PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

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| **Communications Division** | RESOLUTION T-17538 |
| **Broadband, Video and Market Branch** | **November 10, 2016** |

**R E S O L U T I O N**

**RESOLUTION T-17538: Approval of funding for the Rural and Regional Consortia grant applications of the Gold Country Broadband Consortium, the Inland Empire Regional Broadband Consortium, and the Connected Capital Area Broadband Consortium in the amount of $898,750.**

**I. SUMMARY**

This Resolution approves grant funding in the amount of $898,750 from the California Advanced Services Fund (CASF) Rural and Regional Urban Consortia Account (Consortia Account) for the grant applications of the Gold Country Broadband Consortium (GCBC), the Inland Empire Regional Broadband Consortium (IERBC), and the Connected Capital Area Broadband Consortium (CCABC). These three projects will further broadband deployment, access and/or adoption in their regions.

By furthering broadband deployment, access and adoption, these projects are expected to enhance public safety in Gold Country, Inland Empire, and the Capital Area in the event of fire, flooding, and earthquakes.

**II. BACKGROUND**

On September 2, 2015, the Governor signed Assembly Bill (AB) 1262 (Wood, Chapter 242, Statues of 2015) that reallocated $5 million from the CASF Broadband Infrastructure Revolving Loan Account to the CASF Consortia Account, thus making additional funds available for consortia activities. Prospective applicants were invited to submit new proposals on January 29, 2016. The recent application process is consistent with Decision ([D.) 11-06-038](http://docs.cpuc.ca.gov/PUBLISHED/FINAL_DECISION/138087.htm), with the addition of a performance review for applicants with prior Consortia grant experience.

**III. APPLICANT REQUEST**

On January 29, 2016, GCBC, IERBC, and CCABC submitted grant applications for CASF Consortia funding.[[1]](#footnote-1)

*Applicants:*

**GCBC** represents Sierra, Nevada, Placer, El Dorado, as well as a part of Alpine counties. GCBC was approved for a $450,000 Consortia Account grant in February 2012 (Resolution T- 17355). The fourth year extension of the program ended in February 2016. GCBC’s prior consortia grant-funded activities included: supporting and assisting in developing infrastructure projects with internet service providers, working to obtain source funding for internet service providers that will subsidize project construction, and facilitating broadband service adoption in the region’s communities.[[2]](#footnote-2)

**IERBC** was created as a collaborative regional network in the counties of Riverside and San Bernardino. In February 2012, IERBC received a $450,000 three-year grant from the Consortia Account for activities including developing a broadband infrastructure and access plan that prioritized needs, identified viable projects, obtained investment and grant funding, and established community support through outreach and education. IERBC was granted a one-year time extension, which ended in February 2016.[[3]](#footnote-3)

**CCABC** serves the four-county Capital Area including Sacramento, Sutter, Yolo and Yuba counties. In February 2012, CCABC received a $448,301 three-year grant from the Consortia account[[4]](#footnote-4) to create a strategic plan for broadband infrastructure priority investments aimed at increasing access, and to increase utilization and adoption of broadband with non-users. CCABC also used the funding to meet with state agencies to increase awareness and understanding among policy makers of the importance of broadband access for economic development for the regions and to establish partnership of organizations committed to the region. They worked to share knowledge and leverage strengths. The 2012 grant ended in March 2015.[[5]](#footnote-5)

*Proposals*

**GCBC** requests $300,000 for a two-year program[[6]](#footnote-6) in order to pursue grant-related activities. Specifically, GCBC proposes to focus on exploring new unserved and underserved opportunities. GCBC wishes to continue their mapping project and help promote the availability of new services and new planned projects. In addition, GCBC proposes to continue its effort to increase the region’s adoption rates by concentrating on identifying opportunities for middle and last mile internet service providers to leverage CASF funding to extend Broadband Internet services to mostly rural and remote region residents.

