

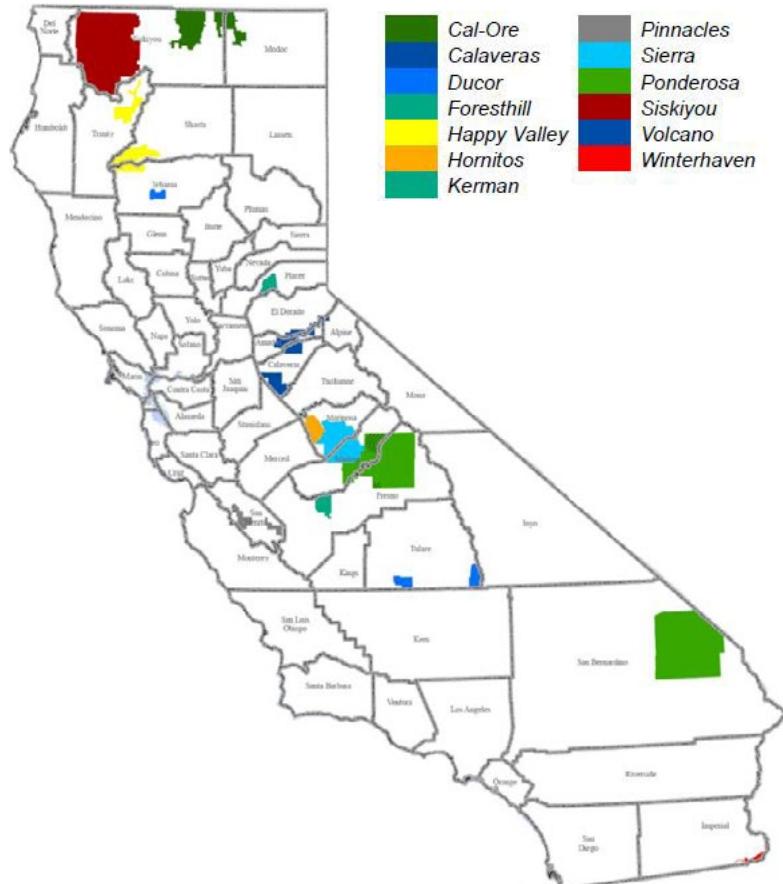
California High Cost Fund A

PU Code Sec 275.6 requires the 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 eligible small independent telephone companies to allow rural residents to stay connected to essential services to maintain public safety and public health.

Fiscal Year 2025-26 Enacted Program Budget \$49.5 Million

Company	Lines*
Calaveras	3,177
Cal-Ore	1,599
Ducor	560
Foresthill	1,447
Kerman	2,271
Pinnacles	191
Ponderosa	6,354
Sierra	12,474
Siskiyou	3,728
Volcano	9,037
TOTAL	40,838

*As of 1/1/2025. Happy Valley (1,287 lines), Hornitos (271 lines), and Winterhaven (804 lines) do not currently draw from the CHCF-A. These carriers account for an additional 2,362 lines eligible for CHCF-A support.



Fast Facts

Provides approved support payments of **\$28.4 million in 2026**.

Supports **40,838 lines** at an average of **\$57.90 per month** or **\$694.83 per year**.

To be eligible to receiving funding support, participating companies are subject to rate regulation.

State administration constitutes approximately 3% of total program budget. California High Cost Fund A: www.cpuc.ca.gov/CHCF-A



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