

**PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA**

**Communications Division  
Broadband Regional Initiatives Branch**

**RESOLUTION T-17867  
December 19, 2024**

**RESOLUTION**

**RESOLUTION T-17867: Awards three grants for up to \$19,108,410 from the Last Mile Federal Funding Account to provide service to 3,833 unserved locations in Kern and Merced Counties.**

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**I. SUMMARY**

This Resolution recommends approval of three Last Mile Federal Funding Account grants in the amount of up to \$19,108,410.

This Resolution is part of the tenth package of Resolutions approving grants to Federal Funding Account applicants for broadband infrastructure projects serving unserved areas in California. Subsequent Resolutions will be presented for Commission vote as Communications Division Staff completes its analyses of applications.

The three projects in this Resolution propose to make investments bringing the social, economic, civic, and public safety benefits of high-speed broadband to 3,833 unserved locations and an estimated unserved population of 22,831 in Kern and Merced Counties. An estimated total population of 36,822 people will benefit from these investments as households and businesses that already have service in these communities will benefit from greater customer choice in the broadband market. The last mile connections funded by these grants build upon the state-owned open-access Middle-Mile Broadband Initiative.

Staff recommends grant awards to three entities (listed in the order in which they appear in this Resolution): The City of Shafter, AT&T, and unWired Broadband.

The City of Shafter is an incorporated city located in Kern County. AT&T is an incumbent telecommunication company offering service throughout California. unWired Broadband is an independent Internet Service Provider offering service in the Central Valley, from Kern County to San Joaquin County.

Staff recommends the following three grant applications for Commission approval as

shown in Table 1 below. Maps and summaries associated with each project are in the appendices.

**Table 1: Summary of Grant Funding**

<b>Applicant</b>	<b>Project Name</b>	<b>Estimated Unserved Locations</b>	<b>Estimated Unserved Units</b>	<b>Estimated Unserved Population</b>	<b>Estimated Benefitting Population</b>	<b>Awarded Amount</b>
<b>Kern</b>						
City of Shafter	City of Shafter Unserved Broadband Access Project	182	211	797	3,924	\$6,910,394
AT&T	Kern - 1	1,707	1,583	15,741	26,431	\$7,435,925
<b>Subtotal</b>		<b>1,889</b>	<b>1,794</b>	<b>16,538</b>	<b>30,355</b>	<b>\$14,346,319</b>
<b>Merced</b>						
unWired Broadband	City of Gustine	1,944	2,332	6,293	6,467	\$4,762,091
<b>Subtotal</b>		<b>1,944</b>	<b>2,332</b>	<b>6,293</b>	<b>6,467</b>	<b>\$4,762,091</b>
<b>Grand Total</b>		<b>3,833</b>	<b>4,126</b>	<b>22,831</b>	<b>36,822</b>	<b>\$19,108,410</b>

**II. BACKGROUND**

California’s multi-year broadband investment package established the last mile Federal Funding Account as part of the Budget Act of 2021 and Senate Bill 156<sup>1</sup> and invested \$2 billion in the program over multiple years. The Federal Funding Account funds the construction of last mile broadband infrastructure projects in unserved areas of California. The Federal Funding Account encourages the deployment of broadband throughout the State to enable the public to access internet-based safety applications, telehealth services, emergency services, and to allow first responders to communicate with each other and collaborate during emergencies.

On April 21, 2022, the Commission issued Decision (D.) 22-04-055, Decision Adopting Federal Funding Account Rules. The rules and guidelines adopted in that decision included, among other items, the following: rules about projects to benefit Environmental and Social Justice Communities, affordable offers, five and ten-year price commitments, low-cost plans, project eligibility, application requirements, application objections, implementation of Public Utilities Code section 281(n) allocating

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<sup>1</sup> Statute 2021, Chapters 84 and 112.

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funding between “rural counties” and “urban counties,” a process to reimburse grantees, a ministerial review process whereby Communications Division Staff may approve certain projects, and minimum performance standards for grantees.

The Federal Funding Account D. 22-04-055 includes requirements and preference for a number of affordability requirements including:

- Participation in the Affordable Connectivity Program or access to a “broad-based affordability program.” Given that the Affordable Connectivity Program has lapsed grantees must participate in a successor program when identified by the Commission.
- A five-year price commitment, and preference for a ten-year commitment.
- Preference for a low-cost plan that is \$40/month or less and provides speeds of at least 50 megabits per second down and 20 megabits per second up (50/20 Mbps).
- Preference for participation in the California and/or federal Lifeline programs (which may include bundled voice and broadband offerings).

Applications that committed to provide voice service and participate in LifeLine, consistent with the requirement to serve customers in the project area at prices not exceeding those in the application for five years after project completion, must provide voice service and participate in LifeLine for five years after project completion. In providing grant funding to projects the Commission is validating the need for and the state’s investment in the provision of communications service, including voice and programs supporting affordability like LifeLine, for the life of the infrastructure.

The Federal Funding Account Decision and Appendix specify additional consideration for disadvantaged communities or Environmental and Social Justice communities.<sup>2</sup> The Commission made available on the Federal Funding Account Public Map,<sup>3</sup> the Applicant Tool,<sup>4</sup> and data downloads locations and census blocks meeting these definitions.<sup>5</sup> A grant application window was opened on June 30, 2023, and closed at

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<sup>2</sup> The Commission Environmental and Social Justice Action plan includes definitions and data indicators for disadvantaged or Environmental and Social Justice communities including Disadvantaged Communities defined by the California Environmental Protection Agency (CalEPA) and low-income households defined as household incomes below 80 percent of the area median income. The Commission’s Environmental and Social Justice Action Plan 2.0 is available at: <https://www.cpuc.ca.gov/-/media/cpuc-website/divisions/news-and-outreach/documents/news-office/key-issues/esj/esj-action-plan-v2jw.pdf>

<sup>3</sup> The Federal Funding Account Public Map is available at: <https://federalfundingaccountmap.vetro.io/>

<sup>4</sup> Registration for the Federal Funding Account Applicant Tool is available at: [FFA Applicant Tool Registration](#)

<sup>5</sup> Disadvantaged or Environmental and Social Justice communities and individual locations, for purposes of the Federal Funding Account, include those in Disadvantaged Communities census tracts as defined

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4 p.m. on September 29, 2023; 484 applications were submitted. Application summaries were posted on October 23, 2023, and a 28-day objection period closed on November 20, 2023. Responses to objections were received until December 20, 2023.

Applications were holistically evaluated: required and supporting documentation and the merits of the applications were compared and assessed on a county basis. Following an initial analysis, Staff sent a data request to applicants and requested additional information. Staff's holistic evaluation included project engineering, technical feasibility and design, financial viability, cost, applicant capacity, and community need, among other factors. Staff assessed how to manage overlapping applications and applications planning to include some already-served areas in their project area.<sup>6</sup>

Staff also evaluated how applications and groups of applications compared to competing applications in the same county.

The specific locations to be provided service for a given project will be updated and reconciled with the Broadband Serviceable Location Fabric after detailed engineering and project design, and the grant amount may be reduced consistent with a reduction in the number of locations. The Federal Funding Account award will not fund locations supported by a federal broadband program with Capital Project Fund monies.<sup>7</sup>

### **III. APPLICATION SUMMARIES, DISCUSSION, AND RECOMMENDATIONS**

#### **Kern County Summary**

The allocation for projects in Kern County in D. 22-04-005 is \$31,308,289. This Resolution recommends awarding one grant to the City of Shafter and one grant to AT&T for projects in Kern County. The recommended grant amount for projects in

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by CalePA and low-income areas in which the census block group median household income is less than or equal to 80 percent of the higher of the county or state average. This data is available for download on the Federal Funding Account Public Map page (visited June 13, 2024), <https://www.cpuc.ca.gov/industries-and-topics/internet-and-phone/broadband-implementation-for-california/last-mile-federal-funding-account/ffa-public-map> and the Federal Funding Account Application Resources Page (visited June 13, 2024), <https://www.cpuc.ca.gov/industries-and-topics/internet-and-phone/broadband-implementation-for-california/last-mile-federal-funding-account/ffa-application-resources-page>.

