

Capital Region Coalition for Digital Inclusion

Quarterly Meeting

June 24, 2022

11 AM - 12:30 AM



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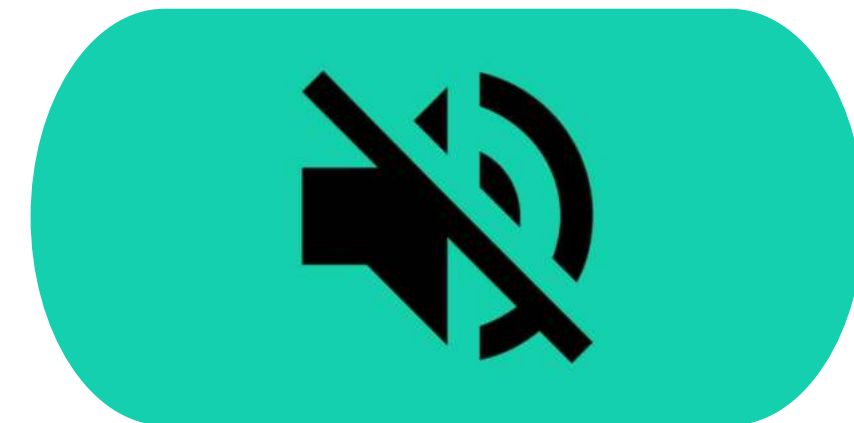


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COLLEGE DISTRICT

Housekeeping

- Please mute your microphones
- Place any direct questions in the chat or raise your virtual hand, and you will be called on
- This meeting will allow time for Q & A
- This meeting will be recorded and post-meeting materials will be shared



Welcome!

Caitlin Blockus
Project Manager
Valley Vision



Agenda

11:00 AM - Introductions & Ice Breaker

11:30 AM - Funding Opportunities + The Affordable Connectivity Plan

11:45 PM - Understanding Your Broadband - Tool

12:00 PM - Capital Region Digital Inclusion Portal Updates

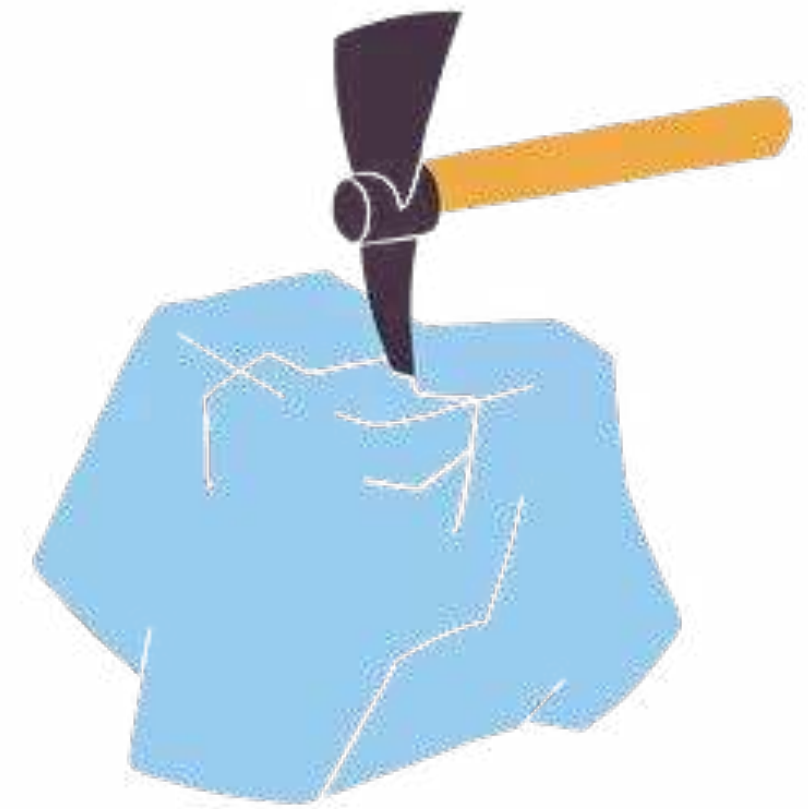
- Portal Usage Review
- Claiming Your Organization's Listing

12:20 PM - Next Quarter's Coalition Meeting Topic

12:30 PM - Adjourn

Ice Breaker!

Please introduce yourself, your organization,
and share what you're doing in the digital
inclusion space!



