 8.1 of [Attachment 1 - Revised CASF Program Guidelines for the Broadband Infrastructure Grant Account](#).

Applicant Name CPCN / U-Number*

First Name Last Name

Address

City State Zip Code

Project Title

Location (County/Countries)

[E.g. Smugglers Gulch Access or Appledore Island]

*A CPCN/U-Number is not necessary to apply or be awarded a CASF grant.

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Application Item 4: Project Location Data

Ben Swearingen, Regulatory Analyst

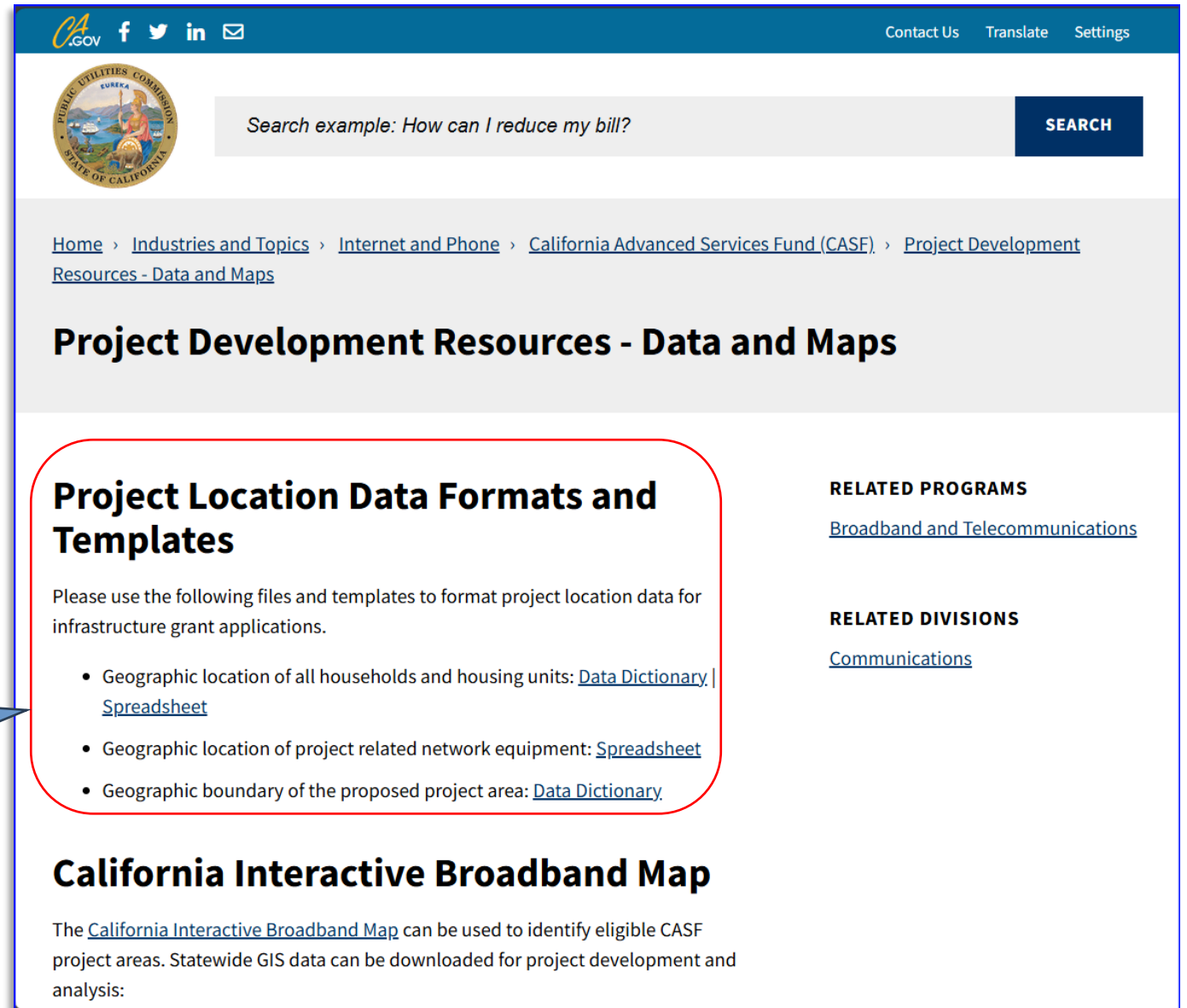


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Project Development Resources – Data & Maps

