

New Broadband for California

Federal Funding Account | Success and Status

Communications Division
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California Public
Utilities Commission

Governor Newsom Signs Historic Broadband Legislation to Help Bridge the Digital Divide

Senate Bill 156



Middle Mile \$3.25 billion

- Open access, state-owned middle mile network

Last Mile nearly \$2 billion

- Broadband that will connect homes and businesses

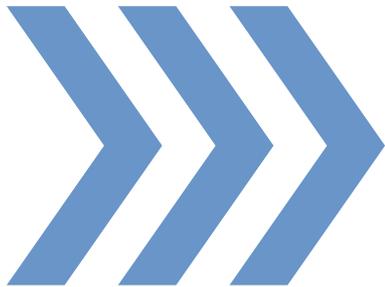
Local Agency Technical Assistance \$50 million

- Local governments to prepare for broadband implementation

Loan Loss Reserve

- Enable local governments and nonprofits to secure financing

Last Mile Federal Funding Account



- 🎯 Legislative Leadership Enacting **Senate Bill 156**
- 🎯 **\$2 Billion Allocated** and \$1.45 Billion Appropriated
- 🎯 Allocations per County for **Rural / Urban Parity**
- 🎯 Early **Technical Assistance** for Broadband Planning
- 🎯 **Caseworker Outreach** to Public and Tribal Entities

Broadband Programs Ecosystem



Federal Funding Account Awards Overview

113 Projects Across California

- **\$1.1 billion** in grants awarded
- **52** counties with awarded grants
- **2 million** Californians benefiting from these investments
- **1,900** Community Anchor Institutions



As of February 20, 2025

Investments Where They are Most Needed

Federal Funding Account Awards Address Affordability

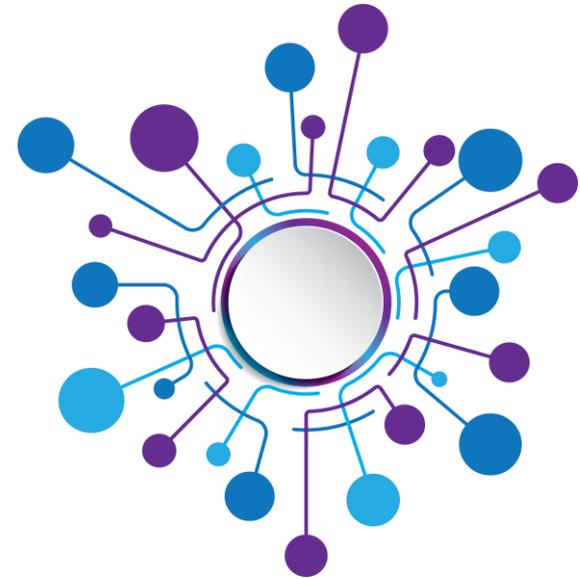


- 73 Projects Serve Primarily **Disadvantaged Areas**
- 94 Projects Offer an **Affordable Plan** for Low-Income Customers
- 74 Projects Offer a **Low-Cost Plan**

Statewide Middle Mile Network Connections

- **59 Federal Funding Account** grants connecting to statewide Middle-Mile Broadband Network
- **\$732 million** grant amount total connecting
- **1.6 million** Californians benefiting from Federal Funding Account projects connecting to the statewide Middle Mile Broadband Network

Statewide Middle Mile Enables Last Mile Affordability



Public Safety and Broadband

FFA Last Mile Investments Bring Public Safety Benefits

- **7,000** miles of fiber to be deployed
- **69** awarded projects in Tiers 2 and 3 High Fire Threat Districts
- **20** awarded projects are 100 percent underground



Case Studies – Making a Difference



Alpine County
Golden State Connect Authority



**Santa Ynez Band of
Chumash Indians**
Santa Barbara County



**Destination Crenshaw
with City of Los Angeles**
Los Angeles County

"These funds will enable us to provide high-speed internet to residents who have been without this essential service for far too long, which will have a profound and lasting impact on our community's future."