<sup>6</sup> D.22-04-055 states that "households and businesses with an identified need for additional broadband infrastructure do not have to be the only ones in the service area served by an eligible broadband infrastructure project. Indeed, serving these households and businesses may require a holistic approach that provides service to a wider area, for example, in order to make ongoing service of certain households or businesses within the service area economical."

<sup>7</sup> Federal broadband programs include the Connect America Fund II, Community Connects Grant Program, Enhanced Alternative Connect America Cost Model, Rural Digital Opportunity Fund, Rural E-Connectivity Program, Tribal Broadband Connectivity Program, and Telephone Loan Program.

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Kern County is \$14,346,319, which leaves a remainder of \$16,961,970 of the allocation for Kern County.

**Kern County Awards**

1. *City of Shafter, City of Shafter Unserved Broadband Access Project*

Staff recommends the Commission approve the City of Shafter's application for a grant of up to \$6,910,394 for the City of Shafter Unserved Broadband Access Project.

The City of Shafter Unserved Broadband Access Project proposes to serve an estimated 182 unserved locations based on a March 2024 supplemental application filing. There are approximately 211 unserved units in the project area. An estimated unserved population of 797 would be offered service. An estimated total population of 3,924 will benefit from these investments in the community of Shafter. The last-mile fiber project will provide up to 10/10 Gigabits per second (Gbps) service to consumers.

The City of Shafter will deploy approximately 21 miles of last-mile fiber. The network infrastructure will be 21 percent underground and 79 percent aerial.

The City of Shafter Unserved Broadband Access Project will benefit disadvantaged or Environmental and Social Justice communities; 100 percent of the unserved locations are located in Disadvantaged Communities. The City of Shafter will provide a low-cost broadband plan that meets the requirements in D. 22-04-055, Section 3, and has committed to maintaining its prices for at least ten years.

The proposed project will cost an estimated \$7,608,049, of which the Federal Funding Account will fund approximately 91 percent of costs.

Staff determined that the applicant and the project are financially viable, and the applicant's engineering meets the program standards. The applicant demonstrated the administrative, technical, and operational capacity to provide broadband service at the scale of this project.

This application received one objection, and the City of Shafter responded to the objection. The objection included 883 served locations in the area. An examination of point-level objection data excluded many locations that were outside the proposed service area. Within the proposed service area, served and unserved locations were scattered throughout the project area. The City of Shafter stated that removing any of the contested areas would render a majority of the project unsustainable and unbuildable, which was verified. Staff determined that fragmenting the project area of the application would threaten the fiscal and technical viability of the project, because passing served locations is necessary to reach the scattered unserved locations. The

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Federal Final Rule and D.22-04-055 allow projects serving unserved locations to include served locations to make the project viable. The project area of the City of Shafter Unserved Broadband Access Project was not modified in response to objections.

No Federal Funding Account Public Map comments were submitted in Kern County.<sup>1</sup> The City of Shafter Unserved Broadband Access Project area's unserved locations were evaluated in light of the updated Federal Communications Commission and Federal Funding Account unserved data (as of June 30, 2023). In response to this data, the number of unserved locations is unchanged at 182, the project area is unchanged, and the total grant amount is unchanged. The specific locations to be provided service will be updated and reconciled with the Broadband Serviceable Location Fabric after detailed engineering and project design, and the grant amount may be reduced consistent with a reduction in the number of locations.

The following submitted letters of support for this application: Kern County Board of Supervisors, Kern County Hispanic Chamber of Commerce, the Richland School District, Shafter High School, Shafter Mennonite Brethren Church, Vanguard Medical Corporation, Community Action Partnership of Kern, Grow Academy Shafter, and three residents.

The proposed project provides the public safety benefits of reliable broadband infrastructure. This project is not located in a High Fire Threat District. This project will connect to the open-access Middle-Mile Broadband Initiative. This project includes approximately \$250,435 for open-access middle-mile fiber and backhaul fiber, and to connect them to the Middle-Mile Broadband Initiative.

Based on the information received, the Commission's Energy Division has determined that this project has not met the requirements for a California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) categorical exemption at this time. The City of Shafter must comply with the CEQA requirements discussed in the appendices. If the City of Shafter provides additional documentation sufficient to justify a staff determination of CEQA exemption, then the project can be exempted by letter from the Communications Division Director or the director's delegate or designee.

The City of Shafter and the City of Shafter Unserved Broadband Access Project comply with all requirements for approval in D. 22-04-055. The Communications Division recommends that the Commission approve the application of the City of Shafter for a grant of up to \$6,910,394 for the City of Shafter Unserved Broadband Access Project.

2. *AT&T, Kern - 1*

Staff recommends the Commission approve AT&T's application for a grant of up to \$7,435,925 for the Kern - 1 project.

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The Kern - 1 project proposes to serve an estimated 1,707 unserved locations based on an August 2024 supplemental application filing. There are approximately 1,583 unserved units in the project area. An estimated unserved population of 15,741 would be offered service. An estimated total population of 26,431 will benefit from these investments in the communities of Delano, Bakersfield, Tehachapi, and unincorporated Kern County. The last-mile fiber project will provide up to 5,000/5,000 Mbps service to consumers.

AT&T will deploy approximately 125 miles of last-mile fiber and 1 mile of middle mile and backhaul fiber. The network infrastructure will be 51 percent underground and 49 percent aerial.

The Kern - 1 project will benefit disadvantaged or Environmental and Social Justice communities; 74 percent of the unserved locations are in low-income areas.

The proposed project will cost an estimated \$14,871,850, of which the Federal Funding Account will fund approximately 50 percent of costs.

Staff determined that the applicant and the project are financially viable, and the applicant's engineering meets the program standards. The applicant demonstrated the administrative, technical, and operational capacity to provide broadband service at the scale of this project.

This application received four objections and AT&T responded to the objections. One objection claims that locations in the project area will be served by a Connect America Fund Phase II Auction award. The second objection claims that locations in the project area are already served. The third objection claims that locations in the project area are already served. The fourth objection claims that locations in the project area are already served.

With respect to the first objection, the locations in the project area covered by an existing award will not be reliably served as defined in D.22-04-055; nonetheless, the Federal Funding Account award will not fund locations supported by a federal broadband program with Capital Project Fund monies.<sup>8</sup> With respect to the second objection, Staff determined that the contested locations are not reliably served as defined by D.22-04-055. With respect to the third objection, Staff determined that the contested locations are outside the project area. With respect to the fourth objection, some locations in the project area were determined to be served. AT&T responded that

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<sup>8</sup> Federal broadband programs include the Connect America Fund II, Community Connects Grant Program, Enhanced Alternative Connect America Cost Model, Rural Digital Opportunity Fund, Rural E-Connectivity Program, Tribal Broadband Connectivity Program, and Telephone Loan Program.

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their application seeks funding only for unserved locations within the project area and that passing through served areas is necessary to reach the unserved locations; the Federal Final Rule<sup>2</sup> and D.22-04-055<sup>3</sup> allow projects serving unserved locations to include served locations to make the project viable. The Kern - 1 project area has not been modified in response to objections.

No Federal Funding Account Public Map comments were submitted in Kern County.<sup>4</sup> The Kern - 1 project area's unserved locations were evaluated in light of the updated Federal Communications Commission and Federal Funding Account unserved data (as of June 30, 2023). No changes were made in response to this data. The number of unserved locations is unchanged at 1,707. The total grant amount is unchanged at \$7,435,925. The specific locations to be provided service will be updated and reconciled with the Broadband Serviceable Location Fabric after detailed engineering and project design, and the grant amount may be reduced consistent with a reduction in the number of locations.