Project Location Data Formats and Templates

Website Update coming very 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:

RELATED PROGRAMS
[Broadband and Telecommunications](#)

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Geographical Location of Eligible Household Units



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California Advanced Services Fund Broadband Infrastructure Grant Account

Applicant: [Company/Organization Name]

Project: [Project Name]

Item 4: Geospatial Data for Project Locations

ObjectID	DBA_Name	FRN	LocationID	ProviderID	StrctrType	Address	Unit	City	State	Zip5	Zip4	Latitude	Longitude	BlockCode	TechCode	DownSpeed	UpSpeed	DeployDate	NoConnects	ResConnects	TotConnects
1	ABC Telecom (EXAMPLE)	123456789	9876543210	463121	R	123 N Main St	Apt 1-4	San Francisco	CA	94102	1234	37.78048	-122.42102	60010062021037	50	100	20	2019	2	4	4
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Data Dictionary for Eligible Locations



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Geospatial Data for Project Locations

Data Dictionary

Please submit your data using the corresponding 'Item04_Geospatial Data for Project Locations_2025' spreadsheet.

Data Field	Description	Type	Example
<i>DBA_Name</i>	Doing Business As (DBA) Name: name of company or business entity customers could contact to purchase service.	Text	ABC Company
<i>FRN</i>	10-digit FCC Registration Number (FRN) of the entity that submitted (if applicable)	Text	0008402202
<i>Provider ID</i>	Unique identifier for the fixed service provider.	Integer	463121
Location Data			
<i>Location ID</i>	Unique identifier for the location, as used in the Broadband Serviceable Location Fabric. See more here .	Text	1322254063
<i>StructType</i>	Type of Structure: R = Residential (Family) Housing M = Multi-Unit Housing W = Water-based Residence/Houseboat F = Farmworker Housing P = Public Housing B = Business Anchor Institutions:¹ S = School (preK-12) L = Library H = Hospital, Health Clinic, or Medical Provider	Text	R

¹ Based on the statutory definition of "community anchor institution" as defined in 47 USC 1702 (a)(2)(F), the California Public Utility Commission (CPUC) defined "community anchor institution" to mean a school, library, health clinic, health center, hospital or other medical provider, public safety entity, institution of higher education, public housing organization (including any public housing agency and U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development-assisted housing organization), or community support organization that facilitates greater use of broadband service by vulnerable populations, including, but not limited to, low-income individuals, unemployed individuals, children, the incarcerated, and aged individuals. See [520752666.PDF](#)

Project Locations Data Dictionary

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Project Locations Data Dictionary (continued)

