



California Emerging Technology Fund



## Agenda

- Who is CETF
- What is Affordable Connectivity Program (ACP)
- How you can help promote ACP in your community



# California Emerging Technology Fund (CETF)

- A California non-profit established by the California Public Utilities Commission (CPUC) with seed money from Internet Service Provider (ISP) mergers.
- CETF provides funding and strategic leadership statewide to close the "Digital Divide" to local community-based organizations, local government and civic organizations.
- CETF is <u>vendor neutral</u> it does not endorse any one Internet Service Provider (ISP) over another.

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## What is the Affordable Connectivity Program (ACP)?

- The ACP is a long-term \$14 billion program of the Federal Communications Commission (FCC), funded by the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act
- Permanent extension of the federal Emergency Broadband Benefit (EBB)
- Subsidizes internet and devices for low-income families
- The ACP provides one monthly discount on internet service of up to \$30 per eligible household for 4-5 years. (Tribal up to \$75)
- A one-time discount of \$100 toward the purchase of a connected device (laptop, desktop or tablet) through a participating provider. The device must be purchased from the same ISP used for internet service. (Currently, only COX offers devices)



## Home and Mobile Broadband



You can have both Lifeline and Affordable Connectivity Program (ACP).

<u>BUT we strongly recommend ACP for fast Home Internet</u> and Lifeline for your mobile phone.

If you are an existing Lifeline Subscriber, you do not need to apply for ACP.

**Mobile Phone** – Convenient, works on home WiFi. If the owner of the Mobile phone leaves the house (goes to grocery store), the entire home loses access to the

**Home Broadband** – More quality data, multiple users can use at the same time, school/work user friendly.



### Who Qualifies for ACP?

A household (HH) is eligible if a member of the household meets *one* of the criteria below:

- Participates in one specific assistance programs, such as Medi-Cal, WIC, CalFresh, or Lifeline.
  Tip: Lifeline recipients can skip the application.
- □ Has income that is at 200% or below the Federal Poverty Level. <u>Tip: For a family of 4, it is \$55,500 or less a year.</u>
- Receives a Pell Grant in the current school year.
- □ Has a child at a <u>Community Eligibility Provision (CEP)</u> designated school, which is a subset of the Free and Reduced Lunch Program. *Tip: The school will be listed in the application if is part of the CEP.*





# Income Eligibility

Number of People in Household	Monthly Gross Income Eligibility for 200% Federal Poverty Level	Annual Gross Income Eligibility for 200% Federal Poverty Level
1	\$2,265	\$27,180
2	\$3,052	\$36,620
3	\$3,838	\$46,060
4	\$4,625	\$55,500
5	\$5,412	\$64,940
6	\$6,198	\$74,380
7	\$6,985	\$83,820
8	\$7,772	\$93,260
Each Additional Member	\$787	\$9,440



#### ACP Call to Action

Over 5 million Households in California are eligible

#### Goal

- 90% Enrollment by 2024 (4.5 million Households)
- 95% Enrollment by 2027 (4.75 million Households)



## How can cities get involved?

Cities in Los Angeles County:

Share ACP information with the community via available city communication channels (Materials are already developed and printed by LA County)

- Post on social media, e-newsletter, website (web banners, text messages, social press kit, etc.)
- Distribute flyers (local library, senior centers, clinics, parks and rec, etc.)
- Enlist school districts, utilities, other entities that serve the eligible population to help spread the word
- Host enrollment events



## How can cities get involved?

Cities in other counties:

Encourage your county to collaborate with CETF as well as other counties to launch ACP Public Education Campaign. You can also start within your city by doing the following:

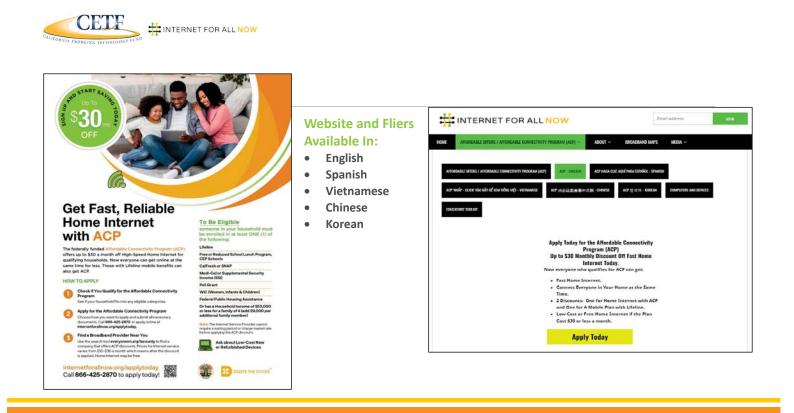
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#### **Collaborate with CETF to launch ACP Public Education Campaign**

- CETF has a turnkey program that can be implemented in any county within California to promote ACP cost effectively
  - Distribution call center (Multiple languages)
  - Statewide grantee network/Digital navigator
  - ACP Training
  - Broadband research and policy updates
  - ACP enrollment data
  - Creative assets: TV, radio, social media, print, outdoor, collateral, and more
- Customization of the existing CETF ACP campaign materials
- Explore cost sharing opportunity with neighboring counties/entities in the media DMA







TV





Outdoor