The following submitted letters of support for this application: Bakersfield Mayor Karen K. Goh, emPOWERment, Bakersfield Chamber of Commerce, Advanced Micro Resource Digital Forensics, Upside Productions Management, and the Kern County Board of Supervisors.

The proposed project provides the public safety benefits of reliable broadband infrastructure and will benefit households located in High Fire Threat Districts 2 and 3.

AT&T's application committed to provide voice service and participate in LifeLine. Consistent with the requirement to serve customers in the project area at prices not exceeding those in the application for five years after project completion AT&T must provide voice service and participate in LifeLine for five years after project completion.

Separate and outside the Federal Funding Account rules and requirements, AT&T is already required to offer California LifeLine and Federal Lifeline and is already offering such services as a Carrier of Last Resort and an Eligible Telecommunications Carrier. This Federal Funding Account grant award and requirements do not change those existing obligations. Since AT&T is already offering such services, when it comes time to offering FFA service, AT&T should offer Lifeline service consistent with the separate or outside requirements of its Lifeline obligations to avoid customer confusion. Nothing in this recommended Federal Funding Account award changes AT&T's current California LifeLine or Federal Lifeline obligations. To the extent AT&T's existing LifeLine or Federal Lifeline obligations may change, AT&T can request to update its Federal Funding Account awards to reflect the updated change to its Lifeline offerings and specify the Lifeline offerings customers will be receiving.



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Based on the information received, the Commission's Energy Division has determined that this project has not met the requirements for a CEQA categorical exemption at this time. AT&T must comply with the CEQA requirements discussed in the appendices. If AT&T provides additional documentation sufficient to justify a staff determination of CEQA exemption, then the project can be exempted by letter from the Communications Division Director or the director's delegate or designee.

AT&T and the Kern - 1 project comply with all requirements for approval in D. 22-04-055. The Communications Division recommends that the Commission approve the AT&T's Kern - 1 project a grant of up to \$7,435,925.

### **Merced County Summary**

The allocation for projects in Merced County in D. 22-04-005 is \$27,261,491. This Resolution recommends awarding one grant to unWired Broadband for a project in Merced County. The recommended grant amount for locations in Merced County is \$4,762,091 which leaves a remainder of \$22,499,400 of the allocation for Merced County.

### **Merced County Awards**

#### *1. unWired Broadband, City of Gustine*

Staff recommends the Commission approve unWired Broadband's application for a grant of up to \$4,762,091 for the City of Gustine project.

The City of Gustine project proposes to serve an estimated 1,944 unserved locations based on a March 2024 supplemental application filing. There are approximately 2,332 unserved units in the project area. An estimated unserved population of 6,293 would be offered service. An estimated total population of 6,467 will benefit from these investments in the communities of Merced County. The last-mile fiber project will provide up to 1,000/1,000 Mbps service to consumers.

unWired Broadband will deploy approximately 33 miles of last-mile fiber and 4 miles of middle mile fiber. The network infrastructure will be 100 percent underground.

The City of Gustine project will benefit disadvantaged or Environmental and Social Justice communities; 100 percent of the unserved locations are located in Disadvantaged Communities.

The proposed project will cost an estimated \$6,063,972 of which the Federal Funding Account will fund approximately 79 percent of costs.

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Staff determined that the applicant and the project are financially viable, and the applicant's engineering meets the program standards. The applicant demonstrated the administrative, technical, and operational capacity to provide broadband service at the scale of this project.

This application received three objections and unWired Broadband responded to the objections. The first objection claimed that unWired would not be able to satisfy funding requirements. The second objection claimed that locations in the project area will be served by a Connect America Fund Phase II Auction award. The third objection claimed an existing agreement exists to provide service in the City of Gustine. With respect to the first objection, the objector did not provide sufficient documentation to support a claim that the grant should not be awarded. With respect to the second objection, the locations in the project area covered by an existing award will not be reliably served as defined in D.22-04-055; nevertheless the Federal Funding Account award will not fund locations supported by a federal broadband program with Capital Project Fund monies.<sup>9</sup> With respect to the third objection, the City of Gustine confirmed that it does not have an existing agreement with the third objector to provide service in the city. The City of Gustine's project area was not modified in response to objections.

No Federal Funding Account Public Map comments were submitted in Merced County.<sup>3</sup> The City of Gustine project area's unserved locations were evaluated in light of the updated Federal Communications Commission and Federal Funding Account unserved data (as of June 30, 2023). In response to objections, and this data, the number of unserved locations is unchanged at 1,944, the project area is unchanged, and the total grant amount is unchanged. The specific locations to be provided service will be updated and reconciled with the Broadband Serviceable Location Fabric after detailed engineering and project design, and the grant amount may be reduced consistent with a reduction in the number of locations.

The following submitted letters of support for this application: California State Senator Anna Caballero, US Congressman John Duarte, California Assemblymember Juan Alanis, and the Gustine Chamber of Commerce .

The proposed project provides public safety benefits of reliable broadband infrastructure. This project is not located in a High Fire Threat District. This project will connect to the open-access Middle-Mile Broadband Initiative.

Based on the information received, the Commission's Energy Division has determined that this project meets the criteria for California Environmental Quality Act categorical

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<sup>9</sup> Federal broadband programs include the Connect America Fund II, Community Connects Grant Program, Enhanced Alternative Connect America Cost Model, Rural Digital Opportunity Fund, Rural E-Connectivity Program, Tribal Broadband Connectivity Program, and Telephone Loan Program.

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exemptions under 14 California Code of Regulations (C.C.R.) Section 15303 (New Construction or Conversion of Small Structures), and 14 C.C.R. Section 15304 (Minor Alterations to Land). Thus, the City of Gustine Project is categorically exempt from CEQA review and the Commission may authorize funds for construction activities.

unWired Broadband and the City of Gustine project comply with all requirements for approval in D. 22-04-055. The Communications Division recommends that the Commission approve unWired Broadband's City of Gustine project for a grant of up to \$4,762,091.

### **COMMENTS**

In compliance with Public Utilities Code Section 311(g)(1), a Notice of Availability of this draft resolution was e-mailed on November 15, 2024, informing all parties on the CASF Distribution List and the R. 20-09-001 Service List of the availability of the draft of this Resolution, and of the opportunity to comment, at the Commission's website at <http://www.cpuc.ca.gov/>.

Resolution Comments were submitted on December 5, 2024, by AT&T, The Utility Reform Network (TURN), and Charter. Reply comments were submitted on December 10, 2024, by AT&T.

#### **AT&T Opening Comments**

AT&T requested language be added to this Resolution stating that all FFA applicants who responded to the LifeLine question in their application may choose whether to participate in either California LifeLine, or federal Lifeline, or both, to the extent allowed by applicable laws, and may modify its participation in one or both programs based on applicable laws.

AT&T also requested that the AT&T Service Plans Appendix be amended to remove low-income plan qualifications related to the Affordable Connectivity Program that are not applicable.

#### **The Utility Reform Network Opening Comments**

The Utility Reform Network requested that language included in Resolution T-17850 in response to comments be reintroduced in this Resolution and future Federal Funding Account Resolutions. The proposed language clarifies that some applicants' obligations to participate in LifeLine and provide voice service because they are Carriers of Last Resort (COLR) is independent of any commitments those applicants may make as applicants to participate in LifeLine and provide voice service in Federal Funding Account project areas.

### **Charter Reply Comments**

Charter submitted reply comments summarizing their objection to the City of Shafter application for the City of Shafter Unserved Broadband Access Project.

### **AT&T Reply Comments**

AT&T submitted reply comments responding to The Utility Reform Network and requesting the inclusion of language from T-17850. The language clarifies that the Federal Funding Account award does not change AT&T's California LifeLine or federal Lifeline obligations, and that AT&T shall notify the Commission if its LifeLine or Lifeline obligations and offerings change.