**IERBC** requests $300,000 for a two-year program[[7]](#footnote-7) for activities focused on infrastructure access and setting priorities for the region. IERBC proposes to implement their Broadband Plan by addressing technology and engineering issues related to broadband deployment, adoption, and providing outreach in Riverside and San Bernardino Counties. IERBC proposes to collaborate with the Inland Empire Economic Partnership to develop and implement “Smart Region and Community” policies and programs in the Inland Empire.

**CCABC** requests $298,750[[8]](#footnote-8) for a two-year program to continue its long-term vision towards Complete Digital Inclusion.[[9]](#footnote-9) CCABC proposes to continue its efforts in assisting with implementation of broadband infrastructure plans for priority investment;[[10]](#footnote-10) promoting broadband deployment and availability;[[11]](#footnote-11) promoting access and adoption by convening service providers, local governments and community-based organizations to identify service options in the areas and collaborate on community education and outreach; and increasing the rate of broadband adoption by working with anchor institutions to become community broadband access points and working with service providers to provide low-cost Internet services for residents.

**IV. NOTICES**

On February 18, 2016, CD posted a list of applications received on the Commission’s CASF Consortia Account webpage,[[12]](#footnote-12) and sent email notices regarding the proposed projects to its CASF Distribution List.

**V. PROJECT REVIEW**

1. Project Eligibility

GCBC, IERBC, and CCABC applications are eligible because they meet the minimum criteria established by D.11-06-038 and CD’s review of how efficiently and cost-effectively previously granted Consortia funds were spent as a basis for awarding any new and/or additional funding.

1. Project Criteria Evaluation

Proposals from previously funded Regional Consortia were considered in the context of past performance in implementing their Action Plan and Work Plan. Additionally, CD evaluated all proposals with respect to the criteria defined in D.11-06-038, Attachment G, Scoring Criteria. The criteria includes: (1) Work Plan, (2) Action Plan, (3) Budget, (4) Regional Consortium’s/Members Experience, and (5) Regional Consortium Representation and Endorsements. CD’s evaluation of these three projects is summarized below.

*Past Performance*

**GCBC**

GCBC’s accomplishments in the last four years have included: assisting internet service providers (ISPs) with development and funding applications, providing project management support for ongoing CPUC mapping updates, and aligning its priorities with economically disadvantaged communities needing to promote business and job growth. In addition, GCBC has assisted with two grant proposals from Cal.Net.[[13]](#footnote-13)

**IERBC**

IERBC has successfully initiated and performed outreach about the digital divide and the need for more broadband in their region. IERB has supported numerous CASF grant applications, including four approved projects that will serve approximately 9,000 residents[[14]](#footnote-14), as well as 24 CASF Public Housing Broadband Infrastructure Grants that will serve over 1,000 residents in the region. IERBC has also established a “Priority List of Actions” for Broadband advocacy efforts related to education, job growth, healthcare and community-based organizations. The plan also addresses policies that need to be implemented so that broadband will be addressed in all projects whether public or private in San Bernardino and Riverside counties.

**CCABC**

CCABC’s accomplishments from 2012-2015 included, but not limited to, compiling an inventory of adoption and digital literacy assets in the region and developing a prioritized list of infrastructure development opportunities; creating the Wireless Broadband and You[[15]](#footnote-15) and a first-ever tri-fold broadband multi-lingual resource document[[16]](#footnote-16) for education and outreach in Yuba, Sutter, and Sacramento counties; issuing a research report, Broadband as a Green Strategy: Understanding how the Internet can shrink our Carbon Footprint;[[17]](#footnote-17) assisting in the planning and facilitation of the Yolo Broadband Strategic Plan;[[18]](#footnote-18) hosting a two-day Local Government Officials Roundtable;[[19]](#footnote-19) and producing a widely distributed newsletter called e-Connect engaging more than 1,000 key stakeholders on issues such as grants for broadband infrastructure and rural county connectivity.

During the previous grant cycle, the Fiscal Agents for ESC, IERBC, and CCABC filed appropriate documentation with reimbursement requests, and fulfilled other consortium-related responsibilities.

