



**STAFF REPORT**  
Board Meeting of January 18, 2023

**AGENDA ITEM:** 7-L

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**SUBJECT:**

Broadband Adoption and Affordable Connectivity Plan (ACP) Update

**Enclosure:** No

**Action:** Information and Discussion Only

**SUMMARY:**

State and local entities are working together to increase affordability and adoption of home internet service by promoting existing low-cost internet plans and creating awareness of the federal Affordable Connectivity Program that helps low-income households pay for internet service and connected devices like a laptop or tablet.

The California Department of Technology, the California Emerging Technology Fund, EveryoneOn, and California State University at Chico, have developed the following tools to support individuals applying for these programs, organizations assisting with enrollment, outreach, and track ACP enrollment:

[Affordable service programs](#) assists in finding programs in your area for low-cost internet service, computer offers, and digital skills training.

The [Affordable Connectivity Program](#) offers up to \$30 per month discount on high-speed internet services through participating internet providers, up to \$75 per month discount on high-speed internet service for those on qualifying Tribal lands through participating internet providers, and a one-time discount of up to \$100 for a laptop, tablet, or desktop computer (with a co-payment of more than \$10 but less than \$50).

The [Affordable Connectivity Program enrollment tracker](#) provides information on Affordable Connectivity enrollment and progress. It is a government benefit that helps households reduce the cost of their monthly home internet service.

California leads the nation with 1,780,871 enrolled households for the Affordable Connectivity program through December 2022.

**FISCAL IMPACT:**

No fiscal impact to the approved 2022-23 Overall Work Program and Budget.