

Broadband

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Infrastructure & Deployment

North Bay North Coast Broadband Consortium (NBNCBC) - California Advanced Service Fund (CASF) Consortia Account Grant

- On October 7, 2024 Sonoma County released a Request for Proposals on behalf of the North Bay North Coast Broadband Consortium (NBNCBC) for a Regional Fixed Wireless Analysis. The analysis will be used to determine which areas in the region would be best suited for a fixed wireless solution.
- The contract is slated to go to the Sonoma County Board of Supervisors for approval on November 5, 2024.

Advanced Adoption

National Telecommunications Information Administration (NTIA) Digital Equity Competitive Grant

- Sonoma County partnered with the California Emerging Technology Fund (CETF) on a \$12 Million statewide grant application to the NTIA Digital Equity Competitive Grant. If they receive the grant funding, the Broadband team would be working with CETF to pass through funding to our community partners who are training digital navigators, conducting digital skills training courses, and conducting outreach regarding affordable internet service offers.
- Sonoma County also provided a letter of support to the Rural County Representatives of California (RCRC) application for \$12 Million. If awarded, RCRC will allocate funding to Sonoma County to fund the purchase and placement of computer hardware and software necessary to establish access to digital tools and learning in rural counties.