	I = Institution of Higher Education E = Emergency Service or Public Safety Entity O = Public Housing Organization C = Community Support Organization		
<i>Address</i>	Street Address: including House Number, Prefix, Street Name, Street Type and Suffix. <u>No P.O. Boxes, please!</u>	Text	123 N Main St
<i>Unit</i>	Unit Number or Unit Letter (if applicable)	Text	Apt. 1
<i>City</i>	City Name	Text	San Francisco
<i>State</i>	US State Name: official USPS postal abbreviation	Text	CA
<i>Zip5</i>	5-Digit Standard Zip Code	Integer	94102
<i>Zip4</i>	4-Digit Zip Code ("plus-four code") that adds four additional digits to the standard ZIP code.	Integer	3214
<i>Latitude</i>	Latitude: Latitudinal coordinate of the subscriber location. It must have at least 6 decimal places. Must be in the WGS84 geographic coordinate system. (value must be within 32 to 42)	Float	37.780479
<i>Longitude</i>	Longitude: Longitudinal coordinate of the subscriber location. It must have at least 6 decimal places. Must be in the WGS84 geographic coordinate system. (value must be within -114 to 124)	Float	-122.421017
<i>BlockCode</i>	Census Block Code: 15-digit US Census Block code. ALL California Census Block codes begin with "06". See more here .	Integer	060010062021037
Project Data			
<i>TechCode</i>	Technology of Transmission: Category of technology for the provision of Internet access service used by the portion of the connection that would terminate at the end-user location (premises). Acceptable codes for this section are: 10 = Asymmetric xDSL 11 = ADSL2, ADSL2+ 12 = VDSL 20 = Symmetric xDSL 30 = Other Copper Wireline (all copper-wire based technologies other than xDSL; Ethernet over copper and T1 are examples) 40 = Cable Modem other than DOCSIS 1, 1.1, 2.0, 3.0, 3.1 or 4.0 41 = Cable Modem – DOCSIS 1, 1.1 or 2.0	Integer	50

	42 = Cable Modem – DOCSIS 3.0 43 = Cable Modem – DOCSIS 3.1 44 = Cable Modem – DOCSIS 4.0 50 = Optical Carrier / Fiber to the end user (Fiber to the home or business end user, does not include "fiber to the curb") 60 = Satellite 70 = Unlicensed Terrestrial Fixed Wireless 71 = Licensed Terrestrial Fixed Wireless 72 = Licensed-by-Rule Terrestrial Fixed Wireless 90 = Electric Power Line 0 = All Other		
<i>DownSpeed</i>	Download Speed: The proposed maximum advertised downstream bandwidth available in Mbps	Float	100
<i>UpSpeed</i>	Upload Speed: The proposed maximum advertised upstream bandwidth available in Mbps	Float	20
<i>DeployDate</i>	Deployment Date: Year when the infrastructure project will be deployed	Integer	2019
<i>NoConnects</i>	No Connections: Number of Serviceable Household Units with NO existing internet connectivity at this CASF-Eligible Location	Integer	2
<i>ResConnects</i>	Residential Connections: Number of Serviceable Households Units at this CASF-Eligible Location	Integer	4
<i>TotConnects</i>	Serviceable Connections: Total Number of Serviceable Locations at this location including non-residential (anchor institutions, businesses)	Integer	4

Application Item 4:

Geographical Location of Project Related Network Equipment Spreadsheet



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Applicant: *[Company/Organization Name]*

Project: [Project Name]

Item 4: Geolocation of Project-Related Network Equipment

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Data Dictionary for Project-Related Network Equipment

 California Public Utilities Commission California Advanced Services Fund Broadband Infrastructure Grant Account				
Item 4: Data Dictionary for Geolocation of Project-Related Network Equipment (All fields are required unless otherwise stated)				
Field Name	Full Name	Description	Type	Example
DBA_Name	DBA Name	Doing Business As (DBA) Name of your company.	Text	ABC Telecom
FRN	FCC Registration Number	<u>10-digit FCC Registration Number (FRN) of the entity that submitted the data.</u> (If provider is not registered with the FCC, leave blank)	VarChar(10)	0008402202
Provider ID	Provider ID Number	<u>6-digit code generated by the FCC that identifies each service provider (If provider is not in the FCC Database, leave blank.)</u>	Integer	463121
Net_Equipmt	Network Equipment	Brief description of network equipment sufficient to search equipment info online.	Text	AcmeFiber Co. Open OLT 10G-PON
Latitude	Latitude	Latitude coordinate of the subscriber location. It must have at least 6 decimal places. Must be in the WGS84 geographic coordinate system. (value must be within 32 to 42)	Double	37.780479
Longitude	Longitude	Longitude coordinate of the subscriber location. It must have at least 6 decimal places. Must be in the WGS84 geographic coordinate system. (value must be within -114 to -124)	Double	-122.421017
Address	Street Address	Street Address (if applicable) including House Number, Prefix, Street Name, Street Type and Suffix. <u>No P.O. Boxes!</u>	VarChar(190)	123 N Main St
Unit	Unit Number	Unit number or letter (if applicable).	Text	1A
City	City	City Name	VarChar(50)	San Francisco
State	State	Postal address 2-character state abbreviation	VarChar(2)	CA
Zip5	Zip Code 5	5 Digit Zip Code	VarChar(5)	94102
Zip4	Zip Code 4	4 Digit Zip Code	VarChar(4)	1234