*Work Plan*

**GCBC**’s Work Plan contains discrete, clear tasks and deliverables, with acceptable timelines for completion (see Appendix A). The Work Plan is directly related to the Action Plan and its goals. For example, GCBC plans to establish and maintain relations with the Public School District Leadership to help enhance school broadband access that will ensure Common Corte testing requirements. GCBC will also provide technical assistance to acquire necessary capital for Internet Service Providers.

**IERBC**’s Work Plan contains discrete, clear tasks and deliverables, with acceptable timelines for completion (see Appendix B). Activities itemized in the Work Plan are consistent with the Action Plan. For example, IERBC will partner with the Inland Empire Economic Partnership to implement “Smart Region and Community Policies and Programs” to assist with local businesses.

**CCABC**’sWork Plan contains discrete, clear tasks and deliverables, with acceptable timelines for completion (see Appendix C). Activities itemized in the Work Plan are consistent with the Action Plan. For example, to increase the rate of broadband adoption, in addition to working with anchor institutions and service providers, CCABC will also work with local agencies to facilitate applications for public housing grants and broadband infrastructure grants.

*Action Plan*

**GCBC** provided a clear Action Plan consistent with program requirements defined in D.11-06-038. GCBC proposes to provide technical assistance to ISP’s and communities currently developing plans to resolve specific unserved and underserved situations, and continue their mapping project. These are consistent with the “core responsibilities” outlined in D.11-06-038.

**IERBC** provided a clear Action Plan consistent with program requirements defined in D.11-06-038. In its Action Plan, IERBC proposes to promote the Inland Empire Broadband Plan, and to continue collaborating with city managers, engineers and planners to implement these initiatives. These are consistent with the “core responsibilities” outlined in D.11-06-038.

**CCABC** provided a clear Action Plan consistent with program requirements defined in D.11-06-038. For example, CCABC proposes to increase sustainability of broadband infrastructure and projects by generating a report card (using data collected in the broadband score toolkits) grading each jurisdiction on levels of service for household and a star rating system for industrial and commercial areas is consistent with the “core responsibilities” outlined in D.11-06-038.

*Budget*

**GCBC’s** budget request of $300,000 covers a two-year period. CD staff determined that the budget is reasonable for the tasks proposed and should be adopted.

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**CCABC**’s budget request of $298,750 covers a two-year period. CD staff determined that the budget is reasonable for the tasks proposed and should be adopted.

*Regional Consortium’s/Members Experience*

**GCBC** and its members have experience with community groups and have had past success in helping to achieve broadband deployment in the region. They have also had success in building regional, collaborative broadband related efforts. Members have direct experience with managing broadband services at worksites. Members have worked with a culturally and linguistically diverse community.

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**CCABC**’s membership includes a wide array of organizations,[[20]](#footnote-20) which have experience with broadband deployment and adoption efforts. Member organizations also have experience in serving culturally and linguistically diverse communities.

*Regional Consortium Representation and Endorsements*

**GCBC** representation includes local city and counties who have formed a Joint Powers Agreement Agency to work on issues of regional importance. Elected officials from Placer, El Dorado, and Nevada counties act as the current Consortium oversight committee, which is also the SEDCorp Board of Directors. [[21]](#footnote-21) CD received seven endorsements from local governments, and six endorsements from business representatives, a school Dean, and an Internet Service Provider.

**IERBC** representation includes city and county agencies, and regional rural and economic development interests. CD received twenty-two endorsements from local governments, a tribal entity, an economic development organization, and academic institutions.

**CCABC** representation includes government entities, congressional representatives, service providers, rural and economic development corporations, housing and redevelopment agencies, local educational agencies and institutions of higher education, libraries, health organizations, community-based and nonprofit organizations, and accessibility advocates. CD received twenty-nine endorsements from Congressmen, City Councilmembers, government entities, economic development corporation, service providers, and public and nonprofit organizations.

**VI. STAFF RECOMMENDATIONS FOR FUNDING**

CD staff has determined that GCBC, IERBC, and CCABC applications qualify for funding. They all scored at least 70 of 100 points with clear and detailed proposals. CD staff’s evaluation of these proposals finds that they meet the requirements of D. 11-06-038, and support broadband deployment, access, and adoption. CD staff recommends approval of these proposals.