Upcoming Funding Opportunities



Funding Opportunities



California Broadband for All – Funding Opportunities:

<https://broadbandforall.cdt.ca.gov/funding/>

National Telecommunications and Information Administration:

<https://www.ntia.doc.gov/category/grants>

U.S. Economic Development Administration: <https://eda.gov/funding-opportunities/>

USDA Rural Development: <https://www.rd.usda.gov/programs-services/all-programs>



Funding Program	Enabling Middle Mile Broadband Infrastructure Program
Agency	National Telecommunications and Information Administration (NTIA) (Department of Commerce)
Amount	\$1 billion. (Awards in amounts ranging from \$5M to \$100M)
Purpose	For the construction, improvement or acquisition of middle mile infrastructure to reduce the cost of connecting unserved and underserved areas to the internet backbone
Eligibility	States; political subdivisions of a State; tribal governments; technology companies; electric utilities, utility cooperatives, public utility districts; telecommunications companies and cooperatives; nonprofit foundations, corporations, institutions, and associations; regional planning councils; Native entities; economic development authorities
Application due	September 30, 2022
What can local agencies do now?	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Identify where middle mile infrastructure is needed to foster access for unserved communities• Identify opportunities for joint infrastructure opportunities• Explore and establish collaborative partnerships for proposal submittal



Funding Program	Tribal Broadband Connectivity Program
Agency	National Telecommunications and Information Administration (NTIA) (Department of Commerce)
Amount	\$2 billion
Purpose	Directs funding to tribal governments to be used for broadband deployment on tribal lands, as well as for telehealth, distance learning, broadband affordability, and digital inclusion.
Eligibility	Tribal governments
Application due	TBD
What can local agencies do now?	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Alert eligible entities to the funding opportunity• Identify unserved tribal lands• Identify needs for telehealth, distance learning, and other digital inclusion needs in tribal communities

NTIA Digital Equity Act Programs:



Funding Program	State Digital Equity Planning Grant Program	State Digital Equity Capacity Grant Program	Digital Equity Competitive Grant Program
Agency	NTIA (Department of Commerce)	NTIA (Department of Commerce)	NTIA (Department of Commerce)
Amount	\$60 million	\$1.44 billion	\$1.25 billion over 5 years
Purpose	Grants will be used by States, the District of Columbia, and Puerto Rico to develop a State Digital Equity Plan.	Grants will be used to implement State Digital Equity Plans, including pursuing digital inclusion activities, facilitating adoption of high speed internet, implementing training and workforce development, making equipment available, constructing or upgrading public access computer centers.	Grants will be used to implement State Digital Equity Plans, including pursuing digital inclusion activities, facilitating adoption of high speed internet, implementing training and workforce development, making equipment available, constructing or upgrading public access computer centers.
Eligibility	States, District of Columbia, Puerto Rico. Can subgrant to other entities that help develop the plan.	States, District of Columbia, Puerto Rico that complete the State Planning Grant Program. Can subcontract to other entities involved in implementation of the State Digital Equity Plan	Political subdivision, agencies of the state, Tribal governments, nonprofits (other than schools), community anchor institutions, local educational agencies with workforce development programs, and partnerships.
Application due	July 12, 2022	TBD (~2024)	TBD (~2024)
What can local agencies do now?	Monitor the California Broadband Council for opportunities to participate in State Digital Equity Planning	Monitor the California Broadband Council for opportunities to participate in State Digital Equity Planning	Monitor the California Broadband Council for opportunities to participate in State Digital Equity Planning



Funding Program	California Public Utilities Commission (CPUC) Last Mile Federal Funding Account
Agency	California Public Utilities Commission
Amount	\$2 billion
Purpose	Funds last-mile broadband infrastructure projects to connect unserved and underserved Californians with high-speed broadband service.
Eligibility	Entities with a Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity that qualify as a “telephone corporation”; non-telephone corporations that are facilities-based broadband service providers; local government agencies; electric utilities; tribes; non-profits; cooperatives.
Application due	TBD. Applications likely to open in July 2022.
What can local agencies do now?	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Review the <u>Broadband Factors for Last-Mile Connectivity report</u>• Identify priority communities.• Explore and establish collaborative partnerships for proposal submittal• Monitor the California Broadband Council for updates