Application Item 4 Guideline for Proposed Project Area Map



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Instructions for Developing and Submitting Proposed Project Area Map

INSTRUCTIONS

1. Provide a Shapefile or KML/KMZ file. This must be submitted as a compressed data file (*.zip file).
2. Add all geodata files required to identify your project locations and your proposed project area using the following filename format:

Item 04_DBA Name_Project Name_Current Year.

EXAMPLE: Item 04_ProjectLocation_South Bay Telecom_Smugglers Gulch
3. Send an email to the [CASF Application Questions@cpuc.ca.gov](mailto:CASF_Application_Questions@cpuc.ca.gov) account to request a File Transfer Protocol (FTP) link to upload application files by the application deadline.

WHAT THE MAP SHOULD SHOW

Applicants should submit polygons in a KMZ or Shapefile format representing the proposed project area and containing the targeted CASF Eligible Serviceable Locations and maximum advertised speeds per technology.

The data associated with each polygon should indicate the proposed maximum advertised downstream and upstream data speeds associated with the proposed network technology. Project area polygons should depict the boundaries where proposed users should expect to receive those advertised speeds.

STANDARDS

1. All separate, project-related areas on the Project Map must be closed, non-overlapping polygons.
2. Each polygon composing the overall Project Area must have a unique combination of values for the following fields: *technology, downstream bandwidth, and upstream bandwidth*. Any change in any of these required fields (attributes) necessitates the creation of a separate polygon showing the relevant coverage.