**VII. COMPLIANCE REQUIREMENTS**

GCBC, IERBC, and CCABC are required to comply with all the guidelines, requirements, and conditions associated with the grant of CASF funds as specified in D.11-06-038. Such compliance includes, but is not limited to the following:

A. Execution and Performance

CD staff will coordinate start dates with each consortium grantee. The estimated start date is December 1, 2016. By receiving a CASF grant from the Commission, GCBC, IERBC, and CCABC agree to comply with the terms, conditions, and requirements of the grant and thus submit to the jurisdiction of the Commission with regard to disbursement and administration of the grant.

Should GCBC, IERBC, or CCABC fail to complete the project in accordance with the terms of the CPUC approval as set forth in this resolution, GCBC, IERBC, or CCABC must reimburse some or all of the CASF funds it has received. If GCBC, IERBC, or CCABC fails to perform in good faith, or in accordance with the expectations set forth in its Action Plan, Work Plan and Consent Form, as affirmed in the affidavit, the Commission may withhold subsequent grant disbursement or suspend or terminate the Consortium grant, as warranted.

Any changes to the substantive terms and conditions underlying the Commission approval of the Consortium grant must be communicated in writing to the Communications Director at least 30 days before the anticipated change, and may be subject to approval by either the Director or by Commission resolution before becoming effective.

B. Summit Requirement

D.11-06-038 directed CD staff to schedule and host on at least an annual basis a Regional Consortia Learning Community Summit, and required all consortia receiving California Advanced Services Fund grants to attend the Summit. D.11-06-038 allocated up to $10,000 per consortium for summit attendance. In Resolution T-17529, the Commission modified this requirement so that at least one summit during the grant implementation period will be organized.[[22]](#footnote-22)

C. Fiscal Agent

D.11-036-038 requires:

Each regional Consortium must retain at least one Fiscal Agent with lead responsibility and legal authority to represent the Consortium for purposes of sponsoring the application, and for administration of Consortium activities, including receipt and disbursement of Consortium grant funds. In any event, the Fiscal Agent must affirmatively agree, on behalf of the Consortium, to comply with the Commission’s directives and conditions relating to the review, approval, and administration of any Consortia application grants. This requirement is to provide assurance that Consortium members or contractors retained by the Consortium are capable and committed to delivering on the commitments to be funded.[[23]](#footnote-23)

CD staff reviewed the applications and determined that all three applications meet this requirement. Specifically, for each application, the Fiscal Agent signed an affidavit, under penalty of perjury, that to the best of his or her knowledge, all statements and representations made in Consortium application are true and correct, and affirmed to fulfill the requirements of the CPUC with respect to grant administration.[[24]](#footnote-24)

Each Fiscal Agent provided CD staff with a name of a qualified representative to carry out the duties and responsibilities described, and the Fiscal Agent will be the primary contact regarding the consortium’s fiscal matters.

The Fiscal Agent shall comply with all rules and requirements set forth in D.11-06-038, including but not limited to ensuring implementation of the approved Work Plan within the allocated budget (in conjunction with the consortium program manager), and shall be responsible for notifying CD of any proposed changes to Work Plan or budget during the course of the grant cycle.

D.11.036-038 further requires each Consortia grantee to:

…maintain books, records, documents and other evidence sufficient to substantiate expenditures covered by the grant, according to generally accepted accounting practices. Each Consortia grantee shall make these records available to the Commission upon request and agrees that these records are subject to a financial audit by the Commission at any time within three years after the Grantee incurred the expense being audited. A Consortia grantee shall provide access to the Commission upon 24 hours’ notice to evaluate work completed or being performed pursuant to the grant.[[25]](#footnote-25)

1. Distinguishing CASF from other Financial Resources

D.11-06-038 requires that the consortium take steps to ensure that that CASF grant budget does not duplicate funding from other non-Consortia Account funding.[[26]](#footnote-26) All grantees must ensure that *only* CASF-approved activities will be billed to the Consortia Account, and activities obligated to other funding resources will not be billed to the CASF Consortia Account.

