TECHNOLOGY GRANTS FOR CALIFORNIA STATE AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT AGENCIES – DEADLINE MARCH 15, 2017

California State and Local Government agencies can apply for funds to support innovative technology projects, including equipment purchase, via the DRAM Settlement Fund. As a result of a computer industry lawsuit settled by the California Attorney General, approximately \$943,000 in two funds will be awarded to public agencies, in one-time grants ranging from \$50,000 to \$200,000 for 1-2 years in duration. One fund of \$614,000 is available for California local government entities, the University of California, and the State Bar of California. The second fund of \$329,000 is available for California state agencies under the jurisdiction of the Governor, including the California State University system and California Community Colleges.

The grant process will be administered by Harry M. Snyder, Consumer Attorney, Cy Pres Funds.

Projects that will utilize innovative technology or software to improve and modernize operational capabilities of state, local, or municipal government will be considered. Examples include (but are not limited to) strengthening access to computers and electronic content for rural libraries; increasing access to and use of broadband by local businesses or the local workforce; creating community mapping products and services; or implementing an online citizen forum to engage local populations in infrastructure improvements or crime prevention.

The RFAs will be released on January 17, 2017 and proposals are due 5:00 PM, March 5, 2017. There will be an informational Webinar at 11 AM PST on January 25, 2017. To find out more and read the Summary Information about funding for the two types of grants, click <u>here.</u> If you would like to be added to the email list for the DRAM Settlement Funds RFA and other updates, please send a request to <u>ltrue@cypresfunds.net</u>.