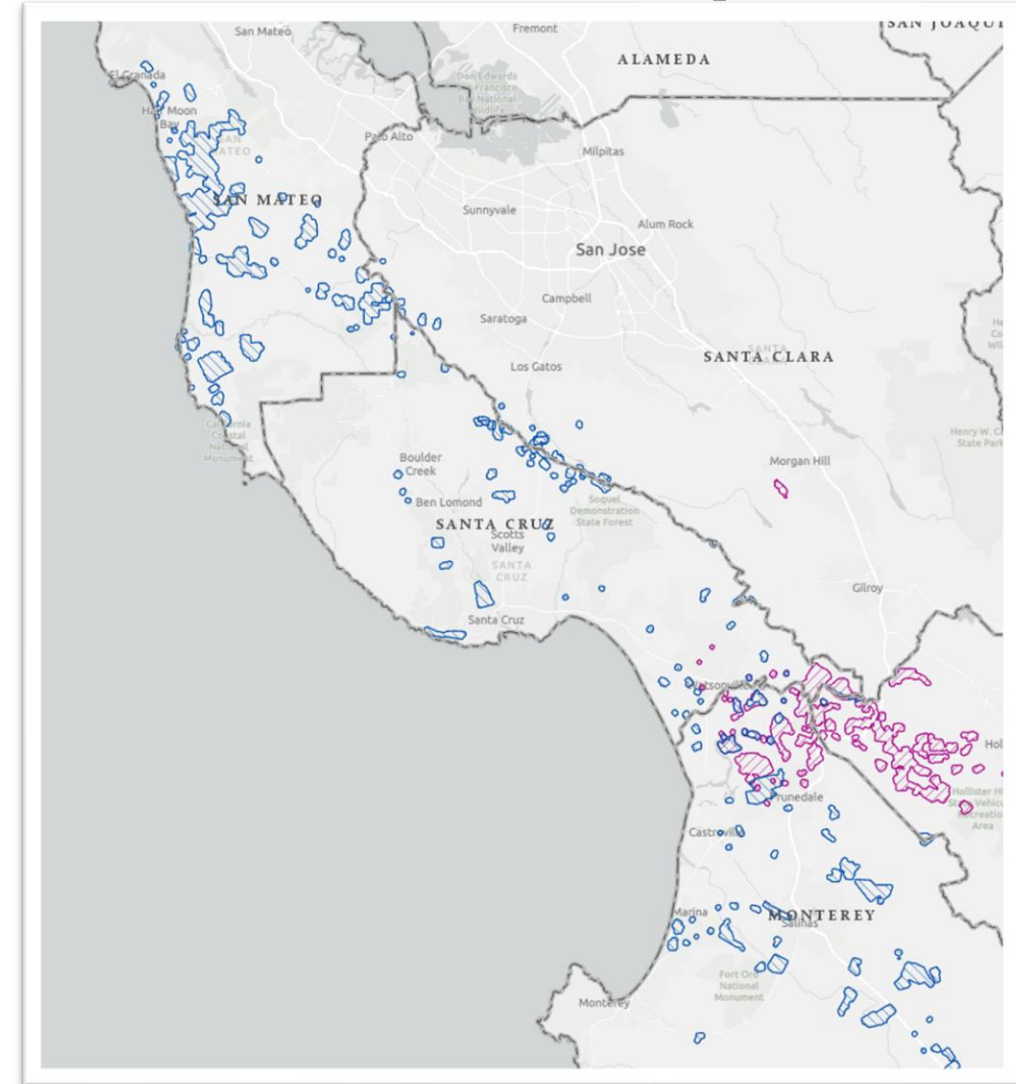
3. The KMZ or Shapefile must have an assigned projection with an accompanying .prj file.
4. The KMZ or Shapefile must use unprojected (geographic) WGS84 geographic coordinate system.
5. The shapefile must be submitted as a *.zip file. This can be done with a program like WinZip or in Windows by selecting the files associated with a shapefile, right clicking the files, then clicking 'Send to' then 'Compressed (zipped) folder'.
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.

Proposed Project Map Instructions1Revised 09/03/2025

Proposed Project Map Instructions2Revised 09/03/2025

Project Development Resources – Data & Maps

- **GIS Data Format:**
 - **Tabular:** Excel (please use provided template)/CSV
 - **Geospatial:**
 - Shapefile (.shp, .shx, .dbf, etc.)
 - KML/KMZ (.kml, .kmz)
 - GPKG (GeoPackage)...
- Must have an assigned projection: **WGS-84**
- All non-contiguous 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 (6 decimal points)
 - [Location ID](#) - A unique 10-digit identifier assigned to each broadband serviceable location (see [CostQuest Licensing](#) for more information.)



Application Item 8: Project Expenditures

Jayson Santos, Senior Telco Engineer



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Application Item 8: Project Expenditures

FILE NAMING CONVENTION TO USE:

Item 08_Project Expenditures_<Organization Name>_<Project Name>

Application Item 8: Project Expenditures (Sample)

ITEM 08 - Project Expenditures - Direct Costs

Applicant:		Router Rascals LLC		Project Name:		Ducksberry Broadband	
Instructions: Choose the appropriate option(s) from the dropdowns and provide a description; if the option is not listed, select "Other" and explain in the "Description" column							
Category	Expense Item	Type of Equipment	Description	Last Mile or Middle Mile	Quantity	Unit cost	Total Cost
Equipment/Materials	Materials	OLT/ONU/ONT	Optical Network Unit (ONU)	Last Mile	465	165	\$76,725.00
Labor/Construction	Trenching	Other	Trenching (Per Foot)	Middle Mile	750	55	\$41,250.00
							\$ 117,975.00