### **Staff Response to Comments**

In response to comments and consistent with other Federal Funding Account Resolutions, language based on adopted Resolution T-17850 was added, clarifying the distinction between LifeLine and voice commitments made in Federal Funding Account applications and those same applicants' other obligations. The interpretive language below is applicable to all Federal Funding Account Resolutions awarding grants to entities with a separate obligation to offer Lifeline service:

Separate and outside the Federal Funding Account rules and requirements, AT&T is already required to offer California LifeLine and Federal Lifeline and is already offering such services as a Carrier of Last Resort and an Eligible Telecommunications Carrier. This Federal Funding Account grant award and requirements do not change those existing obligations. Since AT&T is already offering such services, when it comes time to offering FFA service, AT&T should offer Lifeline service consistent with the separate/outside requirements of its Lifeline obligations to avoid customer confusion. Nothing in this recommended Federal Funding Account award changes AT&T's current California LifeLine or Federal Lifeline obligations. To the extent AT&T's existing LifeLine or Federal Lifeline obligations may change, AT&T can request to update its Federal Funding Account awards to reflect the updated change to its Lifeline offerings and specify the Lifeline offerings customers will be receiving.

In response to Charter's comments reiterating their objection to the City of Shafter Unserved Broadband Access Project, the Resolution was updated to provide more detail about the evaluation of the overlap between the proposed project and the areas where Charter provides service.

In response to recent requests from Comcast to revise the proposed Merced Tri City project, this Resolution has been revised to remove the Merced Tri City project, which

contained locations in Merced and Fresno counties. The revised application will be reviewed further.

#### **IV. COMPLIANCE REQUIREMENTS**

Awardees are required to comply with all the guidelines, requirements, and conditions associated with the grant of Federal Funding Account awards as specified in D.22-04-055. All Awardees are also required to sign a consent form agreeing to the terms and conditions of the Federal Funding Account. Such compliance includes, but is not limited to, the items noted below.

A. Deployment Schedule: All CEQA-exempt projects must be completed within 18 months, and all other projects shall be completed within 24 months after receiving authorization to construct. This timeline updates and supersedes the timeline in D.22-04-055 Appendix A section 8 on reimbursable expenses.

B. Pricing: By accepting these awards, the Awardees commit to serve customers in the project area at prices not exceeding those provided in the application for five years after project completion. Awardees who committed not to increase prices for a period of ten years in their application commit to serve customers in the project area for ten years after project completion. Should the need arise for grant recipients to adjust prices due to externalities outside their control (*e.g.* inflation), grant recipients may file and serve, on the R. 20-09-001 proceeding service list, a request to modify this requirement with the Communications Division.

C. Speed and Latency: All households in the proposed project areas must be offered a broadband internet service plan with speeds of at least 100/100 Mpbs download and upload, with not more than 100 milliseconds of latency.

D. Affordability: All projects shall participate in the Affordable Connectivity Program or otherwise provide access to a broad-based affordability program to low-income customers in the proposed service area of the broadband infrastructure that provides benefits to households commensurate with those provided under the Affordable Connectivity Program. Should the Affordable Connectivity Program end, the Commission will identify a successor low-income subsidy program in which participants must participate. Awardees must participate in a successor to the Affordable Connectivity Program identified after the grant is awarded.

E. Project Audit: The Commission has the right to conduct any necessary audit, verification, and discovery during project implementation/construction to ensure that Federal Funding Account funds are spent in accordance with Commission approval.

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All recipients of federally funded grants exceeding \$750,000 will need to include a budget for a federal audit.<sup>10</sup>

F. Reporting Requirements: Numerous post-award reports are required. In summary, these include monthly contractor reports (if applicable), quarterly progress reports, and a final completion report.<sup>11</sup>

G. Prevailing Wage: Section 1720 of the California Labor Code requires Federal Funding Account projects be subject to prevailing wage requirements.<sup>12</sup> Applicants accepting Federal Funding Account awards are committing to follow state prevailing wage requirements with regards to their projects.

H. Payments to Federal Funding Account Recipients: The Commission may reimburse Awardees' expenses in accordance with Public Utilities Code Section 281(n)(2), D.22-04-055, and the Appendix. Requests for payments may be submitted as the project is progressively deployed. The prerequisite for first payment is the submittal of a progress report to the Commission showing that a minimum of ten percent of the project (as determined by budget spent) has been completed. Subsequent payments may be made upon at least 25 percent intervals, with the final 15 percent payment request (from 85 to 100 percent) not eligible for payment without an approved completion report. Payments are based on submitted receipts, invoices and other supporting documentation showing expenditures incurred for the project in accordance with the approved Federal Funding Account budget included in the awardee's application.

## **FINDINGS OF FACT**

1. California's multi-year broadband infrastructure investments in the Budget Act of 2021 and Senate Bill 156 (Statutes 2021, Chapters 84 and 112) provided \$2 billion over multiple years to the Last Mile Federal Funding Account to facilitate,

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<sup>10</sup> Treasury, Compliance and Reporting Guidance State and Local Fiscal Recovery Funds (November 15, 2021 Version 2.1), available at <https://home.treasury.gov/system/files/136/SLFRF-Compliance-and-Reporting-Guidance.pdf>.

<sup>11</sup> D. 22-04-055, Appendix A, Section 14.

<sup>12</sup> D.22-054-055, Section 13.2, page 57.

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via reimbursement, construction of last mile broadband infrastructure projects to connect unserved Californians.

2. On April 21, 2022, the Commission approved Decision 22-04-055, which along with the Federal Final Rule, established the Last Mile Federal Funding Account and set program rules.
3. The Communications Division opened an application window for the Federal Funding Account on June 30, 2023, and closed it on September 29, 2023. Applicants submitted 484 applications before the deadline. Application summaries were posted on October 23, 2023, and a 28-day objection window closed on November 20, 2023. Responses to objections were received until December 20, 2023.
4. The City of Shafter submitted an application for the City of Shafter Unserved Broadband Access Project on September 28, 2023.
5. AT&T submitted an application for the Kern - 1 project on September 28, 2023.
6. UnWired Broadband submitted an application for the City of Gustine project on September 28, 2023.
7. Applicants responded to a supplemental data request that was due on March 12, 2024, providing information on project route miles, poles, unserved locations, middle-mile connectivity, and other updated project specific information.
8. The Commission has determined that the City of Shafter's City of Shafter Unserved Broadband Access Project is categorically exempt from California Environmental Quality Act review, pursuant to CEQA Guidelines at 14 California Code of Regulations (C.C.R.) Section 15301 (Existing Facilities), 14 C.C.R. Section 15302 (Replacement or Reconstruction), 14 C.C.R Section 15303 (New Construction or Conversion of Small Structures), and 14 C.C.R Section 15304 (Minor Alterations to Land).
9. The Commission has determined that AT&T's Kern - 1 project is not categorically exempt from California Environmental Quality Act review at this time.
10. The Commission has determined that unWired Broadband's City of Gustine project is categorically exempt from California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) review, pursuant to CEQA Guidelines at 14 California Code of Regulations (C.C.R.) Section 15303 (New Construction or Conversion of Small Structures) and 14 C.C.R. § 15304 (Minor Alterations to Land).

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11. Communications Division staff analyzed the applications for compliance with Commission and Federal rules, reviewed local feedback, and conducted fiscal and technical analysis.
12. All applications listed above met minimum eligibility requirements provided in Decision 22-04-055.
13. Staff recommends approval of the applications in this resolution, as they comply with program rules as stated and contribute to the Federal Funding Account's goal of building broadband internet infrastructure to communities without access to internet service at sufficient and reliable speeds.
14. Draft Resolution T-17867 was emailed to the CASF Distribution List and the R. 20-09-001 Service List on November 15, 2024, in compliance with Public Utilities Code Section 311(g)(1).

