California Advanced Services Fund



INFRASTRUCTURE "OFFICE HOURS" WEBINAR #2 JULY 10, 2025



INFRASTRUCTURE "OFFICE HOURS" WEBINAR 1

CALIFORNIA Public Utilities Commission Search example: How of	an I reduce my bill? SEARCH	
	an reduce my dan.	ADDITIONAL RESOURCES
Home + Industries and Toolks + Internet and Phone + California Advanced Services Fund (CASF) + CASF Broadband Infrastructur	e Grant Account	ADDITIONAL RESOURCES
CASF Broadband Infrastructure Grant Acco	ount	
		APPLICATION OVERVIEW WEBINAR
Program Overview	CASF BROADBAND INFRASTRUCTURE GRANT ACCOUNT	
Pursuant to <u>Public Utilities Code section 281</u> , moneys in the California Advanced Services Fund (CASF) Broadband Infrastructure Grant Account (Infrastructure Account) are available to the Commission to award grants to subsidize the cost of middle mile and last-mile infrastructure to expand the State's troodband network.	CASF Infrastructure Approved Projects	July 10, 2025 Webinar
	RELATED TOPICS Broadband and Telecommunications	• <u>Flyer</u>
Program Updates	Broadband and Telecommunications	
On November 18, 2022, the CPUC issued <u>Decision (D.) 22-11-023</u> modifying CASF requirements and guidelines for the Broadband Infrastructure Grant Account.	RELATED PROGRAMS	
orouousana minastructure of ann Account. On July 20, 2021, Governor Newsson signed <u>Senate Bill (SB) 156</u> . These changes became effective on July 20, 2021. The relevant changes to the Broadband infrastructure Grant Account are as follows:	Broadband and Telecommunications	May 28, 2025 Webinar
 "Unserved area" changed to an area where no facility-based broadband provider serves households (or areas) at a minimum speed of at least 25 mbps downstream and 3 mpbs upstream. See <u>Public Utilities Code Section 281(b)(1)(B)(ii)</u> 	RELATED DIVISIONS	• <u>Flyer</u>
 g), Projects funded by the CASF program must deploy infrastructure capable of providing broadband access at speeds of a minimum of 100 mbps downstream and 20 mbps upstream. See <u>Public Utilities Code Section 281(1)(5)</u>. 	Communications	• <u>Video</u>
All grantees must report licensed contractor or subcontractor expenditures in excess of \$25,000 for work funded by CASF. See <u>Public Utilities Code Section 281/(1/1-2)</u> .		• <u>Slides</u>
Project Proposals and Funded Projects		
Project Summaries		March 22, 2023 Webinar
Approved Projects		• <u>Flyer</u>
Application Resources		
		• <u>Agenda</u>
PROGRAM RULES AND GUIDELINES Decision (D.) 22-11-023:		Video
Attachment 1 - Revised CASF Program Guidelines for the Broadband Infrastructure Grant Account		
PROJECT DEVELOPMENT RESOURCES		• <u>Slides</u>
Project Development Resources - Data & Maps - Geographic and data resources for project planning and submission of infrastructure grant applications		
APPLVING FOR FUNDS		
Prospective applicants and stakeholders - please consult your local <u>Broadband Consortium</u> first before contacting CASF Infrastructure Staff for information.		FORMS AND TEMPLATES
To prepare an application for funding, follow instructions included in <u>Attachment 1 - Revised CASF Program Guidelines</u>		

^

Agenda

10:30-	Introduction
10:35	Heyward Daluz, Regulatory Analyst
10:35-	California Interactive Broadband Map Updates
10:50	Zhuoying Liu, Research Data Analyst
10:50-	Project Location Data and Submission Requirements
11:05	Benjamin Swearingen, Regulatory Analyst
11:05- 11:30	Q&A Rosa Sauer, Regulatory Analyst Jayson Santos, Senior Telecommunications Engineer

Submit questions to casf_workshop@cpuc.ca.gov

CASF Broadband Infrastructure Grant Account

Planning for 2025 and Beyond

Current Timelines

Event	Date
Broadband Availability Map Published	July 2025
CASF Infrastructure Account Application Deadline	October 31, 2025
Deadline for Staff to post Application Summaries and Maps to CPUC website and notify CASF Distribution List	November 14, 2025
Deadline for Challenge Submissions	December 5, 2025
Deadline for Application Approvals Under Ministerial Review	March 31, 2026
Deadline for Publishing Draft Resolutions Recommending Project Approval	May 15, 2026

Broadband Map Updates

Zhuoying Liu, Research Data Analyst



California Interactive Broadband Map Fixed Consumer Served Status





California Interactive Broadband Map -CASF Grant Layers

Legend CASF Approved Last-Mile Projects CASF Approved Hybrid Projects CASF Approved Middle-Mile Projects Counties

