



## The Digital Divide Grant Program

The California Public Utilities Commission (CPUC) began accepting applications on Dec. 12, 2024, for its [Digital Divide Grant Program](#), providing one grant of up to \$100,000 for rural or urban schools and two grants of up to \$50,000 for Community-Based Organizations

Eligible projects will serve a beneficiary school located in an urban or rural low-income small school district. Beneficiary schools must have a Free and Reduced-Price Meal participation rate of at least 50 percent. Projects may address physical gaps in local broadband networks, affordability, access to personal devices, and digital skills training. Projects must provide a holistic solution including, but not limited to, the following:



- Student home broadband connection
- Student required hardware (e.g., laptop, notebook and/or hotspots)



- Student curriculum focused on the use of technology
- Software to enable distance learning for student and teacher



- Training for teachers in the use of technology for distance learning

### Who Can Apply?

Grant recipients must be a:

- low-income rural or urban school
- or a non-profit community-based organization (CBO) with a demonstrated record of work in addressing the digital divide. The CBO will partner with an eligible public school or district to deploy the project. The beneficiary of the project will be the partner public school or district. The CPUC will evaluate and score applications to the DDGP and award grants for projects using the competitive process described in CPUC [Resolution T-17770](#).

The CPUC began accepting applications for the Digital Divide Grant Program on December 12, 2024, and the application window will close on February 12, 2025.



The Digital Divide Grant Program is funded by a percentage of fees collected from leasing certain state-owned property to wireless telecommunications service providers as wireless telecommunications facilities, pursuant to Government Code Section 14666.8.

For more information on the Digital Divide Grant Program, including a list of eligible schools, CBO eligibility criteria, the application process, schedules, and forms, please visit [www.cpuc.ca.gov/ddgp](http://www.cpuc.ca.gov/ddgp).



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