Prior to initiation of Work Plan activities, the Fiscal Agents for GCBC, IERBC, and CCABC must communicate to CD staff how they will ensure that billing to discrete funding sources does not overlap.

E. Payments

D.11-06-038 requires that submission of invoices from and payments to the grantees shall be made at quarterly intervals. Specifically, D.11-06-038 states:

In order to receive a progress payment, the Consortium must first submit the Quarterly Progress Report to the Communications Division, together with all requests for payment and reimbursement supported by relevant invoices receipts, etc. … Further, the Quarterly Progress Report shall indicate the actual date of completion of each task/milestone as well as problems/issues encountered and the actions taken to resolve these problems/issues. The Quarterly Progress Report will be submitted and certified under penalty of perjury.[[27]](#footnote-27)

Furthermore, documentation should substantiate the consortium’s progress in following its proposed Action Plan, Work Plan, with the approved budget. Billing should only be for activities related to broadband deployment, access, and adoption.

1. Project Audit

The Commission’s Communications Division has delegated authority to initiate and enforce any necessary audit, verification, and discovery of consortium members relating to grant funding activities to ensure that CASF funds are spent in accordance with Commission adopted rules and standards.[[28]](#footnote-28)

GCBC, IERBC, and CCABC’s invoices and other relevant records will be subject to a financial audit by the Commission or its designee at any time within three years of completion of the grant funding.

G. Lobbying and Advocacy Efforts

Consortia members are free to advocate on any legislation of their choosing. However, no work on proposed state legislation including meetings, travel, or lobbying may be billed to or reimbursed by the CASF Consortia Grant program.

H. Reporting

All grantees must submit quarterly progress reports on the status of the project irrespective of whether grantees request reimbursement or payment.[[29]](#footnote-29) Quarterly progress reports must begin the first quarter after the Commission approval of the grant proposal. Quarterly reports are due February 1, 2017, May 1, 2017, August 1, 2017, and so on for the remainder of the grant period, irrespective of payment requests.

**VIII. SAFETY IMPACT**

By furthering broadband deployment, access and adoption, these projects are expected to enhance public safety in Gold Country, Inland Empire, and the Capital Area in the event of fire, flooding, or earthquakes.

**IX. COMMENTS**

In compliance with P.U. Code Section 311(g)(1), a Notice of Availability was e-mailed on October 7, 2016 informing all parties on the CASF Distribution List of the availability of the draft of this Resolution for public comments at the Commission’s website at <http://www.cpuc.ca.gov/>. This letter also served to inform parties that the final conformed Resolution the Commission adopts will be posted and available at this same website.

**X. FINDINGS**

1. On September 2, 2015, the Governor signed legislation (AB1262) that reallocated $5 million from the CASF Broadband Infrastructure Revolving Loan Account to the CASF Consortia Grant Account.
2. Fifteen prospective grantees filed applications on January 29, 2016. CD posted each applicant's name, contact information, and coverage area by county on the CPUC Consortia Account webpage on February 18. GCBC, IERBC, and CCABC appear on this list.

CD reviewed each of these three applications according to the guidelines, requirements, and evaluation criteria adopted in D.11-06-038, which include regional consortium representation and endorsements, regional consortium’s/members’ experience, action plans, work plans, and budgets. CD also evaluated the applications based on the merits of each proposal, past performance including achievements, fiscal responsibility and cost effectiveness. The remaining six applications are pending staff review.

