

# California High Cost Fund B

PU Code Sec 276.5 requires the CPUC to minimize telephone rate disparities between rural and metropolitan areas to keep rates affordable in areas with lower population density. This fund supports “carriers of last resort” to keep rates affordable in these “high cost” areas to enable residents to stay connected to essential services.

## Fiscal Year 2016-17 Program Budget - \$20.0 million

Company	Supported Lines As of Dec. 31, 2015
AT&T	82,579
Verizon GTE	33,969
Frontier / Citizens	17,862
Cox*	3,578
<b>TOTAL SUPPORTED LINES</b>	<b>137,988</b>

\*Cox is relinquishing COLR responsibilities and CHCF-B support as of 9/1/16. These carriers serve a total of 7,010,286 lines.

Supports **137,988** lines at an average of **\$11.19** per line or **\$134.33** per year



Supporting “high cost” areas where the cost of providing service is \$36 or more per telephone line

Supporting residents in rural areas across **57** counties

