

CALIFORNIA STATE ASSEMBLY ***Budget Subcommittee #7***

***SUBJECT: Oversight of the Statewide Broadband Network
Implementation***

February 28, 2024



California Public
Utilities Commission

CPUC Broadband For All Initiatives

- Last Mile Broadband Initiative
- California Advanced Services Fund
- Broadband Equity Access and Deployment (BEAD)
- Unserved Populations By Program.

Last Mile Broadband Initiatives

Local Agency Technical Assistance (LATA)

\$50 million technical assistance grant program (\$5 million for Tribal Nations)

Federal Funding Account (FFA)

Roughly \$2 billion grant program for last mile broadband infrastructure projects to connect unserved Californians in accordance with 2021's Senate Bill 156 (Chapter 112, Statutes of 2021).

Loan Loss Reserve (LLR)

Program to enable local government agencies and nonprofits to finance broadband deployment projects.

CASF Accounts/Program

**Rural and Urban
Regional Broadband
Consortia Grant
Account**

**Line Extension
Program**

**Tribal Technical
Assistance Program**

**Broadband Adoption
Account**

**Broadband
Infrastructure Grant
Account**

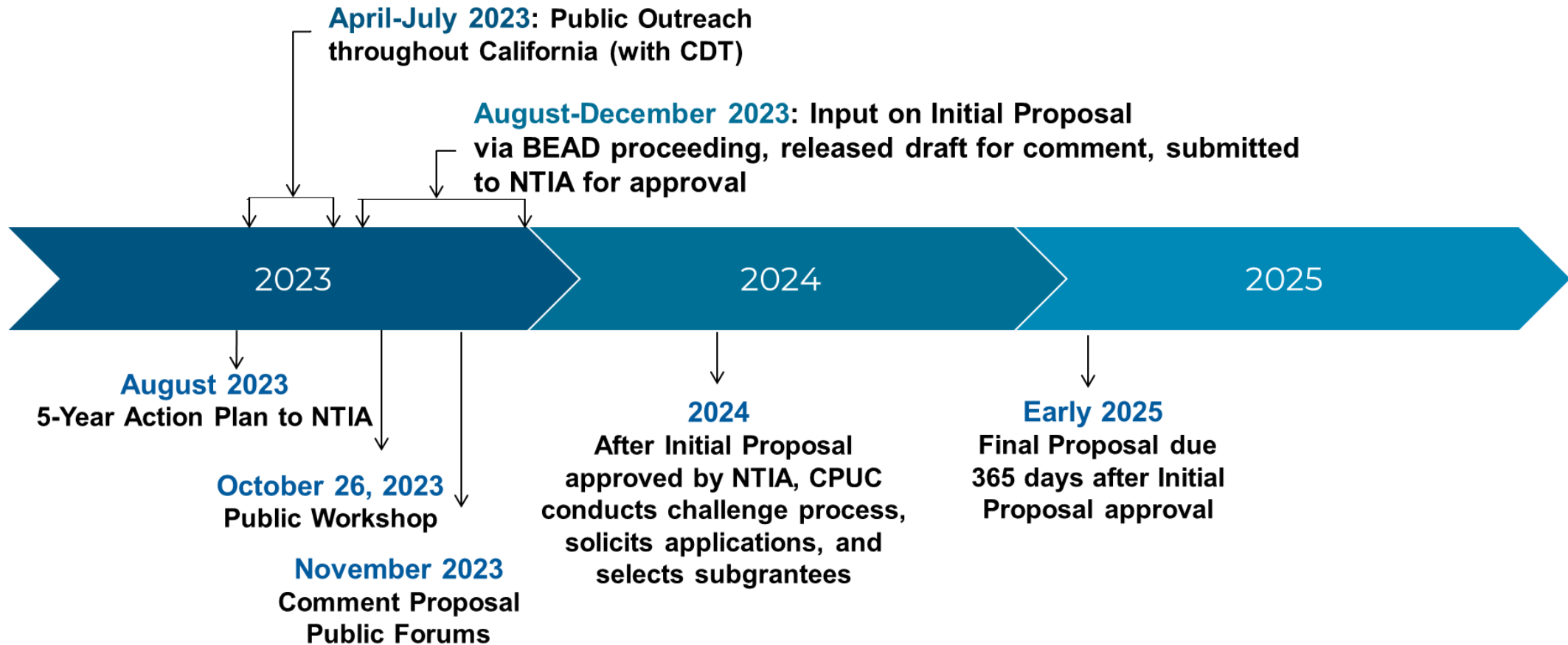
**Broadband Public
Housing Account**

BEAD Program



\$1.86 billion allocated to California from the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act (IIJA) to expand broadband access and provide high-speed internet access by funding planning, infrastructure deployment and adoption programs.

BEAD Timeline and Next Steps



Unserved populations and program eligibility

- Unserved and Underserved Populations
 - Measured in Megabits per second (Mbps) and expressed as a download speed / upload speed
- Federal Communications Commission benchmark: 25/3 Mbps*
 - To increase to 100/20 March 16, 2024

	BEAD	Federal Funding Account	CASF Infrastructure Account
Total Unserved	306,890	996,392*	362,517
Total Priority Unserved	-	-	543,349
Total Underserved	154,591	-	-
Definition of Unserved	Locations that lack access to service at speeds of at least 25/3 Mbps and latency levels low enough to support real-time, interactive applications, specifically less than or equal to 100 milliseconds	An area for which no reliable wireline broadband provider reliably offers broadband service at speeds of at least 25/3 Mbps to the entire community	Locations without access to a facility-based provider offering broadband service at speeds of at least 25/3 Mbps

*Based on reliable wireline connection as outlined in Commission Decision 22-04-055 implementing the American Rescue Plan Act final rule.