1. Based on its review, CD determined that all three projects meet eligibility requirements. CD further determined that the proposed projects qualify for funding under D.11-06-038.
2. CD recommends CASF consortia grant approval of total funding of $898,750 for the three consortia.
3. GCBC, IERBC, and CCABC are required to comply with all guidelines, requirements, and conditions associated with the granting of CASF funds as specified in D.11-06-038 and this Resolution.
4. GCBC, IERBC, and CCABC are required to expressly exclude any costs for activities or programs from the proposed consortium budget that are separately funded from any other sources in order to ensure that CASF grants do not duplicate funding from any other sources.
5. The Commission finds CD’s recommendation that all three projects meet eligibility requirements and the proposed projects qualify for funding under D.11-06-038, to be reasonable and consistent with Commission orders and, therefore, adopts such recommendation.
6. D.11-06-038 directs CD to schedule and host a Regional Consortia Learning Community Summit, and authorizes $2,000 per person for up to five delegates annually for each approved consortium. Resolution T-17529, adopted on August 18, 2016 modified this requirement so that at least one summit during the grant implementation period will be organized.

1. A notice was emailed on October 7, 2016, informing the parties of record in Decision 11-06-038 of the availability of the draft of this Resolution for public comments at the Commission’s website http://www.cpuc.ca.gov/PUC/documents/. This letter also informed parties that the final conformed Resolution adopted by the Commission will be posted and available at this same website.

**THEREFORE, IT IS ORDERED THAT**:

1. The Commission shall award $300,000 to the Gold Country Broadband Consortium (GCBC); $300,000 to Inland Empire Regional Broadband Consortium (IERBC); and $298,750 to Connected Capital Area Broadband Consortium (CCABC). All awards are based on the descriptions of the projects as described herein. Work plans are in the attached appendix.
2. Payments to the CASF recipients shall be in accordance with guidelines adopted in D.11-06-038 and in accordance with the process defined in the “Payments” section of this Resolution.
3. GCBC, IERBC, and CCABC each must retain at least one Fiscal Agent with lead responsibility and legal authority to represent the Consortium for purposes of sponsoring the application, and or administration of Consortium activities, including receipt and disbursement of Consortium grant funds.
4. The Fiscal Agent must affirmatively agree, on behalf of the Consortium, to comply with the Commission’s directives and conditions relating to the review, approval, and administration of any Consortia application grants.
5. GCBC, IERBC, and CCABC shall comply with all guidelines, requirements and conditions associated with the CASF funds award as specified in D.11-06-038 and this Resolution.
6. Prior to commencement of the grantee’s program, the Fiscal Agent must provide CD with the method chosen to distinguish funding sources and billing practices, to ensure that CASF payments are not duplicated by other sources.
7. The disbursement of funds shall be subject to the requirements set forth in D.11-06-038 including the submission of quarterly progress reports and supporting documentation for payment reimbursement, yearly status reports for informing the legislature, and a completion report to be submitted with the final payment request. By receiving a CASF grant from the Commission, GCBC, IERBC, and CCABC agree to comply with the terms, conditions, and requirements of the grant and thus submit to the jurisdiction of the Commission with regard to disbursement and administration of the grant.
8. GCBC, IERBC, and CCABC must use the grant funds solely for the approved project as described in the Consortia Commission-approved Action Plan and Work Plan, (or approved revisions to such Plans and budgets).
9. Any changes to the substantive terms and conditions underlying Commission approval of the grant (e.g., changes to Action Plan, Work Plan, budget or designated Fiscal Agent, etc.) must be communicated in writing to the Communications Division Director at least 30 days before the anticipated change, and may be subject to approval by either the Director or by Commission resolution before becoming effective.
10. The Commission may withhold or terminate grant payments to GCBC, IERBC, or CCABC if the consortium does not comply with any of the requirements set forth in Decision 11-06-038 and this Resolution.
11. In the event that GCBC, IERBC, or CCABC fails to complete the project in accordance with the terms of approval granted by the Commission and this Resolution, the consortium, represented by the Fiscal Agent, will be required to reimburse some or all of the CASF funds that it has received.
12. The commencement of the grant cycle will be December 1, 2016.

