

October 23, 2025

Director Robert Osborn  
Communications Division  
California Public Utilities Commission

Dear Director Osborn,

The Inyo-Mono Broadband Consortium would like to request the following modifications to the Grant Year 3 work plan budget as approved in Resolution T-17778. This request for a budget modification does not change the total approved grant budget set forth in Resolution T-17778 and does not affect the timeline for the three-year consortium grant. There is no change to the total budget allocation, rather a reallocation of expenditures among the Objectives and Activity line items within the Grant Year 3 budget. The modifications in this request will also not adversely impact the completion of the project deliverables. The modifications requested are to: a) adjust the budgeted amounts between line items within Objective 1, Activity 2; b) to move \$3,000 from Objective 2, Activity 1, \$4,000 from Objective 2, Activity 2, and \$2,000 from Objective 3, Activity 2 to Objective 4, Activity 4; and c) to move \$3,500 from Objective 5, Activity 2 to Objective 5, Activity 1.

Objective 1, Activity 2:

- The requested modification to move the funds from the Transportation, Lodging and Per Diem line items to the Personnel/Staff Compensation line item in Objective 1, Activity 2 is highlighted in red text in the accompanying Appendix A spreadsheet (Tab 5).
- We request this modification because we will not need to request reimbursement for travel, lodging or per diem costs during Grant Year 3.
- Objective 1:
  - o Activity 2 – Priority Refinement: Budget \$21,000 (no change)
    - \$2,000 reduction in the Transportation line item
    - \$2,000 reduction in the Lodging line item
    - \$1,000 reduction in the Per Diem line item
    - \$5,000 increase in the Personnel/Staff Compensation line item

Objective 2, Activity 1:

- The requested modification to decrease the Objective 2 Activity 1 budget by \$3,000 is highlighted in red text in the accompanying Appendix A spreadsheet (Tab 6).
- This requested modification to decrease the budgeted amount is the result of current grant program application windows wrapping up at the end of October with a shift in the providers'

focus from identifying potential project areas to anticipating grant awards and initiating construction projects.

- Objective 2:
  - o Activity 1 – Provider Coordination: Budget \$16,000 (reduce to \$13,000)
    - \$3,000 reduction in the Personnel/Staff Compensation line item

#### Objective 2, Activity 2:

- The requested modification to decrease the Objective 2 Activity 2 budget by \$4,000 is highlighted in red text in the accompanying Appendix A spreadsheet (Tab 6)
- With the Digital 395 network becoming part of the State’s Middle-Mile Broadband Network, the amount of time needed to coordinate middle-mile network issues, last-mile connections and related activities is less than originally estimated.
- Objective 2:
  - o Activity 2 – Digital 395 Coordination: Budget \$16,000 (reduce to \$12,000)
    - \$4,000 reduction in the Personnel/Staff Compensation line item

#### Objective 3, Activity 2:

- The requested modification to decrease the Objective 3 Activity 2 budget by \$2,000 is highlighted in red text in the accompanying Appendix A spreadsheet (Tab 7)
- With the current wave of grant program application windows wrapping up at the end of October, and with 11 FFA applications submitted and one CASF Infrastructure Grant Account application in progress in our region, the amount of work needed to support project grant applications through the end of grant year 3 has decreased.
- Objective 3:
  - o Activity 2 – Project Grant Applications: Budget \$19,000 (reduce to \$17,000)
    - \$2,000 reduction in the Personnel/Staff Compensation line item

#### Objective 4, Activity 3:

- The requested modification to increase the Objective 4 from Activity 3 budget by \$9,000 is highlighted in red text in the accompanying Appendix A spreadsheet (Tab 8).
- We’re currently developing a Broadband Strategic Plan for Mono County, and we still have several hours of work remaining to complete this plan. We also plan to start and hopefully complete a Broadband Strategic Plan for Inyo County based on a Broadband Feasibility Study that was conducted in late 2023. These two strategic plans will incorporate data and information collated during all three grant years and will serve as guides for future broadband expansion projects in Inyo and Mono Counties.

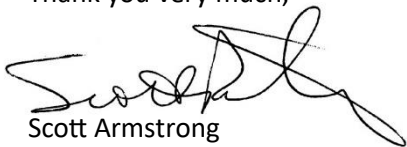
- Objective 4:
  - o Activity 3 – Agency Broadband Strategy: Budget \$11,000 (increase to \$20,000)
    - \$9,000 increase in the Personnel/Staff Compensation line item

Objective 5, Activities 1 & 2:

- The requested modification to move \$3,500 within Objective 5 from Activity 2 to Activity 1 is highlighted in red text in the accompanying Appendix A spreadsheet (Tab 9).
- We request this modification because the State’s new CalSPEED program is still in its early stages, and the FCC only maintains a mobile speed test application, providing little opportunity for data to support fixed broadband expansion in our region. Additionally, we have been unable to get speed test results for our region from either the State or FCC speed test systems. We would like to use the remaining, unused funds from Objective 5, Activity 2 for work related to Objective 5, Activity 1, primarily to maintain and improve the new, regional speed test tool that automates the extraction of speed test data from the Measurement Lab speed test as it runs.
- Objective 5:
  - o Activity 1 – Encourage Local Speed Tests: Original Budget \$5,500 (increase to \$9,000)
    - \$3,500 increase in the Personnel/Staff Compensation line item
  - o Activity 2 – Encourage State and Federal Speed Tests: Original Budget \$5,500 (reduce to \$2,000)
    - \$3,500 Reduction in the Personnel/Staff Compensation line item

These requests for modifications of the work plan budget are for Grant Year 3 only.

Thank you very much,



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