

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 2023-24 Enacted Program Budget - \$49.5 Million

Company	Lines	Company	Lines
Calaveras	3,497	Pinnacles	212
Cal-Ore	1,716	Ponderosa	8,059
Ducor	703	Sierra	15,302
Foresthill	1,628	Siskiyou	3,838
Kerman	2,777	Volcano	9,478
		TOTAL	47,210

*Happy Valley (1,590 lines), Hornitos (310 lines), and Winterhaven (825 lines) do not currently draw from the CHCF-A. These carriers account for 2,725 lines eligible for CHCF-A support.

Supports **47,210 lines** at an average of **\$58.53 per month** or **\$702.41 per year** for each line, based on **2024 total approved support payments of \$33.2 million**



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



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