**THEREFORE, IT IS ORDERED** that:

1. The Commission shall award up to \$6,910,394 in Federal Funding Account funds to the City of Shafter in order to complete the City of Shafter Unserved Broadband Access Project, as described in the appendices. The specific locations to be provided service will be updated and reconciled with the Broadband Serviceable Location Fabric after detailed engineering and project design, and the grant amount may be reduced consistent with a reduction in the number of locations.
2. The Commission shall award up to \$7,435,925 in Federal Funding Account funds to the AT&T in order to complete the Kern - 1 project, as described in the appendices. The specific locations to be provided service will be updated and reconciled with the Broadband Serviceable Location Fabric after detailed engineering and project design, and the grant amount may be reduced consistent with a reduction in the number of locations.
3. The Commission shall award up to \$4,762,091 in Federal Funding Account funds to unWired Broadband in order to complete the City of Gustine project, as described in the appendices. The specific locations to be provided service will be updated and reconciled with the Broadband Serviceable Location Fabric after detailed engineering and project design, and the grant amount may be reduced consistent with a reduction in the number of locations.
4. To ensure compliance with all program rules and guidelines, the Commission will not release funds to an applicant, including but not limited to the City of Shafter, proposing to enter into agreement(s) with a third party or third parties for the ownership, operation, and/or leasing of the proposed infrastructure or network



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until the applicant provides the Commission with an advanced copy of the agreement document(s) as well as any signed agreements.

5. Applicants that committed to provide voice and/or Lifeline service must provide voice service and participate in LifeLine for five years after project completion in Federal Funding Account project areas.
6. For those projects not determined to be categorically exempt, the Commission cannot release funds for construction activities until California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) review is complete. The awardees must comply with the requirements set forth in the CEQA Section of the Resolution. The awardees must provide their Proponent's Environmental Assessment for each project prior to the first payment.
7. Awardee(s) shall comply with all guidelines, requirements, and conditions set forth in this resolution.
8. When a successor to the Affordable Connectivity Program is identified by the Commission, all awardees shall participate in that program.
9. All construction covered by the grant must be completed within the applicable 18-month or 24-month time frame. In the event of extenuating circumstances jeopardizing this timeline, the Awardee(s) must notify the Communications Division's Director as soon as they become aware of any delay. If such notice is not provided, staff can take corrective actions including reducing payment for failure to satisfy this requirement.
10. If the awardee(s) fail to complete the project(s) in accordance with the terms outlined in Decision 22-04-055 and with the terms of the Commission's approval, as set forth in this resolution, awardees must reimburse some or all the Federal Funding Account grants received or take other corrective action.
11. If staff evaluation finds any of the projects can be exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act, then the project can be exempted by letter from the Communications Division Director or the director's delegate or designee.
12. Upon approval of the resolution, the effective date of each award and encumbrance of funds is the date of approved resolution. Awardees seeking to modify their effective date must submit a letter to the Communications Division Director and provide justification for the request. Modifications to the effective date may be approved by letter from the Communications Division Director or the director's delegate or designee. All awards are contingent on available state budget appropriations funding.

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This resolution is effective today.

I certify that the foregoing resolution was duly introduced, passed, and adopted at a conference of the Public Utilities Commission of the State of California held on December 19, 2024, the following Commissioners voting favorable thereon:

/s/ RACHEL PETERSON

Rachel Peterson  
Executive Director

ALICE REYNOLDS  
President  
DARCIE L. HOUCK  
JOHN REYNOLDS  
KAREN DOUGLAS  
MATTHEW BAKER  
Commissioners

## **APPENDIX A**

### **City of Shafter California Environmental Quality Act Compliance Requirements**

The following City of Shafter project is categorically exempt from California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) review:

- City of Shafter Unserved Broadband Access Project

The City of Shafter provided the Commission with its project plans to install fiber and supporting facilities within existing public rights-of-way and primarily on existing poles as well as Best Management Practices to be implemented during construction. Throughout the City of Shafter and in small unincorporated areas surrounding the city, it will deploy approximately 21 miles of new fiber optic cable using Gigabit Passive Optical Network (GPON) technology. GPON enables the network to scale from 1 gigabit symmetrical to 10+ gigabits as bandwidth needs increase and device technology advances. The City of Shafter will use aerial installation for 79 percent of the new fiber and the remaining 21 percent of new fiber will be deployed underground. The network will employ a ring topology between hubs to ensure the highest resiliency for customers. In addition, the network will utilize at least two backhaul paths for routing redundancy. The city will use three existing fiber huts for this project, requiring no new remote terminals or fiber huts to be built.

Based on the information that the City provided, the Commission's Energy Division has confirmed that the project meets the criteria for the CEQA categorical exemptions under 14 California Code of Regulations (C.C.R.) § 15301 (Existing Facilities), Class 1 - Existing Facilities, involving the operation, repair, maintenance, permitting, leasing, licensing, and minor alteration of existing public or private structures, as the project will facilitate the use of existing city facilities with minor alterations and ongoing maintenance and repair of its equipment; 14 C.C.R. § 15302 (Replacement or Reconstruction), here the Class 2 actions consists of (b) Replacement of a commercial structure with a new structure of substantially the same size, purpose, and capacity. (c) Replacement or reconstruction of existing utility systems and/or facilities involving negligible or no expansion of capacity, (d) Conversion of overhead electric utility distribution system facilities to underground including connection to existing overhead electric utility distribution lines where the surface is restored to the condition existing prior to the undergrounding; and 14 C.C.R. § 15303 (New Construction or Conversion of Small Structures), Class 3, New Construction of Small Structures, involving construction and installation of limited numbers of new structures for the above ground cabinets; 14 C.C.R. § 15304, Class 4, Minor Alterations to Land, involving minor trenching and backfilling where the service is restored for the underground portion of the fiber optic network occurring underground within the street right-of-way.

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Thus, the City of Shafter's Unserved Broadband Access Project - Last Mile Infrastructure project is categorically exempt from CEQA review and the Commission may authorize funds for construction activities.

**APPENDIX B**  
**AT&T California Environmental Quality Act Compliance Requirements**

The following AT&T project is subject to California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) review:

- Kern - 1

The Commission must complete CEQA review prior to disbursing Federal Funding Account funds for construction activities. The initial funding granted in this Resolution may be used for project development and other AT&T activities that do not involve construction or any activities that would have any direct or indirect effect on the physical environment.

Prior to any construction activity for the project, AT&T is required to seek further authority from the Commission for such activity by filing a Proponent's Environmental Assessment (PEA) pursuant to Commission Rule of Practice and Procedure 2.4; and must undergo an environmental review pursuant to CEQA (California Public Resources Code § 21000 et seq.).

AT&T should contact the Supervisor of the Commission's Energy Division CEQA Unit well in advance of a contemplated filing to (a) consult with staff regarding the process of developing and filing a PEA; (b) provide for cost recovery per Rule of Practice and Procedure 2.5; and (c) enter into a Memorandum of Understanding to allow the Energy Division to initiate the retention of an environmental contractor to perform the environmental review.

AT&T must provide a PEA prior to the first payment. The Commission cannot release funds for the construction phase of this project until the Commission has completed CEQA review.

**APPENDIX C**  
**unWired Broadband California Environmental Quality Act Compliance**  
**Requirements**

The following unWired Broadband project is categorically exempt from California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) review:

- City of Gustine

The project is located in Merced County, in the City of Gustine. UnWired Broadband provided the Commission with its project plans to construct 175,179 feet of underground fiber optic cable, conduit, handholes, pull-boxes, and conduit vaults. All project infrastructure will be built under and along city streets and existing right-of-way used by other utilities. There will be no placement of project infrastructure in new right-of-way or previously undisturbed ground. Following the completion of construction activities, unWired Broadband would return the site to its original condition.

