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### Grant provides broadband access to low-income households

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The California Public Utilities Commission awarded the Housing Authority a **\$366,581 grant** from the California Services Fund (CASF) Broadband Public Housing Account to provide **broadband infrastructure to 1,026 low-income households throughout the cities of Colton, Fontana, Loma Linda, Redlands, Rialto, and San Bernardino.**

“This grant is long overdue,” said Daniel Nackerman, HACSB’s Executive Director. “Low-income families have limited internet access at home and we are pleased to be able to help reduce the digital divide in a large portion of our affordable households.”

The state’s goal is to advance broadband adoption and infrastructure deployment in underserved communities. The ultimate goal is to provide access to 98 percent of California’s households.

The Housing Authority is pleased to help advance this statewide goal. With this grant, the Housing Authority - through a contracted vendor - will install and operate broadband infrastructure in all of these households. Broadband connectivity will help people access essential online services, education, and economic opportunities from the comfort of their own homes.

In 12 months or less, the Housing Authority anticipates completing set up of the infrastructure.

The award of this infrastructure grant also paves the way for the Housing Authority to apply for several supplemental adoption grants in order to purchase computers, enhance its computer labs and provide computer literacy training to its residents.

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