

There are no comments posted to Community Air Grants and 2021 Awardees (communityairgrants) at this time.

**Comment 1 for Community Air Grants and 2021 Awardees
(communityairgrants). (At Hearing)**

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Subject: CARB Air Grants

Comment:

Newstart Housing Corporation supports CETF's goals to expand Digital Equity to AB617 communities. Please consider extending CARB Air grants to fund digital equity projects.

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Comment 2 for Community Air Grants and 2021 Awardees (communityairgrants). (At Hearing)

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Subject: staff / resources to assist AB617 Communities incorporate Digital Equity into their Plans

Comment:

Please accept my comments on behalf of the San Joaquin Valley Regional Broadband Consortia administered by the Office of Community and Economic Development at California State University, Fresno (Fresno State)

- In 2018 I provided input to the Greenhouse Gas Reduction Fund (GGRF) 3rd Investment Plan underscoring the need to incorporate Digital Inclusion into all strategies to reduce greenhouse gas emissions (GHG) and fight climate change.
- In collaboration with the California Emerging Technology Fund (CETF) we submitted Comments for the 4th Investment Plan.
- All Disadvantaged Communities referenced in the Investment Plans also are among the most digitally-disadvantaged. These residents do not have access to affordable Internet in times of emergencies or to reduce vehicle trips during their daily lives. Over the years we had several meetings with CARB staff, but there is still no commitment to incorporate Digital Equity into the CARB priorities of Environmental Justice and Equity.
- This year we joined forces with CETF to apply for a Community Air Grant so that we could work with AB617 Communities to incorporate Digital Equity into their Plans and to assist the community in securing funding for high-speed Internet infrastructure and to get all residents online. Our application was supported by the several CBOs and stakeholders, including the San Joaquin Valley Air Pollution Control District.
- While the application was prepared and submitted by CETF, CETF would not have received any funding. In fact, CETF pledged considerable in-kind support and has moved forward to beginning outreach into AB617 Communities.
- But, the Regional Broadband Consortia, Digital Equity CBOs, and the AB617 Communities need funding to work together and to empower AB617 Community residents with digital technology--both to support citizen science and to improve their lives.
- Thus, we are coming to the CARB Board to respectfully request that you dedicate staff and resources to assist AB617 Communities incorporate Digital Equity into their Plans as AB617 author Assemblymember Cristina Garcia has urged you to do.
- We stand ready to help. Respectfully, Eduardo Gonzalez

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