



Federal Funding Account Last Mile Grant Accept & Expend Resolution

Board of Supervisors, Budget and Finance Committee

Department of Technology

October 23, 2024



FFA Urban Counties Last Mile Grant

Grant Program Background

- The state legislature created the Last Mile Grant program through Senate Bill 156 in July 2021
- SB 156 funded a variety of initiatives to expand broadband access and eliminate unserved homes and businesses, most significantly:
 - A State owned open-access “middle-mile” network that will pass through every county \$3.25 billion
 - A “last mile” broadband grant program with \$1 billion each to Urban and Rural counties to provide connectivity administered by the California Public Utilities Commission (CPUC)
- The funds are “Federal” because they originate from American Rescue Plan Act’s (ARPA) State and Local Fiscal Recovery Funds (SLFRF). ARPA funds must be spent by December 31, 2026.
- Based on a formula created by SB156, the CPUC allocated a maximum of \$10.4 million to the county out of the \$1 billion for Urban Counties in California.

FFA “Fair Shake” Internet Project

Description of FFA Project

- DT applied for an FFA Urban County Last Mile Grant by September 29, 2023 the California PUC awarded the grant on August 2, 2024
- DT applied for 3 targeted neighborhoods that have a high concentration of unserved locations according to the CPUC and are socioeconomically disadvantaged: Bayview, Chinatown and Tenderloin.
- DT applied for an FFA Urban County Last Mile Grant by September 29, 2023, the California PUC awarded the grant on August 2, 2024
- The project will provide broadband internet service to 47 affordable housing sites and over 400 unserved locations in the three neighborhoods.

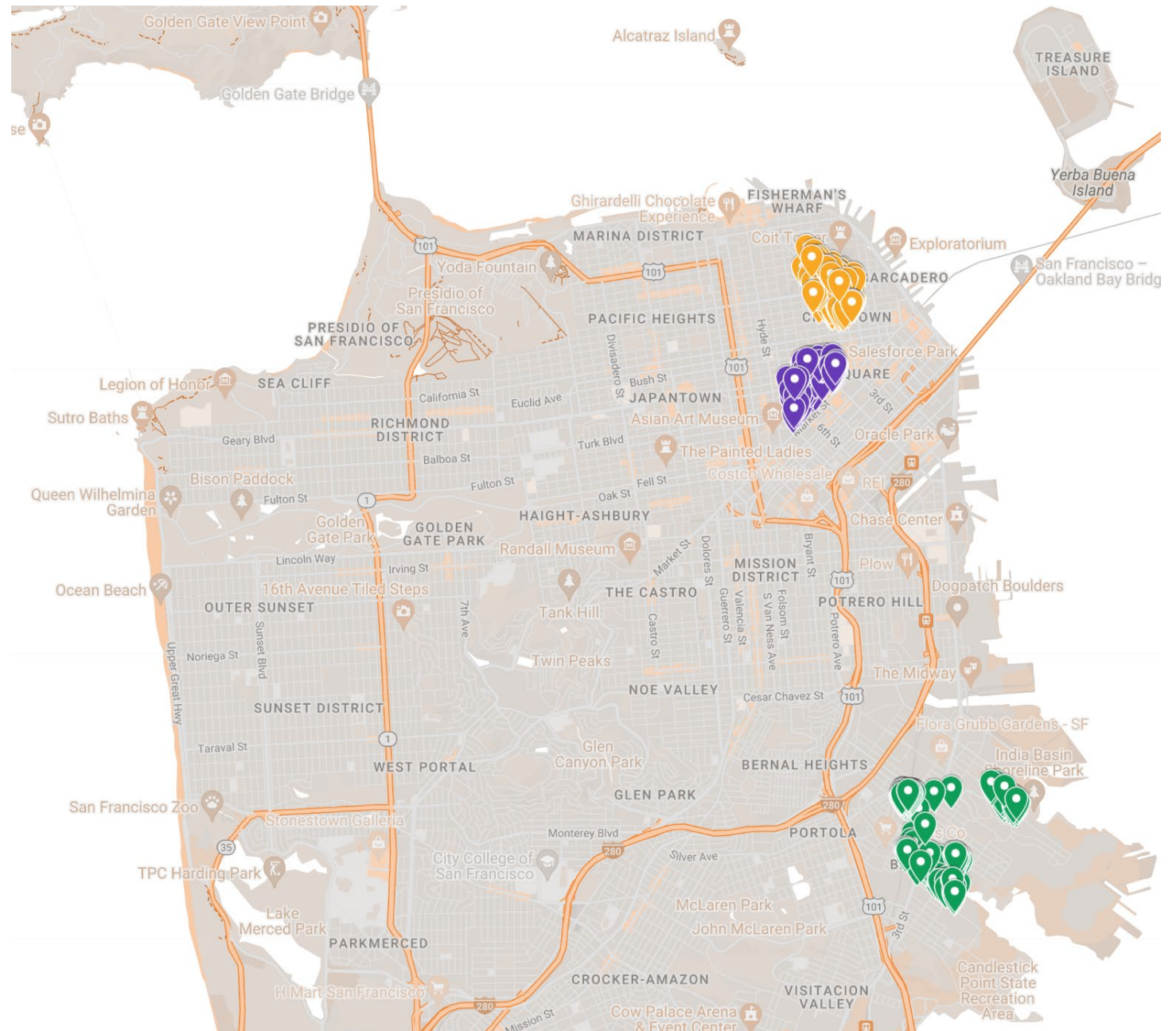
Fair Shake Internet Project: Status & Next Steps

Description of FFA Project

- DT staff surveyed the Bayview, Chinatown and Tenderloin and submitted a high-level plan for installing fiber to the CPUC
- Once this resolution is approved, DT will order necessary materials including fiber optic cable and network electronics.
- Finalize construction and service rollout plans and timeline.
- Project construction can proceed after the State Clearing House for CEQA accepts the Notice of Exemption after this resolution is adopted.
- DT will have 18 months from that time to complete the project.

FFA Grant Unserved Locations

- The **FFA Grant** effort will bring fiber to 3 unserved areas: Chinatown, Tenderloin, and Bayview
- The State PUC identified 385 unserved locations in the 3 areas
- In parallel with the Grant work, the **FTH Program** plans to connect an additional 78 affordable housing sites located within the Grant areas



Questions