



# California Advanced Services Fund Infrastructure Account



**CASF Public Workshop**

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# Program Overview

- In 2017, AB 1665 the "Internet for All Now Act" amended the statutes governing the CASF program, Public Utilities Code, § 281 and 914.7.
- The Commission issued D.18-12-018 adopting the programmatic changes to the CASF.
- Appendix 1 of D.18-12-018 set forth the rules, application requirements and guidelines for the CASF Infrastructure Account.
- \$300 Million in funding available.





# Program Goals

- Provide broadband access (at least 6 Mbps download/ 1 Mbps upload) to no less than 98% of households in each consortia region as identified by the commission on or before January 1, 2017.
- Goal Achieved:
  - Bay Area (no consortium: SF, San Mateo, and Santa Clara)
  - East Bay Broadband Consortium
  - Los Angeles County Regional Broadband Consortium
- Highest Levels of Unserved Households:
  - Inyo/Mono Broadband Consortium (17.6%)
  - Upstate California Connect Consortium (14.9%)
  - Eastern Sierra Connect Regional Broadband Consortia (9.1%)
  - Redwood Coast Connect Consortium (8.7%)





## Who May Apply

Entities eligible to apply for a CASF Infrastructure grant:

- Entities with a Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity (CPCN).
- Wireless carriers who are registered with the Commission (i.e. hold a Wireless Identification Registration).
- Non-telephone corporations that are facilities-based broadband service providers (using the National Telecommunications and Information Administration's definition of facilities-based broadband service provider).
- A local governmental agency if no other eligible entity applied (including sovereign tribal governmental entities).
- Satellite service providers who are able to meet the minimum performance criteria.





# Project Eligibility

To be eligible, a project must meet the following:

- Area defined as unserved by existing facilities-based broadband provider (Less than 6 Mbps Download / 1 Mbps Upload).
- Connect America Fund Phase II (CAF II) areas are ineligible until July 1, 2020.
- Middle-mile infrastructure must be indispensable to accessing the last-mile infrastructure.
- Capable of offering broadband service at or above 10/1 Mbps, irrespective of technology.
- Previous CASF Areas are eligible for new funding 3 years from the start of broadband service of the first-CASF funded project.





# Funding Criteria

- Public Utilities Code, § 281 (f)(13) allows the Commission to fund all or a portion of a project on a case-by-case basis.
- The funding level considers the following factors:

<b>Maximum Funding Level: 100%</b>
Baseline for Eligible Project (60%)
Service Level Preference: Only Dial-up or No Internet Connectivity (40%)—no fixed or mobile broadband
Low Income - up to 40% <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Median Household Income for community is less than CARE standard for family of 4, which is currently \$52,400 (30%)</li> <li>• Applicant serves low-income customers for no more than \$15/month (10%)</li> </ul>
Others: PU Code Sec 281 (f)(13) Criteria - up to 20% <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Inaccessible Location (10%)</li> <li>• Uses Existing Infrastructure (10%)</li> <li>• Makes a Significant Contribution to the Program Goal (10%)</li> </ul>





# Performance Criteria

Commission approved projects must:

- Complete construction within
  - 24 months after authorization to construct (CEQA Approval)
  - 12 months (CEQA Exempted)
- Provide speeds of at least 10 Mbps Download / 1 Mbps Upload
- Latency not to exceed 100 ms
- Data Caps shall provide a minimum of 160 GBs per month
- All projects shall provide an affordable broadband plan for low-income customers
- Pricing commitments for 2 years after project completion







# How to Apply

- Contact and work with your local Consortia.
- Utilize the Interactive Broadband Map.
  - Applications will be evaluated based on information found in the Interactive Broadband map.
  - Application Tool (within Interactive Broadband Map).
- A CASF Infrastructure Grant Application must be submitted by each applicant for any eligible project areas.
  - Non-contiguous project areas may be considered as a single project.







## How to Apply (continued)

- Details regarding the application, required documentation, and submission deadlines can be found on the CASF Infrastructure website:

<https://www.cpuc.ca.gov/General.aspx?id=8246>

- Application deadline for 2020 is:
  - May 4, 2020
- Questions should be directed to your local consortia.
- Contact information for the CASF Infrastructure Team is:

[CASF\\_Application\\_Questions@cpuc.ca.gov](mailto:CASF_Application_Questions@cpuc.ca.gov)





# Potential Rule Changes

Program rule changes are being considered to expand the program eligibility. The CPUC has requested input from interested parties through Commissioner Guzman-Aceves' Ruling of March 26, 2020.

- Comments due April 15, 2020
- Reply Comments due April 27, 2020





**Thank you!**  
**For Additional Information:**  
[www.cpuc.ca.gov/casf](http://www.cpuc.ca.gov/casf)





# Infrastructure Projects Status

	Approved Projects	Completed	Ongoing	Amount Awarded	Estimated Households
Last-Mile	69	38	31	\$169,606,985	64,240
Middle-Mile	8	6	2	\$101,195,504	256,166
Total	77	40	37	\$270,802,489	320,406