Funding Program	California Advanced Services Fund (CASF) Adoption Account
Agency	California Public Utilities Commission – California Advanced Services Fund
Amount	\$20.024 million
Purpose	Funds Digital Literacy Projects , including training programs and public education to communities with limited broadband adoption. Funds Broadband Access Projects , including free broadband access in community or public spaces; may also include community outreach that will increase broadband access and adoption
Eligibility	Local governments, senior centers, schools, public libraries, nonprofit organizations, and community-based organizations
Application due	July 1, 2022; January 1, 2023 (and every January 1 and July 1 thereafter until funds are exhausted)
What can local agencies do now?	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Alert eligible entities to the funding opportunity• Identify priority geographies and communities



Funding Program	California Advanced Services Fund (CASF) Broadband Infrastructure Grant Account
Agency	California Public Utilities Commission – California Advanced Services Fund
Amount	TBD
Purpose	<i>Subject to final rulemaking by CPUC.</i> Extend broadband infrastructure into communities that are currently un- or underserved.
Eligibility	<i>Subject to final rulemaking by CPUC.</i>
Application due	TBD
What can local agencies do now?	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Identify areas that are unserved at 25mbps (down)/3mbps (up) & at 100mbps (down)/20mbps (up)• Identify existing broadband infrastructure to build from• Coordinate with service providers• Streamline permitting processes



Funding Program	California Advanced Services Fund (CASF) Public Housing Account
Agency	California Public Utilities Commission – California Advanced Services Fund
Amount	\$15 million
Purpose	Provides grants and loans to build broadband networks offering <i>free</i> broadband service for residents of low-income communities including but not limited to, publicly supported housing developments, farmworker housing, and other housing developments or mobile home parks with low-income residents.
Eligibility	Public housing agencies; publicly supported housing developments; nonprofit housing providers <i>Additional eligibility rules are being developed by the CPUC.</i>
Application due	July 1, 2022; January 1, 2023 (and every January 1 and July 1 thereafter until funds are exhausted)
What can local agencies do now?	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Assess broadband availability and access in public housing developments.• Partner with public housing units to explore opportunities

USDA Rural Development



Funding Program	Telecommunications Infrastructure Loans and Loan Guarantees	Community Facilities Direct Loan & Grant Program
Agency	USDA Rural Development	USDA Rural Development
Amount		
Purpose	Provides financing for the construction, maintenance, improvement and expansion of telephone service and broadband in rural areas of less than 5,000 residents	Funds can be used to purchase, construct, and/or improve essential community facilities for services including utility services, such as telemedicine or distance learning in rural areas of less than 20,000 residents
Eligibility	State and local governments; Federally recognized Tribes; non-profits and cooperatives; for profit businesses	Public bodies; community based, non-profit corporations; Federally recognized Tribes
Application due date	OPEN	OPEN

Additional Opportunity - Libraries

Funding Program	E-Rate Schools & Libraries USF Program
Agency	Federal Communications Commission (FCC)
Amount	\$4.276 billion
Purpose	Helps schools and libraries to obtain affordable broadband
Eligibility	Eligible schools, school districts and libraries may apply individually or as part of a consortium. Funding may be requested under two categories of service: category 1 services to a school or library, and category 2 services that deliver Internet access within schools and libraries
Letter of Intent due	None
Application due date	OPEN

Q & A

Affordable Connectivity Plan (ACP)

- Federal Communication Commission benefit program that ensures households can afford the broadband needed for work, school, healthcare and more
 - Provides a discount of up to \$30 per month toward internet service for eligible households
 - Discount up to \$75 per month for households on qualifying Tribal lands
- Eligible households can also receive a one-time discount of up to \$100 to purchase a laptop, desktop computer, or tablet from participating providers
- Limited to one monthly service discount and one device discount per household.



Helping Households Connect



ACP Eligibility

- A household is eligible for the Affordable Connectivity Program if the household income is at or below 200% of the Federal Poverty Guidelines, or if a member of the household meets at least one of the criteria below:
 - Current Pell Grant Recipient
 - Participates in the following programs:
 - National School Lunch/National School Breakfast Programs
 - SNAP
 - Medicaid
 - Federal Public Housing Assistance
 - WIC
 - Veterans Pension or Survivor Benefits
 - FCC Lifeline
 - Participates in the following programs & lives on Qualifying Tribal Lands
 - Bureau of Indian Affairs General Assistance
 - Tribal TANF
 - Food Distribution Program on Indian Reservations
 - Tribal Head Start

Understanding Your Broadband

- A simple, easy to understand guide covering:
- The basics of broadband
- The minimum speeds individuals need
- QR Codes/Links to the CalSpeed Internet Speed Test
- Information on the ACP & QR Codes/Links to determine eligibility and sign up

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Learn about broadband to understand the quality speeds you need to effectively access the internet.