I hereby certify that this Resolution was adopted by the Public Utilities Commission at its regular meeting on November 10, 2016. The following Commissioners approved it:

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**APPENDIX**

**APPENDIX A**

**Gold Country Broadband Consortium Work Plan**













**APPENDIX B**

**Inland Empire Regional Broadband Consortium**

**Work Plan**

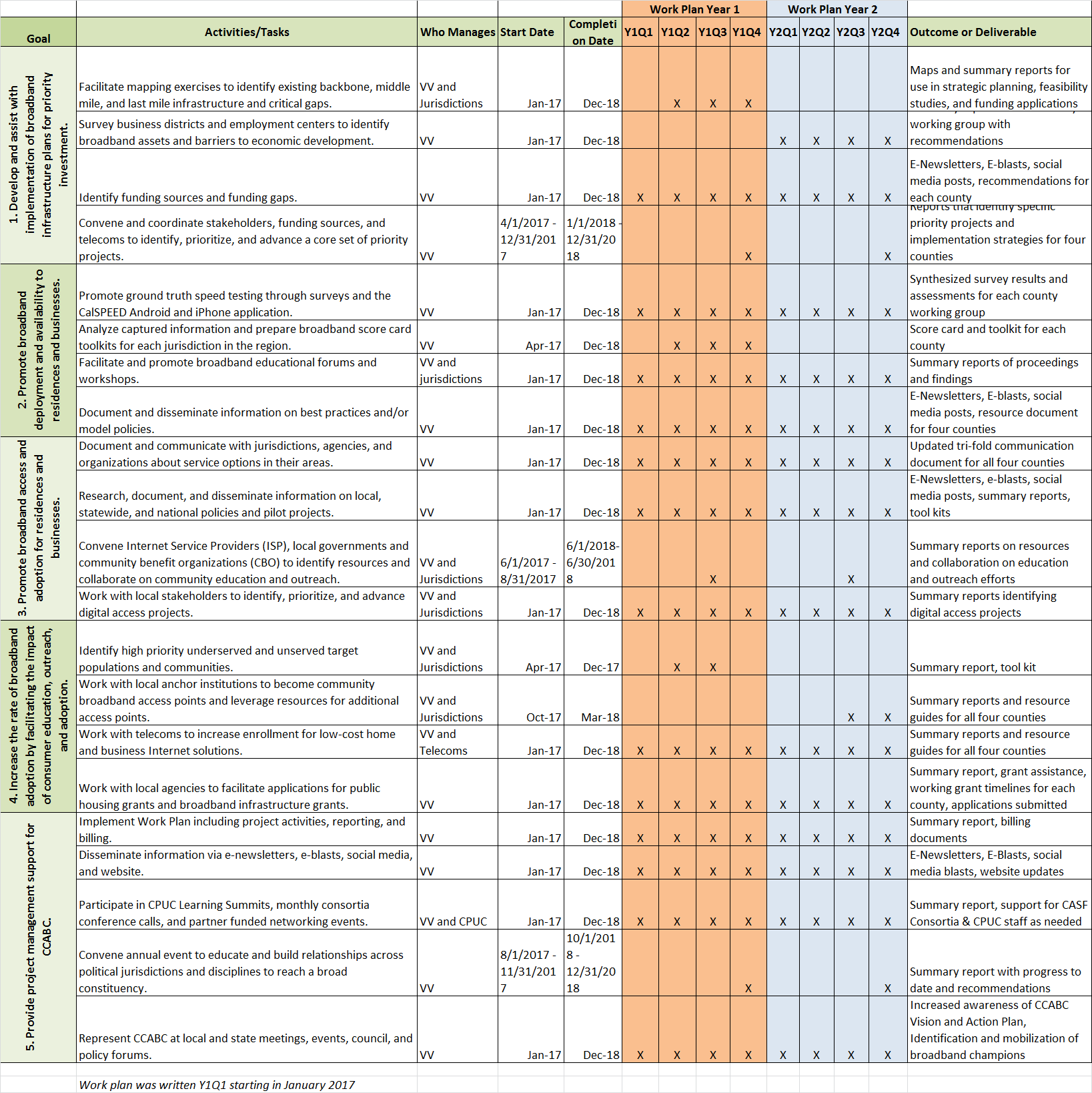






**APPENDIX C**

**Connected Capital Broadband Consortium Work Plan**



1. Fifteen applications were submitted by January 29, 2016. [↑](#footnote-ref-1)
2. Approximately $449,000 in total expenditures has been requested/paid apart from summit expenses. [↑](#footnote-ref-2)
3. Approximately $450,000 in total expenditures has been requested/paid apart from summit expenses. [↑](#footnote-ref-3)
4. See Resolution T-17355. [↑](#footnote-ref-4)
5. Approximately $431,462 in total expenditures has been requested/paid apart from summit expenses. [↑](#footnote-ref-5)
6. GCBC requests funding of $150,000 for Year 1 and $150,000 for Year 2. [↑](#footnote-ref-6)
7. IERBC requests funding of $150,000 for Year 1 and $150,000 for Year 2. [↑](#footnote-ref-7)
8. CCABC requests funding of $149,745 for Year 1 and $149,005 for Year 2. [↑](#footnote-ref-8)
9. Broadband that is available, accessible, and affordable to every home, business and community; services and applications that are high quality; and adoption that increases as users become familiar and comfortable with technologies and the benefits associated with access and use. [↑](#footnote-ref-9)
10. Activities include facilitating mapping exercises by using more refined mapping and analytic tools including the CPUC’s CalSPEED app for mobile phones; and identifying a core set of priority projects. [↑](#footnote-ref-10)
11. Activities include capturing truth speed testing results, and developing broadband score toolkits providing an in-depth customized assessment of the infrastructure capacity and status of infrastructure and service, for wireline and wireless services. CCABC will use the findings to engage service providers and funders, and to work with state and federal agency to advance policy changes and funding for regional priorities. [↑](#footnote-ref-11)
