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Washington, DC - Congresswoman Doris O. Matsui (CA-5) announced that KVIE Channel 6, Sacramento's public broadcasting station, will receive two grants totaling \$150,000. These grants from the Corporation for Public Broadcasting (CPB) will aid the station as it converts to a digital broadcast transmission.

"For over forty years KVIE has brought rich educational and cultural programming into the homes of families throughout Sacramento and Northern California. This funding will assist the station in its conversion to digital technology, ensuring the stations will continue to provide the community with worthwhile programming," said Congresswoman Matsui. "I am very pleased that the Corporation for Public Broadcasting has continued to see the value in supporting KVIE."

"These two federal grants increase the reliability of our Channel 6 broadcast transmission while helping us make the transition to digital production and broadcast. We just got our first two high definition cameras this week, and one of the CPB grants will increase our ability to store digital images to use in making local programs and storing PBS shows for later broadcast," noted KVIE President and General Manager David Hosley. "These federal grants will be matched by money contributed by KVIE members who contributed to our Vision For The Valley capital campaign that ended last summer."

KVIE will receive \$128,655 to help with the purchase and installation of an archive system for the non-real-time storage of program content. The second grant of \$27,135 will be used to replicate, in the most efficient and cost effective way, the station's analog service area with digital equipment, including a redundant and reliable broadcast system.

The CPB, a private, non-profit corporation created by Congress in 1967 to promote public telecommunications services for the American people, is the largest single source of funding for public television and radio programming. Nearly every household in the nation is reached by CPB-funded stations.

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