

***\$25 MILLION
IN NEW FUNDING***

ATTENTION: Non-Profit Affordable
Housing Developers
and Public Housing Authorities
**Learn more about how to connect
residents to broadband**

Thanks to a new state law, the California Public Utilities Commission (CPUC) will be distributing \$20 million to non-profit housing developers and owners to fund high-speed Internet infrastructure to connect residents in their homes. Another \$5 million is available to support residents with Digital Literacy training.

Here's what you need to know:

- The CPUC is currently finalizing the rules for the program—look for the final rules and first application period to open **before the end of the year.**
- The program has a **15% Rural Set-Aside.**
- Under the CPUC “over the counter” program, organizations can ask for a maximum \$75,000 grant per project to fund the infrastructure needed to provide high-speed Internet access to residents.



- **Infrastructure grants** can be used to provide all networking equipment (hardware and software, including wireless access points; engineering & design; modems and routers; installation labor from the Minimum Point of Entry to the individual unit).
- Organizations are encouraged to apply for multiple projects. The CPUC will also have a review and approval path for requests greater than \$75,000.
- **Adoption grants** can provide up to \$50,000 per project for digital literacy training; purchase of appropriate devices and software along with printers, routers and technical support; and desks and chairs.



- Application workshops are expected to be conducted in December 2014 and January 2015. Look for information from the CPUC and the California Emerging Technology Fund (CETF) soon.
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