Based on the information that unWired Broadband provided, the Commission's Energy Division has confirmed that the project meets the criteria for the CEQA categorical exemptions under 14 California Code of Regulations (C.C.R.) § 15303 (New Construction or Conversion of Small Structures), and 14 C.C.R. § 15304 (Minor Alterations to Land). Thus, the City of Gustine project is categorically exempt from CEQA review and the Commission may authorize funds for construction activities.

**APPENDIX D**  
**City of Shafter Unserved Broadband Access Project**  
**Key Information**

Project Name	City of Shafter Unserved Broadband Access Project
Applicant Name	City of Shafter
Community Names	Shafter
County	Kern County
County Allocation	\$31,308,289
Project Size (in square miles)	7
Maximum Download/Upload speed	10/10 Gbps
Lowest cost plan (non-income qualified)	\$39.99 for 100/100 Mbps
Low-income plan	No info
Low-cost plan	\$40/month for 50/20 Mbps minimum
LifeLine Participation	Yes
Percent Disadvantaged Communities	100 percent
Percent Low-Income Areas	68 percent
Median Household Income (weighted)	\$39,475
Area Households	960
Area Population	3,924
Estimated locations within 1000 feet of the project area (location passings)	3,482
Estimated units within 1000 feet of the project area (unit passings)	4,415
Unserved locations proposed to be served by the project	182
Unserved locations in the project area	164
Unserved units in the project area	211
Estimated unserved population in the project area	797
Estimated unserved Multiple Dwelling Unit (MDU) locations in the project area	34

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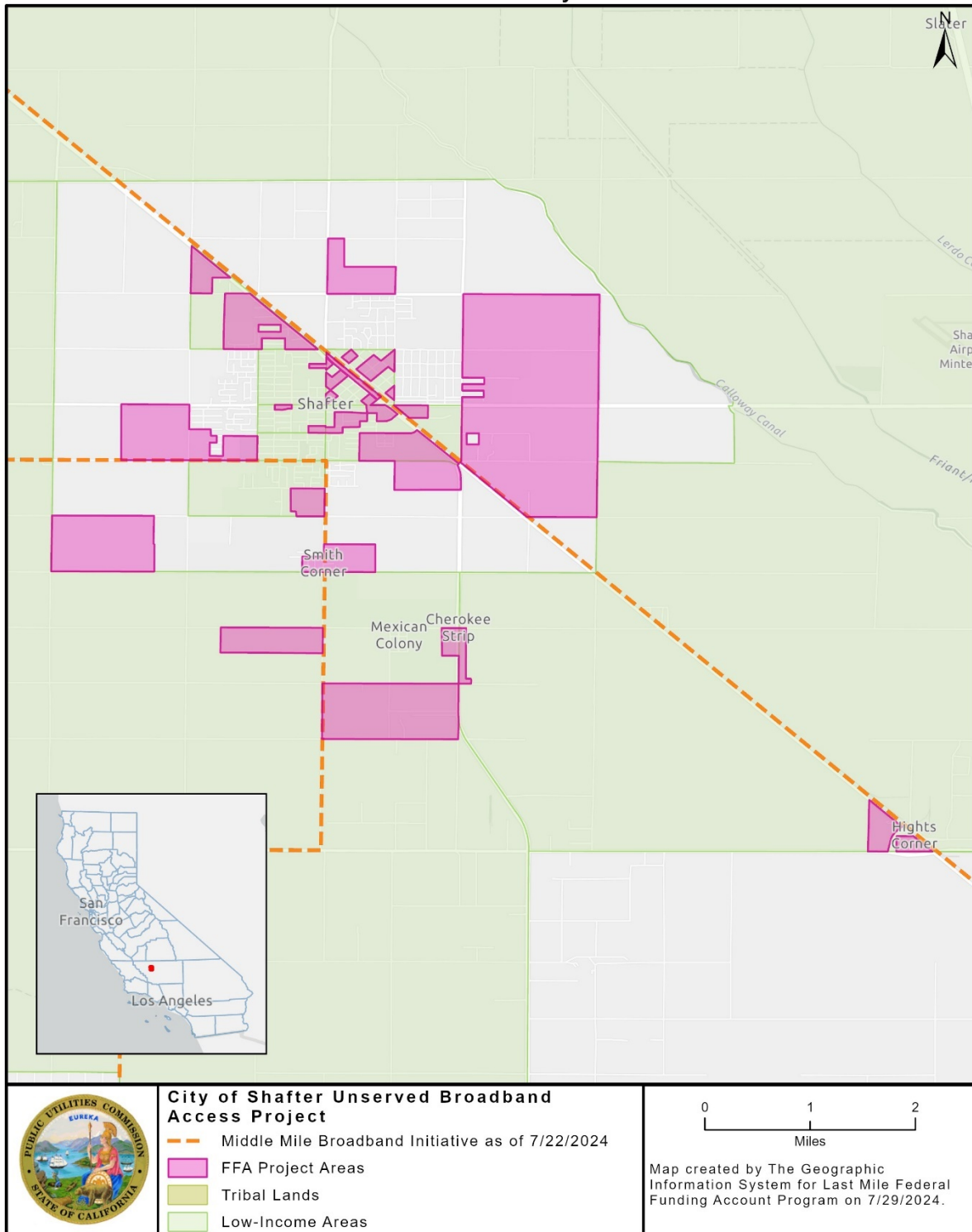
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Estimated unserved Multiple Dwelling Unit (MDU) location units in the project area	81
Community Anchor Institutions benefitting from the project	9
Public safety locations benefitting from the project	0
Does the project connect to public open access middle mile?	Yes
Distance of middle-mile, backhaul, and connection to Middle Mile Broadband Initiative in project	-
Grant costs for middle-mile, backhaul, and connection to Middle Mile Broadband Initiative in project	\$250,435
Grant costs for last-mile delivery	\$6,659,959
Deployment Schedule	24 Months
Total Project Cost	\$7,608,049
Amount of FFA grant funds requested	\$6,910,394
Applicant funded	\$697,655
Grant (excluding middle mile) per unserved unit in the project area	\$31,564
Grant (excluding middle mile) per unit passing	\$1,508



### Map of City of Shafter Unreserved Broadband Access Project

## City of Shafter- City of Shafter Unreserved Broadband Access Project- Kern County



**APPENDIX E**  
**Kern - 1**  
**Key Information**

<b>Project Name</b>	<b>Kern - 1</b>
Applicant Name	AT&T Services, Inc. on behalf of its affiliate Pacific Bell Telephone Company d/b/a AT&T California
Community Names	Kern County
County	Kern County
County Allocation	\$31,308,289
Project Size (in square miles)	35
Maximum Download/Upload speed	5,000/5,000 Mbps
Lowest cost plan (non-income qualified)	\$55 for 300/300 Mbps
Low-income plan	\$30 for 100/100 Mbps
Low-cost plan	No
LifeLine Participation	Yes
Percent Disadvantaged Communities	38 percent
Percent Low-Income Areas	74 percent
Median Household Income (weighted)	\$54,768
Area Households	4,072
Area Population	26,431
Estimated locations within 1000 feet of the project area (location passings)	8,700
Estimated units within 1000 feet of the project area (unit passings)	11,519
Unserviced locations proposed to be served by the project	1,707
Unserviced locations in the project area	1,374
Unserviced units in the project area	1,583
Estimated unserviced population in the project area	15,741
Estimated unserviced Multiple Dwelling Unit (MDU) locations in the project area	168

