

Broadband for All

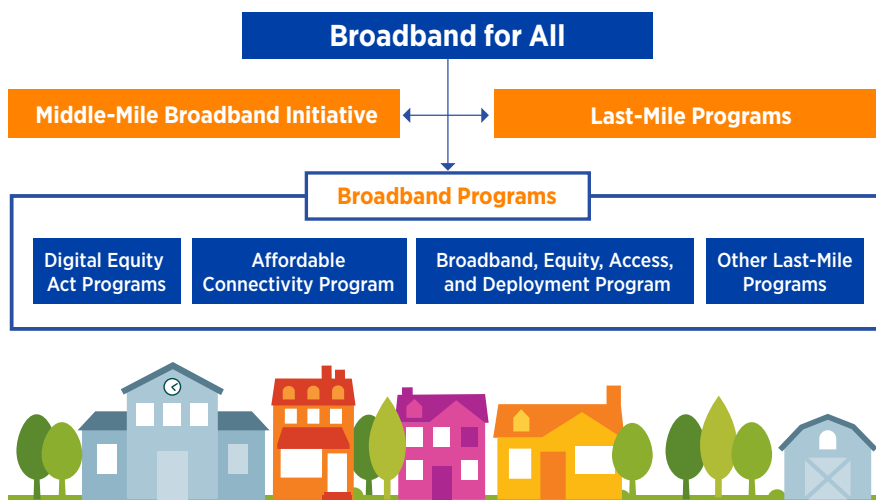
How California is Working to Close the Digital Divide



One out of five Californians lacks access to affordable, reliable broadband service, devices, and the skills to use them. **Broadband for All** is our state's overarching program to close the digital divide and foster digital equity in our communities.

In response to the COVID-19 pandemic, Governor Gavin Newsom directed the California Broadband Council to develop the Broadband for All Action Plan with the understanding that broadband access, affordability, adoption, and training are essential components of digital equity.

Broadband for All's goals are to ensure that all California residents have access to reliable affordable internet services, devices, and skills and training to access essential services and realize other social and economic benefits. Broadband for All consists of the Middle-Mile Broadband Initiative, Last-Mile grant programs, and coordinated broadband adoption efforts.



Middle-Mile:

The middle-mile is the physical infrastructure required to enable internet connectivity for homes, businesses and community institutions. It is made up of high-capacity fiber lines that carry large amounts of data at high speeds over long distances between local networks and global internet networks.

Last-Mile:

A last-mile connection is the final leg of a network that provides service to the home, business or community institution.

Broadband Adoption:

Broadband adoption is daily access to the Internet at speeds, quality and capacity necessary to accomplish common tasks, with the digital skills necessary to participate online, and on a personal device and secure, convenient network.

