

Fresno State, regional partners awarded \$600k broadband grant

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- **To increase Internet usage throughout San Joaquin Valley**
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The Office of Community and Economic Development at Fresno State, in conjunction with campus and regional partners, has been given \$600,000 to increase Internet usage throughout the San Joaquin Valley.

The money is from the California Emerging Technology Fund’s Get Connected program.

Through a variety of partner organizations, computer training will be provided to individuals throughout the Valley, in addition to assistance in subscribing to the Internet at home.

Partners include the California Partnership for the San Joaquin Valley, San Joaquin Valley Regional Broadband Consortium, San Joaquin Valley Rural Development Center, the Fresno State Office of the Vice President of Administration, Radio Bilingüe, Reading and Beyond, iFoster, Fresno Unified School District, Community Services Employment Training and the Stride Center.

“As Internet usage and technology become further integrated in to our daily lives, it is critical that San Joaquin Valley residents are not left behind,” says Mike Dozier, OCED executive director. “In closing the digital divide, this strategic effort to increase broadband adoption will help our region remain economically competitive and will help promote increased educational opportunities, e-commerce, business development, and improve overall quality of life in our region.”

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