CASF Approved Last-Mile Projects
 CASF Approved Hybrid Projects
 CASF Approved Middle-Mile Projects



Examples: Project properties

CASF Approved Hybrid Projects

Provider Name:	LCB Communications, LLC
Doing Business As Name:	LCB Communications
FCC Registration Number:	23325780
Project Name:	Aromas San Juan Project
Project Type:	Hybrid
Technology of Transmission:	Optical Carrier/Fiber to the end user/Terrestrial Fixed Wireless
Downstream Speed (Mbps):	5000
Upstream Speed (Mbps):	5000
Households:	1101
Application Date:	6/1/2023
Application Type:	CPCN
Requested Amount:	\$29,482,766.00
Approval Status:	Approved
Approval Date:	6/20/2024
Grant Amount:	\$29,482,766.00
Funding Level:	100%
Resolution:	T-17817

CASF Approved Middle-Mile	`	
Provider Name:	Sunesys	
Doing Business As Name:	Sunesys	
FCC Registration Number:	11588746	
Project Name:	Connected Central C	Coast
Project Type:	Middle Mile	
Technology of Transmission:	Optical Carrier/Fiber User	to the End
Downstream Speed (Mbps):	100	
Upstream Speed (Mbps):	100	
Households:	11124	
Application Date:	2/1/2013	
Application Type:	CPCN	
Requested Amount:	\$10,640,000.00	
Approval Status:	Approved	
Approval Date:	4/10/2014	CASF A
Grant Amount:	\$5,596,943.00	Provider
Funding Level:	80%	
Resolution:	T-17429	Doing Bu
CASF_OID:	66	FCC Regi
		Project N

CASF Approved Last-Mile Projects

Provider Name:	Pinnacles Telephone Company
Doing Business As Name:	Pinnacles
FCC Registration Number:	1537133
Project Name:	Pinnacles Monument
Project Type:	Last Mile
Technology of Transmission:	Optical carrier/Asymmetric xDSL
Downstream Speed (Mbps):	6
Upstream Speed (Mbps):	1
Households:	47
Application Date:	2/1/2013
Application Type:	CPCN
Requested Amount:	\$195,299.00
Approval Status:	Approved
Approval Date:	10/31/2013
Grant Amount:	\$195,299.00
Funding Level:	60%
Resolution:	T-17420
5	

California Interactive Broadband Map -Eligibility layer







California Interactive Broadband Map - FCC data layer

() () () ()

 Broadband Availability 		
Fixed Broadband Availability - FCC Data	(70%)	9
Fixed Consumer Served Status	(50%)	9
Wireline Consumer Served Status - No Legacy Tech	(50%)	9
Consumer Fixed Downstream Availability	(50%)	9







California Interactive Broadband Map – CA Statewide Middle Mile Layer





CASF Funding - Serviceable Locations



- Priority Eligible : Download speeds less than 10 Mbps and upload speeds less than 1 Mbps.
- Eligible Unserved :Download speeds between 10 and 25 Mbps, and upload speeds between 1 and 3 Mbps.
- Served not eligible for funding : Meet or exceed the federal benchmark of 25 Mbps download and 3 Mbps upload speeds.

Broadband Serviceable Location Fabric

- ➤ A dataset created by CostQuest Associates
- > Broadband Serviceable Locations across the United States
- > Specific locations where broadband internet access can be delivered
- Includes a unique identifier for each broadband serviceable location(location_id)

location_id	latitude	longitude	bsl_flag
1322167721	37.789247	-122.180307	True
1322196705	37.794602	-122.25634	True
1322196706	37.519448	-122.038491	True
1322196707	37.532163	-122.071552	True
1322196709	37.614927	-121.850068	True
1322196710	37.54728	-121.984906	True
1322196712	37.853352	-122.253651	True
1322196713	37.588797	-121.869707	True
1322196715	37.612749	-122.067673	True
1322196717	37.860023	-122.253162	True
1322196718	37.823061	-122.207234	True







Location ID is one of the most important fields in the dataset and acts as a primary key for joining, tracking, and validating broadband availability at specific addresses. Use the CQ fabric to obtain Location ID and associated information.

Project Location Data Submission Requirements

Ben Swearingen, Regulatory Analyst



Project Development Resources – Data & Maps

Project Location Data Formats and Templates

Website updates coming soon!

analysis:



Project Development Resources - Data & Maps

Data Dictionary



Geographic Location of all Households and Housing Units

Please submit your data using the corresponding 'Geographic Location of all Households and Housing Units in the Proposed Project Area' spreadsheet.