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WHAT IS BROADBAND?
Broadband is the transfer of wide bandwidth data over a high speed internet connection. Broadband gives us access to the things we need most - education, quality jobs, healthcare, and our community.

WHAT SPEED DO I NEED?
The Federal Communication Commission's standard speed is 25/3 Mbps, which is the minimum speed recommended for most households. In order to effectively access the internet, individuals need broadband speeds of at least 25/3 Mbps.

Scan or click this QR code to test your internet speed! →

AFFORDABLE CONNECTIVITY PROGRAM
The Affordable Connectivity Program is an Federal Communications Commission benefit program that ensures that people can afford the broadband they need.

- The program provides a discount of up to \$30 per month towards internet service based on household eligibility, and a discount of up to \$75 per month for households on qualifying Tribal land.
- Eligible households can also receive a discount of up to \$100 to purchase a computing device from participating providers.

Learn more about this program and find out if you are eligible by scanning or clicking the QR code below! →

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Q & A

What other tools would be useful?

Capital Region Digital Inclusion Portal Tour

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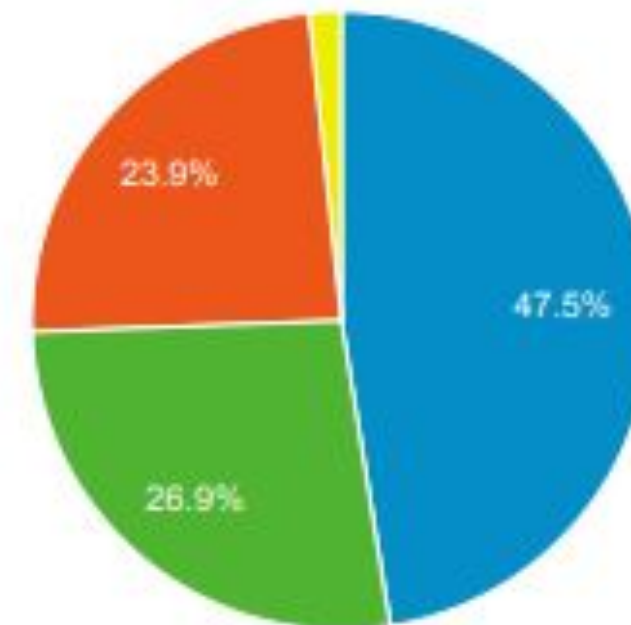
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From **March** to **May**, the Capital Region Digital Inclusion Portal was visited by:
176 Unique Users

Top Cities	
City	
Sacramento	
Roseville	
Carmichael	
Elk Grove	
Modesto	
Placerville	
Rancho Cordova	
Rocklin	
Stockton	
Florin	

From **March** to **May**, the average session time was:
3 minutes 18 seconds

Top Channels



- Direct
- Referral
- Organic Search
- Social

- **Direct**
- **Referral**
 - mohuman, Los Rios CCD
- **Organic Search**
 - Google, Bing, DuckDuckGo
- **Social Media**

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- English
- Pashto
- Spanish

Sign In

Log In Register

Username/Email

Password

Lost Your Password?

Login

Remember Me

The Capital Region

Find the right digital services, tools, and support for you

I am looking for ▾

Tell us more ▾

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Search

What are the benefits to claiming a listing?

- **Verify your organization's services**
- **Edit & update the listing to your liking**
- **Proof of digital inclusion/broadband access aid for funding opportunities**

Members

- Can submit resources
- Can bookmark & review resources
- Listings must be verified before they are published

Listing Owners

- Can submit resources
- Can edit & update their listing
- Can utilize listing as a site for their business
- Can verify listings


Sign In





Log In


Register

 Member

 Listing Owner

 Password

 First Name

 Last Name

 Email Address

I agree to the [Privacy Policy](#)


