Fostering Digital Inclusion

CPUC Broadband Adoption Grant Account

What Is the Broadband Adoption Grant Account?

The California Public Utilities Commission's (CPUC) Broadband Adoption Grant Account provides $20 million in grants to increase broadband access and digital inclusion. The program prioritizes projects in communities with demonstrated low broadband access. They include low-income communities, senior citizen communities, and communities facing socioeconomic barriers to broadband adoption.

Grants will be awarded to two types of projects:

Digital Literacy Projects

These include digital literacy training programs and public education to communities with limited broadband adoption.

Broadband Access Projects

These include free broadband access in community training rooms or other public spaces. They also include resources for community outreach and call centers to help increase broadband access and adoption.

Who Can Apply?

The following organizations are eligible to apply for grants:

- Local governments
- Senior centers
- Schools
- Public libraries
- Nonprofit organizations
- Community-based organizations

Publicly supported communities who are otherwise eligible to apply for grants from the Broadband Public Housing Account can also apply. As of October 17, 2018, the $5 million dedicated to broadband adoption in the Public Housing Account has been fully allocated.

When Can Eligible Organizations Apply?

Applications may be submitted any time. However, there are two deadlines every year on January 1 and July 1. The CPUC will consider applications submitted on or before each deadline as a batch, until all funds have been awarded.

Where Can I Apply?

To apply or learn more

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