-ALPINE COUNTY SUPERVISOR

Breaking Ground and Building Networks



Nevada County
*Nevada County Fiber
Banner Mountain*



Tulare County
Varcomm Terra Bella



Sacramento County
City of Sacramento Last Mile Connectivity



San Francisco County
*City and County of San Francisco
Fair Shake Internet*



Plumas County
*Plumas-Sierra Telecom
Plumas Pines*

Progress on Investments

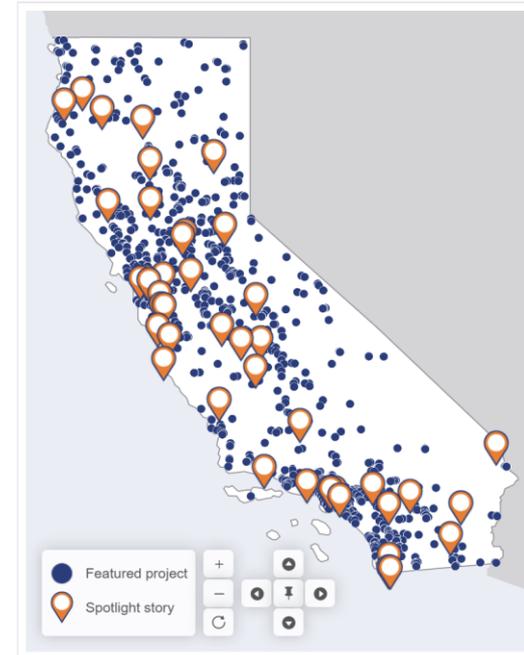
- Statewide infrastructure investment dashboard with broadband investments at build.ca.gov
- Project map, Spotlight Stories, Featured Projects
- Quarterly updates on project status



About Building for All Maps Progress



All Spotlight Stories Featured Projects



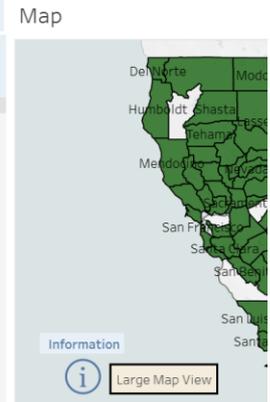
Information on Investments

Awards Map



Awards Dashboard

Federal Funding Account Awards					
County	Amount Awarded (\$)	Status	Grantee	Project Name	Award Document and Date
Alameda	\$7,690,056	Awarded	City of Fremont	City of Fremont Last Mile Broadband Project	T-17829, 2024-07-11
	\$14,026,946	Awarded	The City of Oakland	Oakland Connect - Last Mile Connectivity for Oaklanders	T-17829, 2024-07-11
Alpine	\$6,985,978	Awarded	Golden State Connect Authority	GSCA Alpine County Broadband Network	T-17833, 2024-08-22
Amador	\$57,180,300	Awarded	Golden State Connect Authority	GSCA Amador County Broadband Network	T-17853, 2024-11-07
Butte	\$5,193,657	Awarded	Comcast	Butte Silver Bar	T-17866, 2024-12-19



Visualize, filter and summarize by project, County, and Legislative District. [Federal Funding Account Awards page](#) with visualizations and award documents.

What's Next?

	Broadband Equity Access and Deployment (BEAD)	California Advanced Services Fund (CASF)	Last Mile Federal Funding Account (FFA)
Amount	~\$1.86 billion	\$136 million for 2024-25	~\$2 billion (\$1.45 billion appropriated through Fiscal Year 2024-2025)
Summary	Funds for planning, infrastructure and adoption starting in 2024.	Funds broadband infrastructure and adoption in low-income housing, Tribal communities, and unserved areas.	Funds for last-mile broadband infrastructure projects in every county.
Next	Application and prequalification windows opens March 25, 2025.	Adoption, Public Housing, Line Extension, Infrastructure and Tribal Tech Assistance application cycles in 2025.	Application materials for an expedited, limited second round late March 2025.



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