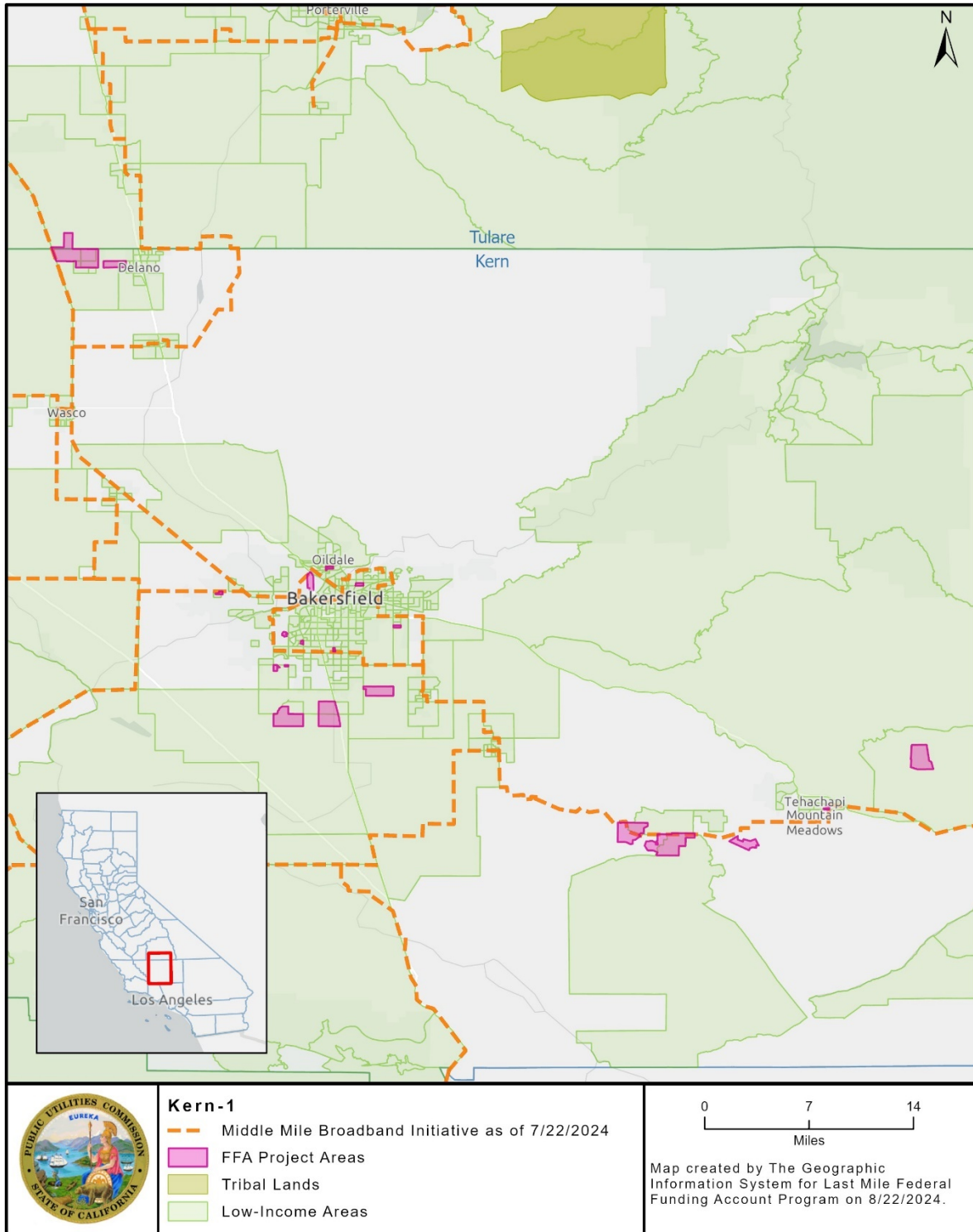
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Estimated unserved Multiple Dwelling Unit (MDU) location units in the project area	377
Community Anchor Institutions benefitting from the project	13
Public safety locations benefitting from the project	5
Does the project connect to public open access middle mile?	No
Distance of middle-mile, backhaul, and connection to Middle Mile Broadband Initiative in project	-
Grant costs for middle-mile, backhaul, and connection to Middle Mile Broadband Initiative in project	-
Grant costs for last-mile delivery	\$7,435,925
Deployment Schedule	18 Months
Total Project Cost	\$14,871,850
Amount of FFA grant funds requested	\$7,435,925
Applicant funded	\$7,435,925
Grant (excluding middle mile) per unserved unit in the project area	\$4,697
Grant (excluding middle mile) per unit passing	\$646

### Map of Kern - 1

## AT&T- Kern-1- Kern County



**APPENDIX F  
City of Gustine  
Key Information**

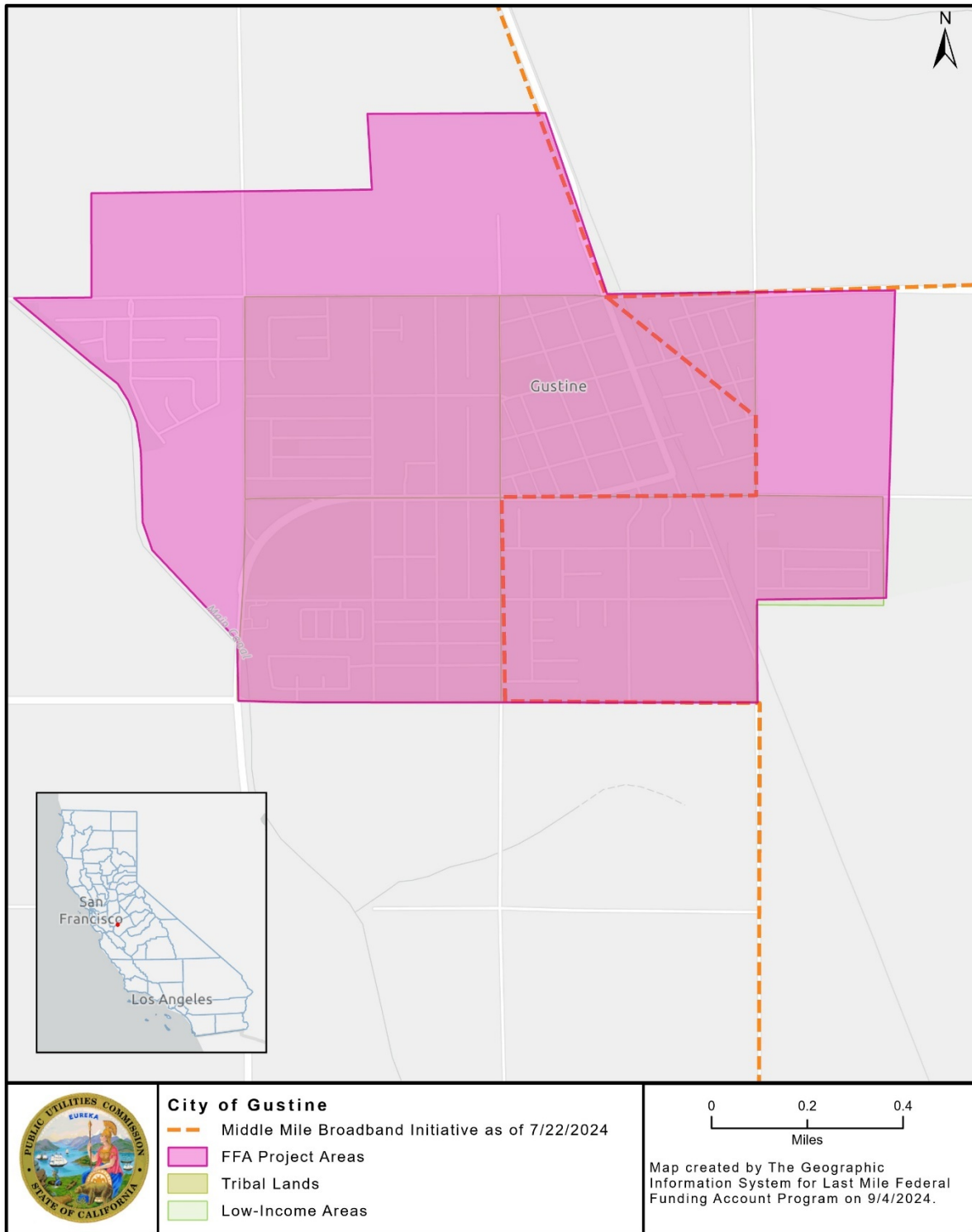
<b>Project Name</b>	<b>City of Gustine</b>
Applicant Name	unWired Broadband
Community Names	Gustine
County	Merced
County Allocation	\$27,261,491
Project Size (in square miles)	3
Maximum Download/Upload speed	1,000/1,000 Mbps
Lowest cost plan (non-income qualified)	\$69.99 for 250/250 Mbps
Low-income plan	No
Low-cost plan	No
LifeLine Participation	No
Percent Disadvantaged Communities	100 percent
Percent Low-Income Areas	86 percent
Median Household Income (weighted)	\$41,437
Area Households	2,230
Area Population	6,467
Estimated locations within 1000 feet of the project area (location passings)	1,963
Estimated units within 1000 feet of the project area (unit passings)	2,425
Unserved locations proposed to be served by the project	1,944
Unserved locations in the project area	1,905
Unserved units in the project area	2,332
Estimated unserved population in the project area	6,293
Estimated unserved Multiple Dwelling Unit (MDU) locations in the project area	214

