Bridging the Digital Divide

California Advanced Services Fund

What is the California Advanced Services Fund (CASF)?

The California Public Utilities Commission's (CPUC) CASF provides grants to eligible applicants to increase broadband adoption and provide Internet access in underserved areas to bridge the "digital divide." CASF's goal is to provide broadband access to at least 98 percent of Californian households.

How does CASF Work?

CASF is funded by a fee collected by telecommunications companies from consumers. CASF provides grants through five accounts*:

Broadband Infrastructure Grant Account

Provides grants to deploy broadband to unserved households. Only unserved households are eligible for grants; an "unserved household" is one in which no facilities-based broadband provider offers service at speeds of at least 6 megabits (mbps) per second downstream and 1 mbps upstream.

REACH	PROJECTS AUTHORIZED	AUTHORIZED FUNDS	AWARDED FUNDS
50,000 households	**77**	**$570 million**	**$270.70 million**

Public Housing Account

Provides grants dedicated to broadband connectivity and adoption in publicly supported housing communities.

REACH	PROJECTS AUTHORIZED	AUTHORIZED FUNDS	AWARDED FUNDS
21,326 affordable housing units across 31 counties	**323**	**$25 million**	**$14 million**

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Rural and Regional Urban Consortia Grant

Provides grants to regional consortia (typically a group of several contiguous counties) to facilitate the deployment of broadband infrastructure by assisting infrastructure grant applicants in the project development or grant application process.

REACH	GRANTS AUTHORIZED	AUTHORIZED FUNDS	AWARDED FUNDS
34 counties	9	$25 million	$17.3

Broadband Adoption Grant

Provides grants to increase publicly available and/or after-school broadband access and digital inclusion. Grants include digital literacy training programs and public education to communities with limited broadband adoption.

REACH	GRANTS AUTHORIZED	AUTHORIZED FUNDS	AWARDED FUNDS
173,913 people in 30 counties	142	$20 million	$13.6. million

Line Extension Pilot Program

Provides grants to individual households and/or property owners to offset the costs of connecting a household or property to an existing or proposed facility-based broadband provider.

REACH	GRANTS AUTHORIZED	AUTHORIZED FUNDS	AWARDED FUNDS
Any customer in California located in a qualifying area	1	$5 million	$5,200

Where Can I Apply?

To learn more about each program, including eligibility criteria and how to apply:

VISIT www.cpuc.ca.gov/casf

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