Register



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 Dashboard

 Messages


LISTINGS

 Add Listing

 My Listings 

 Reviews


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 My Profile

 Logout

Add Listing


Home > Dashboard

 Basic Information about Organization, Government Program or Business

Listing Title 

Service Category 

Services Provided

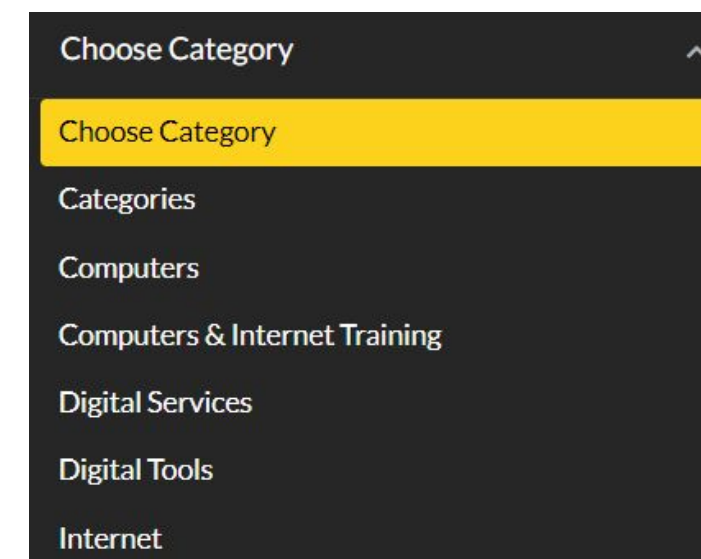
Keywords 

More Filters

Listing Title

What is the preferred name for this listing? (Can just be the organization name)

Service Category



Keywords

What are some "tags" or short important words/phrases that describe this listing?

Filter your results

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Radius search



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- Online
- English
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- Pashto

Any Categories

Please choose category to display filters



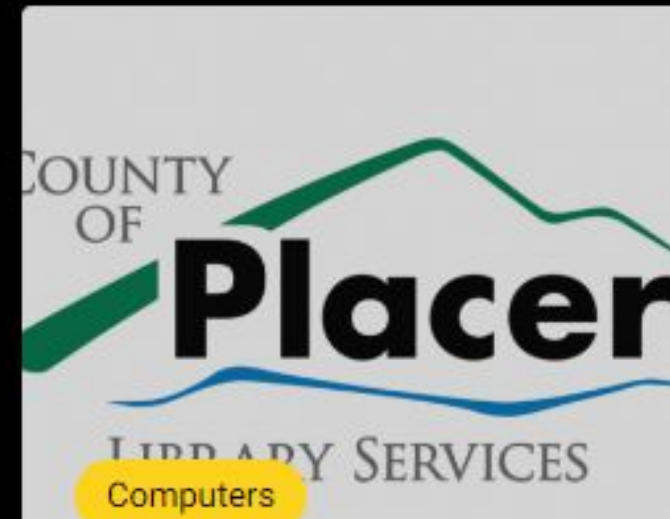
Folsom Public Library

Folsom Public Library, 411 Stafford St, Folsom, California, USA



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2455 W Capitol Ave, West Sacramento, CA 95691, USA



Placer County Library (Rocklin Branch)

Rocklin Public Library, 4890 Granite Drive, Rocklin, CA 95677, USA

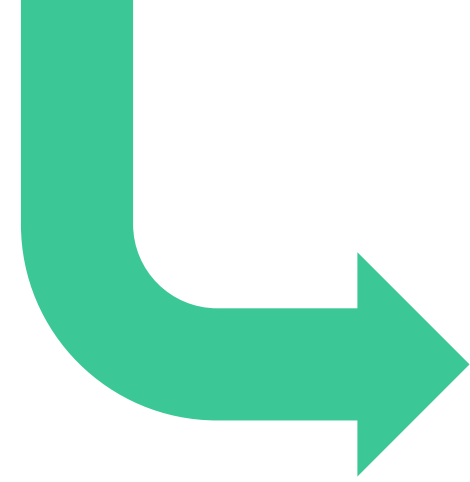


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Claim Listing

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ℹ Fill out this form to claim your business listing.

Your Name


Email Address

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Listing URL

Please provide additional details for your claim here

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Q & A

Next Quarter's Coalition Meeting

- **September 23, 2022 | 11 AM - 12:30 PM**
- **The National Digital Inclusion Alliance defines Digital Navigators as:**
 - “Digital navigators are trusted guides who assist community members in internet adoption and the use of computing devices. Digital navigation services include ongoing assistance with affordable internet access, device acquisition, technical skills, and application support.”
 - Digital Navigator Handbook
- Do you know of any Digital Navigator programs we could investigate or highlight?
- Digital Inclusion Week: October 3-7th
 - [Register as a participating organization with the National Digital Inclusion Alliance](#)





Adjourn