Item 8 - Project Expenditures - Indirect Costs

Applicant:		Router Rascals LLC		Project Name:		Ducksberry Broadband			
Instructions: Choose the appropriate option in the "Category" column and provide a description; choose "Other" if the option is not listed and explain under "Notes"									
Category		Description		Estimated Cost		Total Funds		Notes	
Legal Fees		Expenses for legal services related to contracts, negotiations and regulatory compliance.		100000		100000			
Administrative Costs		Expenses for personnel (Accounting, Contracting, Human Resources)		180000		180000			
				\$ 280,000.00		\$ 280,000.00			

Application Item 8: Project Expenditures

DIRECT COSTS

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Category	Expense Item	Type of Equipment	Description	Last Mile or Middle Mile	Quantity	Unit cost	Total Cost
Equipment/Materials	Buildings/Land	Cabinet/Pad		Last Mile			
Labor/Construction	Pole/Tower Placement	Handhole		Middle Mile			
Permitting/CEQA	Trenching	Pedestal					
Engineering/Project Mgt	Network/ Access Eqpt	Pole attachment					
Equipment Rental/Leasing	Operating Eqpt	Cable/drops					
Other	Customer Premise Eqpt	OLT/ONU/ONT					
	Materials	Base station/Receiver					
	Backhaul (leased)	Customer Router/AP					
	ROW/Permitting	Other					
	Other	NA					
							\$ -

Dropdown Options

Application Item 8: Project Expenditures

INDIRECT COSTS

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Category	Description	Estimated Cost	Total Funds	Notes
Maintenance/Repair of Equipment/Facilities				
Utilities				
Rent - Equipment Facilities				
Administrative Costs				
Insurance				
Interest expense				
Legal Fees				
Consulting Fees				
Other (explain in Notes)				

Dropdown Options

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California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) Questionnaire

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CEQA QUESTIONNAIRE FOR APPLICATION ITEM 18

CASF Infrastructure Grant Applications Required Information for California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA)

Updated 03-12-2023

Please respond to the questions below; the completed Questionnaire must be submitted with Application Item #18 of the CASF Infrastructure Grant Application.

Applicants may send the Questionnaire to the CEQA section of the Energy Division in advance of submitting CASF Application. Energy Division Email: CASF_CEQA@cpuc.ca.gov

For questions, contact CASF_Application_Questions@cpuc.ca.gov.

There are 4 classes of CEQA exemption applicable to CASF Infrastructure Grant Projects based on the project descriptions.

