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Register Now: CPUC Informational Webinar on the California Teleconnect Fund

SAN FRANCISCO, Sept. 27, 2024 –The California Public Utilities Commission (CPUC), in ongoing efforts to bridge the digital divide, will hold a free webinar on the California Teleconnect Fund (CTF), which provides eligible organizations with discounted rates on selected telecommunications and broadband services.

When: October 8, 2024, 10 – 11:30 a.m.

Where: Remote access via WebEx or phone. [Register](#) in advance of the webinar. Video and call-in options will be provided through email after registration.

What: The [CTF](#) is dedicated to ensuring that eligible California organizations have access to discounted telecommunication services. This initiative aims to promote digital equity and enhance the quality of life for all Californians. During this virtual event, CPUC staff will provide a demonstration of the updated electronic Claim and Application Portal (eCAP) system and how eligible schools and libraries can link their annexes to existing CTF eCAP accounts. This will enable existing school and library participants to receive discounts on eligible advanced communication services at associated annex locations contingent upon CTF application approval.

Background

The CTF plays a crucial role in bridging the digital divide by providing eligible organizations with discounted rates on select telecommunications and broadband services. These services help ensure that

underserved communities, schools, libraries (including school and library annexes), and healthcare facilities have access to affordable and reliable telecommunications infrastructure.

- For additional information about school and library annexes, see [CTF Administrative Letter No. 32](#).
- For more general information on the CTF, please visit the [California Teleconnect Fund](#) website.
- For questions about the CTF or for technical assistance, please contact CTFOutreach@cpuc.ca.gov.

No official action will be taken on this matter at the event.

If specialized accommodations are needed to attend, such as non-English or sign language interpreters, please contact the CPUC's Public Advisor's Office at public.advisor@cpuc.ca.gov or toll free at 866-849-8390 at least five business days in advance of the event.

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