October 28, 2020

To: CASF Distribution and Service Lists

Re: Projected Remaining Available Funding from the California Advanced Services Fund (CASF) Broadband Adoption Account

The purpose of this letter is to announce the amount of projected remaining funds available in the CASF Broadband Adoption (Adoption) Account. The Adoption Account, created via Assembly Bill 1665, provides grants to increase publicly available or after-school broadband access and digital inclusion, such as grants for digital literacy training programs and public education to communities with limited broadband adoption. Twenty million dollars is authorized to be available for Adoption Account grants. As of the date of this letter, there is approximately $1,329,545¹ available for grants for the next application cycle on January 1, 2021 (this amount is projected and, hence, is subject to revision). These funds will be awarded for projects that best meet program objectives and applications will be accepted until all funds have been awarded.

As a reminder, Adoption Account projects will be prioritized for funding based on the preference checklist established in Decision (D).19-02-008, Appendix 1, Attachment 1.² Examples of preferences include projects serving low-income-communities, rural communities and projects serving communities with some other demonstrated disadvantage which affects broadband adoption, etc. The COVID-19 public health emergency may require applicants to adjust their project plans based on ways to mitigate public health concerns. If you are submitting an application for Adoption Account funding in the January 1, 2021 cycle, please consider providing documentation on how the COVID-19 public health emergency is creating a demonstratable disadvantage to broadband adoption in your target demographic and how you plan to address this disadvantage, if applicable.

If you have any questions, please contact the Adoption Account staff at CASF_Adoption@cpuc.ca.gov.

Sincerely,

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1 The remaining fund balance is the net amount after deducting prior grant awards of $11,244,726, a distribution of $5,000,000 authorized in Resolution T-17697 to the California Department of Education in response to the COVID-19 emergency, and a multi-year period of state operations expenditures of $2,425,729 from the authorized $20,000,000 funding.

2 https://docs.cpuc.ca.gov/PublishedDocs/Published/G000/M270/K438/270438889.PDF