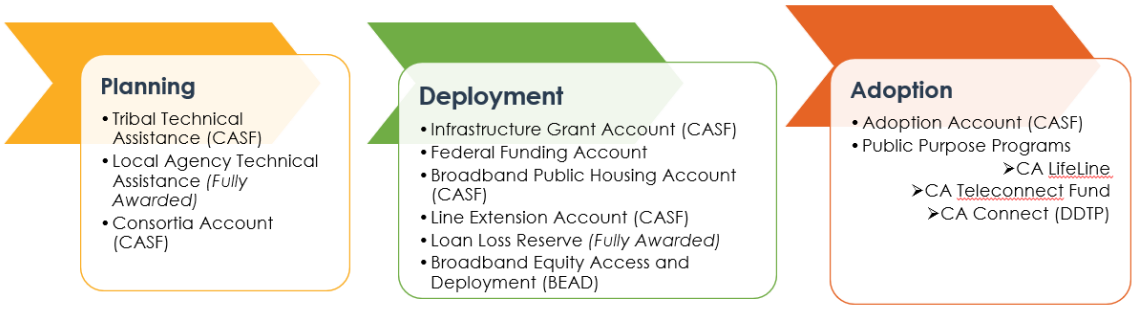
CPUC Leadership in Broadband Deployment

California has been a leader in advancing significant investment in infrastructure to bring broadband service to homes and businesses. The California Public Utilities Commission (CPUC) manages a suite of programs from the planning to the adoption phase to ensure Californians have access to reliable and affordable broadband service.

CPUC Broadband Program Continuum



Key Accomplishments

Federal Funding Account

Governor Newsom signed Senate Bill 156 in 2021, paving the way for significant investment in California infrastructure to bring internet to homes and businesses. Together, these major programs support open access middle mile and last mile projects and expand affordable internet service, demonstrating the state's commitment to equitable access to the services Californians need to succeed.

To date, the CPUC last mile Federal Funding Account has benefited California in many ways, including:

- $1.23 billion in grants have been approved
- 122 broadband projects have been approved
- 120 of 122 projects include an affordable broadband plan
- 58 counties have awards with broadband projects
- 2 million Californians will benefit from these broadband projects
- 7,500 miles of total fiber-optic cable lines are proposed for construction as a result of the 122 broadband grants awarded
- 47 entities received broadband project grants
    - 9 Tribes/Tribal Entities
    - 10 New Entrant Internet Service Providers
    - 21 Public Entities (including Council of Governments and Joint Powers Authority)
    - 7 Incumbent Telecommunications Companies

Local Agency Technical Assistance (LATA) awarded 106 grants for $50 million which provided the necessary funds to support planning and technical assistance for 97 local agencies and 9 Tribes. This groundbreaking support for broadband planning allowed 106 public entities to determine the specific connectivity need of their unique communities.

California Advanced Services Fund (CASF)

Broadband Adoption Account

$98.3 MILLION AWARDED

Awarded 881 digital inclusion and broadband access projects serving 588,620 participants in all counties of California.



EveryoneON East Bay Digital Literacy Project, which provided training to 150 individuals.

Public Housing Account

$22.9 MILLION AWARDED FOR INFRASTRUCTURE AND ADOPTION PROJECTS

Awarded 577 projects, connecting 28,997 low income households across 36 counties.



East Garrison Apartments Project in Monterey County, which provided free broadband services to 66 households.

CASF website:

https://www.cpuc.ca.gov/casf

Infrastructure, Loan, and Line-Extension Account

$516.9 MILLION AWARDED

warded 120 projects (4 Line Extension Program & 1 Infrastructure Loan) of which 109 last-mile/hybrid projects provide broadband access to 64,864 estimated potential households. The overall total number of potential households served when including middle-mile projects is 321,018.



Hunter's Hoopa Valley Broadband Initiative to serve 1,198 households of the Hoopa Tribe in Humboldt County.

Rural and Regional Urban Consortia Account

$32.5 MILLION AWARDED

Awarded 68 projects to support regional broadband consortia that help facilitate CASF infrastructure applications and broadband deployment projects under state and federal programs, including programs created by SB 156 and AB 164 and the federal Broadband Equity, Access, and Deployment (BEAD) program. On June 11, 2026, the Commission adopted Resolution T-17919, awarding $3.4 million for six Regional Broadband Consortia projects.

Tribal Technical Assistance

$10.5 MILLION AWARDED

Awarded 87 projects for 47 Tribes to provide technical assistance in developing studies, plans, grant writing, funding consultant services, and Tribal staff hours, to support Tribes in their pursuit of improved voice and broadband communications.

CASF Account	January-June 30, 2026		Since 2008	
	Total Projects	Total Awarded	Total Projects	Total Awarded
Infrastructure	17	$165,777,724	115	$514,839,028
Infrastructure Loan	0	$0	1	$40,997
Infrastructure Line Extension Program	0	$0	4	$2,071,101
Tribal Tech. Assistance	4	$1,000,000	87	$10,519,210
Consortia	6	$3,400,000	68	$32,463,200
Adoption	124	$19,362,215	881	$98,397,577
Pub. Housing	11	$627,274.13	577	$22,925,894.52
Total	162	$190,167,213.13	1,733	$681,257,007.52

Broadband Equity, Access, and Deployment (BEAD)

The BEAD Program, established by the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act (IIJA) and administered by the National Telecommunications and Information Administration (NTIA), provides $42.45 billion to expand access to reliable, affordable, and scalable high-speed internet across all 50 states and territories. California has been allocated approximately $1.86 billion, based on its share of unserved broadband locations nationwide. Governor Newsom designated the CPUC as the state entity responsible for

administering BEAD funds.

On July 17, 2026, the NTIA approved California's BEAD Final Proposal, marking the culmination of extensive coordination among NTIA, the CPUC, broadband providers, and stakeholders, following the submission of the Final Proposal in December 2025.

Through a competitive, technology-neutral subgrantee selection process, California successfully achieved the federal Benefit of the Bargain objectives by maximizing the value of its broadband investment while prioritizing reliable, affordable broadband service for all eligible unserved and underserved locations across the state. Key accomplishments include:

- Achieved 100% coverage of BEAD-eligible locations in California through a combination of broadband technology solutions
- Achieved a lower average cost per location than most Western states and the national average
- Prioritized fiber deployment, which accounts for the majority of locations served and BEAD funding awarded
- Awarded 83 projects to serve 269,322 locations, supported by $1.415 billion in BEAD funding

Summary of California's Final Proposal Outcomes as Approved by NTIA in July 2026

Technology Type	Number of Projects	Total Locations	Percent of Total Locations	Total Funding	Percent of Total Funding
Fiber	65	141,753	52.6%	$1,274,070,556	90.0%
Hybrid	2	3,266	1.2%	$2,873,309	0.2%
Licensed Fixed Wireless	11	48,204	17.9%	$44,887,759	3.2%
Satellite	2	72,937	27.1%	$76,560,541	5.4%
Unlicensed Fixed Wireless	3	3,162	1.2%	$16,655,420	1.2%
Totals	**83**	**269,322**	**100%**	**$1,415,047,585**	**100%**