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Funding Amount: **\$750 million**

Program Details

Program Name: Broadband Loan Loss Reserve program (LLR)

Administrator: California Public Utilities Commission

Authorizing Legislation: SB156

Funding Details

- Three annual funding cycles, three times per calendar year, starting March 2024, for four-month cycles based on the Debt Service Reserve Guarantee (DSRG) amount available
- DSRG awarded based on bond's principal coverage between 1100%
- Apply for an amount equivalent to 100% of bond principal within each funding cycle
 - **Fiscal Years 2023-2024:** \$175 million
 - **Fiscal Years 2024-2025:** \$300 million (estimated appropriation)
 - **Fiscal Years 2025-2026:** \$275 million (estimated appropriation)

Key Dates

March 12 – April 9 – First Funding Cycle

Eligible Applicants

- Nonprofit organizations or local government agencies as defined in Government Code Section 53167(e) including:
 - Local Governments (including county service areas and community service districts)
 - Tribal Governments
 - Public Utility Districts
 - Municipal Utility Districts
 - A Joint Powers Authority
- Local Educational Agencies, as defined by Education Code Section 47640
- Electrical Cooperatives as defined by Public Utilities Code Section 2776

Eligible Areas

- Unserved areas, adjacent undeserved and served communities

Eligible Projects

- Projects must reliably offer, upon completion, symmetrical speeds at or above 100/100 Mbps
- In some cases, 100 Mbps symmetrical speeds may be constrained due to engineering limitations, minimum speeds of 100/20 Mbps may be considered
- Shall include sufficient surplus capacity to remain competitive in the future without requiring major refurbishment upgrades
- Providers must adhere to open access middle-mile infrastructure requirements

Eligible Costs

- Costs associated with the issuance of eligible debt for the development of broadband infrastructure
- Costs of issuance will be included within the debt that may be covered by the LLR
 - Payment of costs of debt issuance, not to exceed 2% of the total debt issued for non-profits in a tax-exempt transaction, or 5% in all other transactions, i.e., taxable nonprofit transactions, or debt issued for other eligible entities
- Costs for obtaining credit enhancement; including transaction costs such as bond counsel fees and the cost of the guarantor to issue

Selection Criteria

Applications will be scored on a **150-point scoring system**

- Coverage Requested – **Up to 50 Points**
- Serves Unserved – **Up to 50 Points**
- Offers Low-cost Plan 50/20 Mbps – **Up to 25 Points**
- Infrastructure Life – **Up to 25 Points**

Application Process

- Complete and submit the required application materials to:
Broadband.LoanLoss@cpuc.ca.gov by the last day of the application funding cycle

- Opportunity Evaluation
- Effective Grant Writing
- A Track Record of Success

Links & Contacts

- [Loan Loss Reserve Program Requirements and Guidelines](#)
- [Loan Loss Reserve Fund Webpage](#)
- [Loan Loss Reserve Fund Fact Sheet](#)
- Documents and public comments related to R.20-08-021 can be found on the [docket card](#)
- For electronic updates on CPUC proceedings, sign-up at subscribecpuc.cpuc.ca.gov

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