14 C.C.R. § 15301 – Existing Facilities

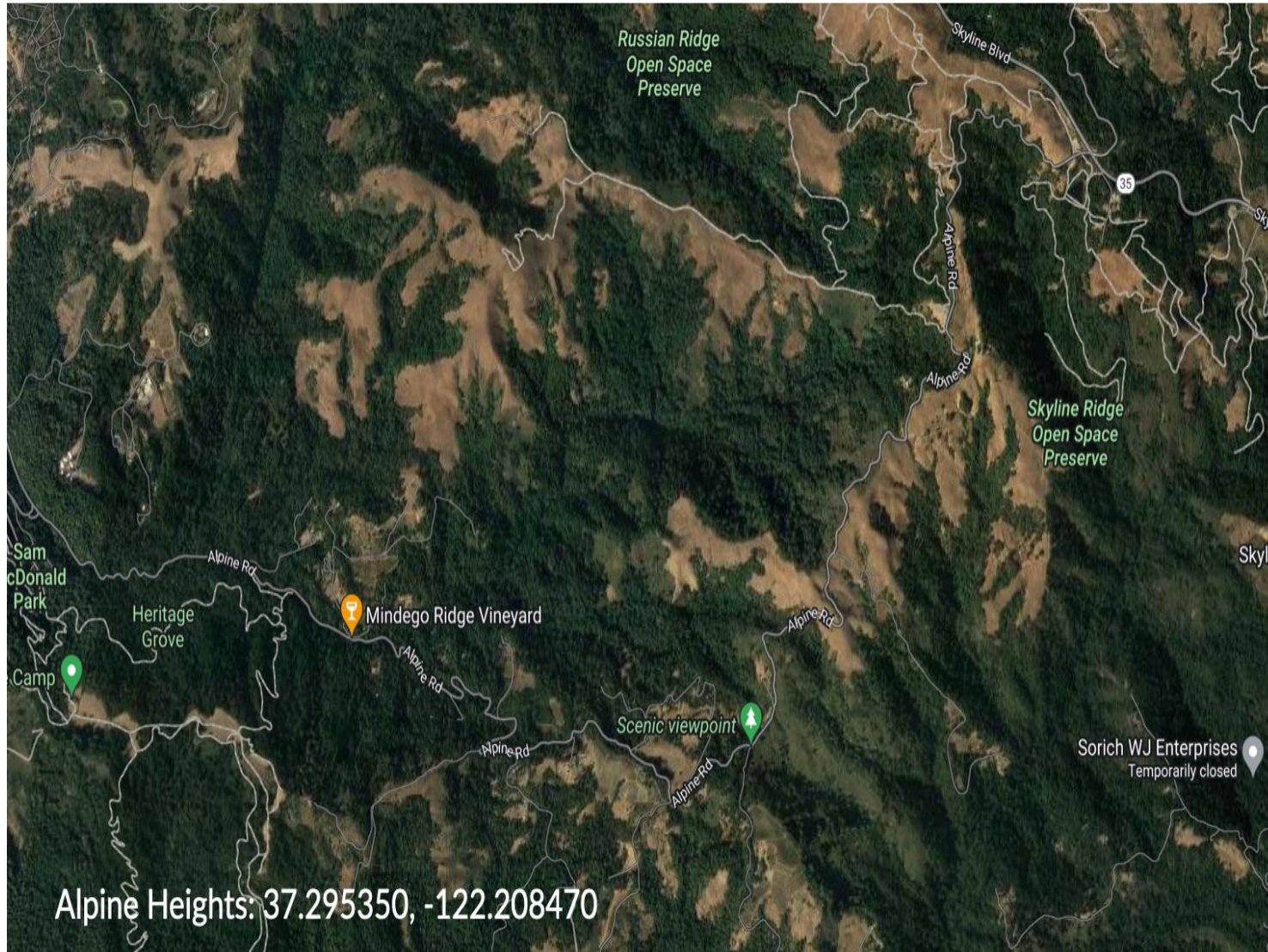
14 C.C.R. § 15302 – Replacement or Reconstruction

14 C.C.R. § 15303 – New Construction or Conversion of Small Structures

14 C.C.R. § 15304 – Minor Alterations to Land

**UPDATE
COMING SOON**

Sample of CEQA Photo that can be attached



Sample CEQA Questionnaire w/ Answer

Assumptions used regarding which type of CEQA review is anticipated and any citations to CEQA sections and exemptions as appropriate.

Exemption: Construction including water main, sewage, electrical, gas and other utility extensions of reasonable length to serve such construction. This includes the construction of limited numbers of new small facilities or utility extensions. **14 CCR § 15303.9.**

CEQA UPDATES PER NEW RULE:

California Code, PRC 21080.51. SECTION A (Effective June 2025)

1. Location Criteria:

Constructed along or within **30 feet** of a public road or highway right-of-way.

