California Teleconnect Fund

Public Utilities Code Section 280 directs the California Public Utilities Commission (CPUC) to provide discounts to telecommunications services to qualifying K-12 schools, community colleges, libraries, hospitals, health clinics, and community based organizations.

K-12 SCHOOLS

- ✓ 3,245 participating public and non-profit private schools
- ✓ Must have annual endowment under $50 million

LIBRARIES

- ✓ 419 participating libraries
- ✓ Must be eligible to participate for funds under Title III of the federal Library Services and Technology Act

COMMUNITY COLLEGES

- ✓ 96 participating community colleges

HOSPITALS & HEALTH CLINICS

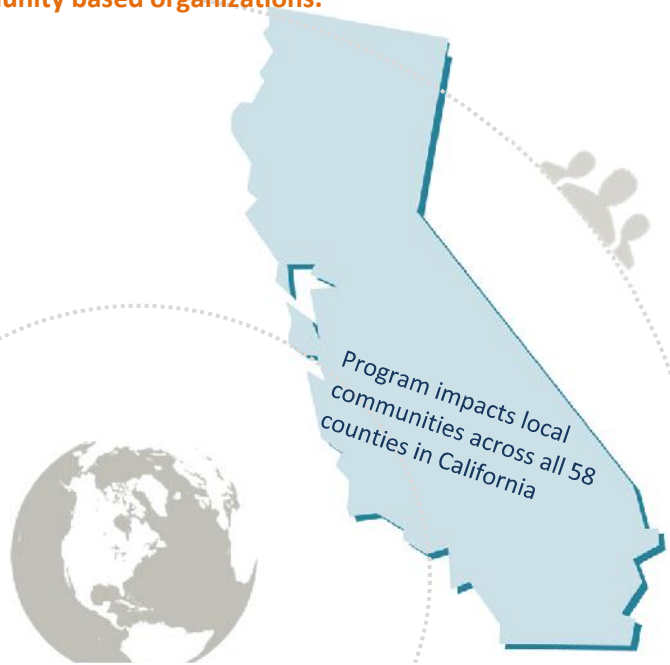
- ✓ 152 participating hospitals and clinics
- ✓ Must be owned and operated by a governmental entity or hospital district

TELEHEALTH NETWORK

- ✓ 1 participating network connecting almost 300 rural sites to a network of medical service providers

COMMUNITY-BASED ORGANIZATIONS

- ✓ 7,334 participating community based organizations
- ✓ Must be 501(c)(3) or 501(d) providing qualifying services



FY 14/15 Enacted Budget	FY 15/16 Enacted Budget
$107.6 Million	$148.7 Million

PROGRAM DETAIL

- ✓ The program provides 50 percent off the monthly recurring charges, excluding usage fees, of eligible services
- ✓ CPUC staff reviews applications from potential participants for program eligibility
- ✓ CPUC staff reviews claims from participating service providers and issues the appropriate payments to the service provider

State operations constitute approximately 2 percent of total program budget.
For more information on California Teleconnect Fund: http://www.cpuc.ca.gov/PUC/Telco/Public+Programs/CTF/Eligibility.htm

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