12. <http://www.cpuc.ca.gov/General.aspx?id=908>. [↑](#footnote-ref-12)
13. El Dorado North Project and El Dorado South and East Project. [↑](#footnote-ref-13)
14. Anza Electric Cooperative’s “Connect Anza” Project, UIA’s Helendale Projet, UIA’s Wrightwood Project, and Race Communication’s Gigafy Backus Project. [↑](#footnote-ref-14)
15. A fact sheet helping community members, business owners, and local governments to better understand wireless Internet, cell towers and the science behind mobile broadband. [↑](#footnote-ref-15)
16. A total of eight tri-folds, four in English and four in Spanish, were developed identifying internet resources in the regions. [↑](#footnote-ref-16)
17. <http://valleyvision.org/sites/files/pdf/summary_report_1.5.1.pdf>. [↑](#footnote-ref-17)
18. <http://www.yolocounty.org/general-government/yolo-lafco/shared-services-initiative/yolo-broadband>. [↑](#footnote-ref-18)
19. The goal of the Roundtable was to engage a critical mass of key Local Government Officials throughout California to become active champions in closing the Digital Divide. [↑](#footnote-ref-19)
20. See Regional Consortium Representation and Endorsements on page 8 of this Resolution. [↑](#footnote-ref-20)
21. Eastern Alpine and Sierra County are founding members of the GCBC; they are still members of the Consortium, but are not currently in the Consortium oversight committee. [↑](#footnote-ref-21)
22. Resolution T-17529, dated August 18, 2016. [↑](#footnote-ref-22)
23. D.11-06-038, p. 25. [↑](#footnote-ref-23)
24. SEDCorp, Fiscal Agent for GCBC, SmartRiverside, Fiscal Agent for IERBC, and Valley Vision Incorporated, Fiscal Agent for the CCABC, have agreed to comply with the CPUC’s grant administration requirements. [↑](#footnote-ref-24)
25. D.11-06-038, p. 29. [↑](#footnote-ref-25)
26. D.11-06-038, Ordering Paragraph 11, p. 40, “Any proposed consortium budget must expressly exclude any costs for activities or programs within the consortia region that are separately funded from any other sources in order to ensure that California Advanced Services Fund.” [↑](#footnote-ref-26)
27. D.11-06-038, p. 30. [↑](#footnote-ref-27)
28. D.11-06-038, p. 29; see also P.U. Code § 270. [↑](#footnote-ref-28)
29. Id at p. 30. [↑](#footnote-ref-29)