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MEDIA ADVISORY

Register Now: CPUC Informational Webinar on California Teleconnect Fund Recertification

SAN FRANCISCO, Nov. 20, 2023 – 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. During this virtual event, CPUC staff will discuss the CTF application processes.

WHEN: Dec. 11, 2023, 10 – 11 a.m.

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 the webinar, CPUC staff will cover the following topics: CTF rules surrounding recertification; recertification demonstration; required documentation for recertification and contact information for participants; deficiencies; and determination. This is the third webinar on CTF in a series of five held to ensure maximum communication on this important program. For questions about the CTF or for technical assistance, please contact <u>CTFOutreach@cpuc.ca.gov</u>.

WHERE: Remote access via WebEx or phone:

- Attendees should register in advance of the webinar. Video and call-in options will be provided through email after registration.
- WebEx registration link: <u>Register Here</u>

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, and healthcare facilities have access to affordable and reliable telecommunications infrastructure. For additional information about the CTF, please visit the <u>California Teleconnect Fund</u> website.

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

SPECIALIZED ACCOMMODATIONS

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

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