2. Deployment Method:

Underground - Surface **restored to pre-project condition.**

Aerial - Installed along **existing utility pole right-of-way.**

3. Environmental Safeguards:

Comply with the Measures developed by Public Utilities Commission, Department of Transportation, Local jurisdictions (city/county). Includes construction monitors, protections for **cultural and biological resources.**

4. Legal and Regulatory Compliance:

Comply with all **conditions authorized by law**, imposed by city/county/state/federal.

Application Item 19: Application Checklist

Rosa Sauer, Regulatory Analyst



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Application Item 19

APPLICATION CHECKLIST

[Company/Organization Name]
[Project Name]

To assist the Commission in verifying the completeness of your proposal, mark the box to the left of each item submitted. Please note that this Application Checklist is intended only as an aid for applicants and Staff. The required information for many of these items can be found in the [Decision \(D.\) 22-11-023](#) which outlines the Broadband Infrastructure Grant Program Rules.

Applicant Check-off	CASF Broadband Infrastructure Grant Application Items Checklist	CASF Staff Only
☒	Item 1 - Project Summary Note: Item 1 - Project Summary is the only section that will be released publicly and may duplicate information collected elsewhere. All other items are considered confidential and will not be released publicly.	☐
☒	Basic Project/Applicant Information, including: - Company/Applicant's Name - CPCN/U-Number or WIR or pending CPCN/WIR application number, if applicable - Contact person - Project title - Named Project Location (community/county) - Project Type (Last-mile or hybrid last-mile/middle mile) - Amount of CASF grant funding requested and project cost	☐
☒	Map of the proposed project area, including identification of serviceable locations (points) proposed to be served	☐
☒	The number of serviceable locations in the proposed project area	☐
☒	The maximum upload and download speeds currently offered to serviceable locations in the project area (in mbps)	☐
☒	Median household income of the project area	☐
☒	The number of businesses, anchor institutions and public safety locations in the project area that will receive new or improved service	☐
☒	A description of the major infrastructure to be deployed	☐
☒	Estimated breakdown of aerial and underground installation	☐
☒	Major equipment expenses	☐

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☒	Estimated construction timeline	☐
☒	Description of proposed broadband project plan for which CASF funding is being requested including the type of technology to be provided in the proposed service areas: - Download speed capabilities of proposed facilities - Upload speed capabilities of proposed facilities - Sufficient construction detail to enable a preliminary indication of the need for a California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) review and if proposed project areas contain any environmentally sensitive areas - Identification of the leveraging of existing available facilities - A statement of whether the applicant is disputing the Broadband Map depiction of served status - A statement of whether the applicant is seeking Ministerial Review and, if so, information that the application meets all requirements for Ministerial Review - A description of middle-mile facilities for which funding is requested in the proposed project area and an attestation that applicant will consult with CDT as required by these guidelines - A statement accepting open access requirements for any middle-mile facilities in the proposed project	☐
☐	Item 2 - Applicant Entity Information	☐
☐	Information Sheet (Attachment A of the Program Rules) with a Certificate of Good Standing issued by the Secretary of State	☐
☐	Organizational Chart, Company History, and Statement of Readiness to Build, Manage, and Operate Broadband	☐
☐	Key Contact Information (Name, Title, Address, Email Address, and Phone number)	☐
☐	Key Company Officers	☐
☐	Item 3 - Description of the Applicant's Current Broadband Infrastructure and Existing Infrastructure in the Area	☐
☐	Description of the provider's current broadband infrastructure and service within five miles of the proposed project	☐
☐	Description of other providers' infrastructure within the project area which can be leased, purchased or accessed via interconnection including to the statewide Middle Mile network.	☐
☐	Item 4 - Project Location Data	☐
☐	Geographic location of all eligible and priority eligible locations. This information will be provided in a plain-text, comma-separated values (CSV format) file, or .kmz/.kml	☐

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Contact Information

- Application Questions: Contact Your Regional Consortia FIRST: [Consortia Contact Information](#)
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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)**

