

Federal Funding Account – Round 2

Application window for six counties

With the goal of funding last mile broadband wireline infrastructure in all 58 counties in the state, the California Public Utilities Commission (CPUC) will open an expedited second Federal Funding Account grant window – Round 2 – limited to the six counties in which no Federal Funding Account grants have been awarded to date.

To learn more about the grants awarded in Round 1 from the Federal Funding Account, visit the program Recommendations and Awards page.

The CPUC will open a limited opportunity to submit last mile Federal Funding Account applications in counties that did not receive awards in Round 1, which closed on February 20, 2025.

Round 2 Eligibility

Applications are limited to these six California counties in which no Federal Funding Account grants have been awarded: **Calaveras, Contra Costa, Inyo, Monterey, Orange, and Trinity**. The CPUC encourages applications from entities that previously applied within these counties as well as first-time applications for the specified counties.

Application Window

Application materials will be available starting late March, and the CPUC will be accepting applications shortly thereafter. A more detailed timeline will be provided on the Federal Funding Account webpage. Plan for a two-week application period followed by a 14-day objection period.

How to Apply

Applications may only be filed electronically through the California Public Utilities Commission's <u>Broadband Grant Portal</u>. Project location and map data may only be submitted through the Portal.

More Information

Program Updates: Last Mile Federal Funding Account

Details: Application Resources and 2025 Data and Public Map

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