DATA FIELDS:

Field	Description	Туре	Example
DBA _Name	Doing Business As (DBA) Name of company, i.e, the name of the entity customers could contact to purchase service.	Text	ABC Company
FRN	Provider FCC Registration Number. See more <u>here</u> . (ONLY numbers, include leading zeros, no other characters)	Text	0008402202
Location Data			
Location ID	Location ID: Unique identification number for each FCC Broadband Serviceable Location Fabric location. See more <u>here</u> .	Integer	1322254063
Address	Street Address including House Number, Prefix, Street Name, Street Type and Suffix. <u>No P.O.</u> <u>Boxes!</u>	Text	123 N Main St
Unit	Unit Number or Letter if applicable. (Optional)	Text	Apt. 1
City	City Name	Text	San Francisco
State	Abbreviated US State Name	Text	CA

Geodata Spreadsheet



Geographic Data Format for Project Serviceable Locations (All fields are required unless otherwise stated)

D	BA_Name	FRN	LocationID	Address	Unit	City	State	Zip5	Zip4	Latitude	Longitude	BlockCode	TechCode	DownSpeed	UpSpeed	DeployDate	TotConnect	ResConnect

Project Development Resources – Data & Maps

- GIS Data Format:
 - Tabular: Excel (provided template preferred), CSV, File Geodatabase(.gdb),
 - Geospatial:
 - Shapefile (.shp, .shx, .dbf, etc.)
 - KML/KMZ (.kml, .kmz)
 - GPKG (GeoPackage)...
- Must have an assigned projection: WGS-84
- All project area polygons must be closed, non-overlapping polygons with a single, unique identifier.
- Each polygon must have a single value for each of the following fields: **technology**, **downstream bandwidth**, and **upstream bandwidth**.
- List each location capable of providing minimum speed of 100 Mbps download and 20 Mbps upload with the following:
 - Street Address
 - Latitude and Longitude coordinates
 - Location ID A unique 10-digit identifier assigned to each broadband serviceable location (see <u>CostQuest Licensing</u> <u>BroadbandUSA</u> for information on how to obtain Location ID)

Project Development Resources – Project Area Map

Instructions



- Add your DBA name to the beginning of the file name, followed by an underscore "_". EXAMPLE: Item 4_ABC_Project_Name_<year>).
- 3. Submit to CASF Application Questions@cpuc.ca.gov by the deadline.

WHAT THE MAP SHOULD SHOW:

Applicants should submit polygons in a KMZ or Shapefile format representing the proposed project area containing CASF Eligible Serviceable Locations and maximum advertised speeds per technology.

The data associated with each polygon should indicate the proposed maximum advertised downstream and upstream data speeds associated with that network technology, and the coverage area polygon should depict the boundaries where proposed users should expect to receive those advertised speeds.

STANDARDS:

- 1. All map areas must be closed, non-overlapping polygons with a single, unique identifier.
- Any variation in any of the required fields necessitates the creation of a separate polygon showing the relevant coverage. In other words, each polygon must have a single value for each of the following fields: technology, downstream bandwidth, and upstream bandwidth.
- 3. The KMZ or Shapefile must have an assigned projection with an accompanying .prj file.
- 4. The KMZ or Shapefile must use unprojected (geographic) WGS84 geographic coordinate system.
- 5. The shapefile must be submitted as a *.zip file. This can be done with a program like WinZip or, in Windows by selecting the files associated with a shapefile, right-clicking the files, then clicking 'Send to' then 'Compressed (zipped) folder'.
- 6. In addition to the shapefile, each submitted *.zip file must include metadata or a plain text "readme" file that contains a comprehensive explanation of the methodology employed to generate the map layer including any necessary assumptions and an assessment of the accuracy of the finished product.

Geodata Spreadsheet



Company Information Equipment Geocoded Location					Address information					
DBA_Name	FRN	Network Equipment (item description)	Latitude	Longitude	Address (if available)	City	State	Zip5	Zip4	
		1.1					[

Contact Information

- Application Questions: Contact Your Regional Consortia FIRST: <u>Consortia</u>
 <u>Information</u>
- CASF Application Questions: <u>CASF_Application_Questions@cpuc.ca.gov</u>
- Correspondence/Questions regarding approved projects: <u>CASF_Infrastructure_Grant_Administrator@cpuc.ca.gov</u>
- Energy Division-CEQA-Correspondence/Questions regarding (California Environmental Quality Act) <u>CASF_CEQA@cpuc.ca.gov</u>
- Line Extension inquiries: <u>CASFLineExtensionProgram@cpuc.ca.gov</u>
- CASF Webinar inquiries: <u>CASF_Workshop@cpuc.ca.gov</u>
- Broadband Mapping inquiries: <u>Broadbandmapping@cpuc.ca.gov</u>
 California Public Utilities Commission



Rosa Sauer, Regulatory Analyst Jayson Santos, Senior Telecommunications Engineer



Send in your questions!

Email to casf_workshop@cpuc.ca.gov



Thank You! (if we didn't respond to your question, we will respond through email)

