

California High Cost Fund A

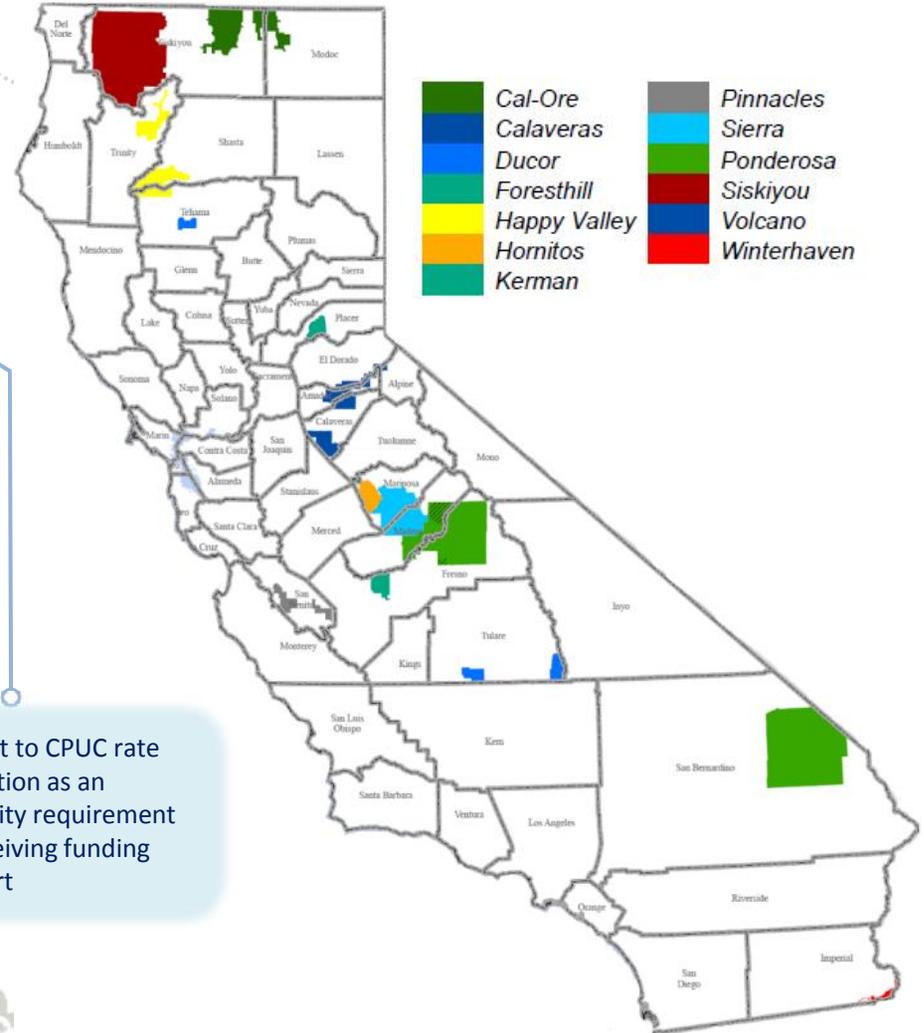


Public Utilities Code Section 275.6 requires the California Public Utilities Commission (CPUC) to minimize telephone rate disparities between rural and metropolitan areas to keep rates affordable in areas with lower population densities. This fund supports 13 small independent telephone companies to allow rural residents to stay connected to essential services to maintain public safety and public health.

Fiscal Year 2015-16 Program Budget - \$43.4 Million

Company	Lines	Company	Lines
Calaveras	3,601	Pinnacles	238
Cal-Ore	1,850	Ponderosa	7,743
Ducor	969	Sierra	18,953
Foresthill	2,561	Siskiyou	3,729
Happy Valley *	2,566	Volcano	9,228
Hornitos *	559	Winterhaven *	985
Kerman	5,193	TOTAL	58,175

*Does not currently draw from the CHCF-A Fund



Supports **54,065** lines at an average of **\$50.86 per line** or **\$610.29 per year per line** to **10** carriers



Subject to CPUC rate regulation as an eligibility requirement to receiving funding support

Promotes customer access to **advanced services** and deployment of **broadband-capable** facilities



State operations constitute approximately 3.4 percent of total program budget.

For more detail on California High Cost Fund A: www.cpuc.ca.gov/PUC/Telco/Public+Programs/chcfa.htm