Supporting Broadband Access & Digital Literacy:
New Grant Opportunities for California’s Public Libraries

Libraries in California have **new opportunities to apply for grant funds** supporting digital literacy through the California Public Utilities Commission (PUC).

This new **$20 million fund** will award grants for “Broadband Access Programs” and “Digital Literacy Programs,” is aimed at **under-served, lower-income** residents and will give **preference to rural applicants**.

**Digital Literacy Grants:**
Supporting public access to computers & workspaces

**Funding up to 85% of program costs and reimbursement for:**
- Education and outreach efforts (including travel, up to 10% of grant amount) and materials
- Printers and routers
- Provision of technical support for the installation of equipment subsidized through the program
- Desks and chairs to furnish a designated space for digital literacy
- Gathering, preparing, and distributing digital literacy curriculum (not creating new curriculum)
- Costs of digital literacy instructors

**Broadband Access Grants:**
Supporting educational programs on computer use & internet-based resources

**Funding projects including:**
- Purchase of computing devices used in public spaces
  - up to $750 per device, capped at 15 devices per space or project
  - device software costs will be considered a separate expense

**Up to $5 million available in first year**

Applications will be accepted on a rolling basis beginning July 1, 2018. Award decisions will be made semi-annually.

Go to https://bit.ly/2t0HLjn for more information