

Broadband

August 2024

Team Members

- Kate Fosburgh, Digital Access Analyst
- Katherine DiPasqua, Director

Infrastructure & Deployment

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

- The North Bay North Coast Broadband Consortium (NBNCBC) requested a 1-year extension, work plan modification, and budget modification for the 2023-2025 CASF Consortia Grant. This request has been approved, and the grant now extends through 2026. The main focuses of the updated work plan include the following:
 - Community outreach and engagement, including website redesign, quarterly updates, and annual community meetings.
 - Collaboration with Internet Service Providers on infrastructure projects for unserved and underserved locations, including assistance with applications to the CASF Infrastructure Grant Account.
 - A Regional Fixed Wireless Analysis that will determine which areas are best suited for fixed wireless solutions and inform applications for infrastructure grant funding.

Advanced Adoption

CA Emerging Technology Fund (CETF) Digital Equity Best Practices Grant

- The Sonoma County Economic Development Board was awarded a \$20,000 grant from CETF to advance digital equity in Sonoma County. This grant opportunity includes participation in a statewide Digital Equity Best Practices Learning Community comprising of local government leaders throughout the state working to close the digital divide. We intend to use this funding to further support our broadband mapping development and advanced adoption programming.