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Estimated unserved Multiple Dwelling Unit (MDU) location units in the project area	641
Community Anchor Institutions benefitting from the project	16
Public safety locations benefitting from the project	4
Does the project connect to public open access middle mile?	Yes
Distance of middle-mile, backhaul, and connection to Middle Mile Broadband Initiative in project	-
Grant costs for middle-mile, backhaul, and connection to Middle Mile Broadband Initiative in project	-
Grant costs for last-mile delivery	\$4,762,091
Deployment Schedule	7 Months
Total Project Cost	\$6,063,972
Amount of FFA grant funds requested	\$4,762,091
Applicant funded	\$1,301,880
Grant (excluding middle mile) per unserved unit in the project area	\$2,042
Grant (excluding middle mile) per unit passing	\$1,964

### Map of City of Gustine project unWired Broadband - City of Gustine- Merced County



**APPENDIX G**  
**City of Shafter Service Plans**

As a condition of the grant awards in this Resolution, the City of Shafter is obligated to offer service to customers in the project areas of the listed projects at no less than the speeds in the Table below, no more than 100 milliseconds of latency, and no more than the prices<sup>13</sup> in the Table below, including installation, for at least ten years following project completion.<sup>14</sup>

- City of Shafter Unserved Broadband Access Project

<b>Plan</b>	<b>Speed</b>	<b>Price in 2024 Dollars</b>	<b>Notes</b>
Low-cost Plan	100/100 Mbps	\$39.99/month	-
Residential - 250 Mbps	250/250 Mbps	\$59.99/month	-
Residential - 500 Mbps	500/500 Mbps	\$69.99/month	-
Residential - 1 Gbps	1/1 Gbps	\$99.99/month	-
Business - 250 Mbps	250/250 Mbps	\$99.99/month	-
Business - 500 Mbps	500/500 Mbps	\$129.99/month	-
Business - 1 Gbps	1/1 Gbps	\$149.99/month	-
Business - 10 Gbps	10/10 Gbps	\$249.99/month	-

As a condition of the grant awards in this Resolution, the City of Shafter has committed to provide LifeLine-discounted voice service in the project area listed.

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<sup>13</sup> Prices may increase at no more than the rate of inflation, defined by the Consumer Price Index.

<sup>14</sup> The City of Shafter noted in its application that the prices it offers will depend in part on the results of a Request For Proposal for a partnering Internet Service Provider.



**APPENDIX H**  
**AT&T Service Plans**

As a condition of the grant awards in this Resolution, AT&T is obligated to offer service to customers in the project areas of the listed projects at no less than the speeds in the Table below, no more than 100 milliseconds of latency, and no more than the prices<sup>15</sup> in the Table below, including installation, for at least five years following project completion.

- Kern - 1

<b>Plan</b>	<b>Speed</b>	<b>Price in 2024 Dollars</b>	<b>Notes</b>
Access from AT&T	100/100 Mbps	\$30/month	Customers must provide documentation showing eligibility for a qualifying program. <sup>16</sup> Price includes available \$5.00/month auto-pay discount
AT&T Fiber	300/300 Mbps	\$55/month	Price includes available \$5.00/month auto-pay discount
AT&T Fiber	500/500 Mbps	\$65/month	Price includes available \$5.00/month auto-pay discount
AT&T Fiber	1,000/1,000 Mbps	\$80/month	Price includes available \$5.00/month auto-pay discount
AT&T Fiber	2,000/2,000 Mbps	\$150/month	Price includes available \$5.00/month auto-pay discount
AT&T Fiber	5,000/5,000 Mbps	\$250/month	Price includes available \$5.00/month auto-pay discount

As a condition of the grant awards in this Resolution, AT&T has committed to provide LifeLine-discounted service in the project area listed.

In addition, AT&T commits to offer voice service that meets California and Federal Communications Commission requirements for 9-1-1 service. AT&T states in their application: "At the time of this application, AT&T intends to offer VoIP services. For more information on AT&T's VoIP offerings, visit: <https://www.att.com/home-phone/>."

<sup>15</sup> Prices may increase at no more than the rate of inflation, defined by the Consumer Price Index.

<sup>16</sup> Qualifying programs/income thresholds include: Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program; Supplemental Security Income; National School Lunch Program or Head Start; and household income based on 200% of the Federal Poverty Guidelines.

**APPENDIX I**  
**unWired Broadband Service Plans**

As a condition of the grant awards in this Resolution, unWired Broadband is obligated to offer service to customers in the project areas of the listed projects at no less than the speeds in the Table below, no more than 100 milliseconds of latency, and no more than the prices<sup>17</sup> in the Table below, including installation, for at least five years following project completion.

- City of Gustine

<b>Plan</b>	<b>Speed</b>	<b>Price in 2024 Dollars</b>	<b>Notes</b>
250 Mbps	250/250 Mbps	\$69.99/month	-
500 Mbps	500/500 Mbps	\$89.99/month	-
1,000 Mbps	1,000/1,000 Mbps	\$99.99/month	-

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<sup>17</sup> Prices may increase at no more than the rate of inflation, defined by the Consumer Price Index.

**APPENDIX J**  
**California Public Utilities Commission**  
**Federal Funding Account, Last Mile Program**  
**Guidance to Staff Regarding**  
**CONSENT FORM**  
**Acknowledgement and Acceptance of Terms**

Awardee Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Key Project Contact: \_\_\_\_\_

Project Name: \_\_\_\_\_

The Awardee identified above acknowledges receipt of the California Public Utilities Commission Resolution or Award Letter and agrees to comply with all grant terms, conditions, and requirements set forth in the Resolution or Award Letter and those in the Federal Funding Account, Last Mile program rules. Awards are contingent on available state budget appropriations funding.

Undersigned representative of \_\_\_\_\_ [Name of Awardee] is duly authorized to execute this Consent Form on behalf of the Awardee and to bind the Awardee to the terms, conditions, and requirements set forth in California Public Utilities Commission Resolution or Award Letter and those in the Federal Funding Account, Last Mile program rules.

Dated this \_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 20\_\_\_\_.

Signature of Awardee Representative: \_\_\_\_\_

Title \_\_\_\_\_

Printed Name \_\_\_\_\_

Name of Representative's Organization:  
\_\_\_\_\_

Business Address:

\_\_\_\_\_  
Street address, suite/apt. number

\_\_\_\_\_  
City, state, and ZIP Code

Telephone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_