

# 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 2025-26 Enacted Program Budget \$22.5 Million

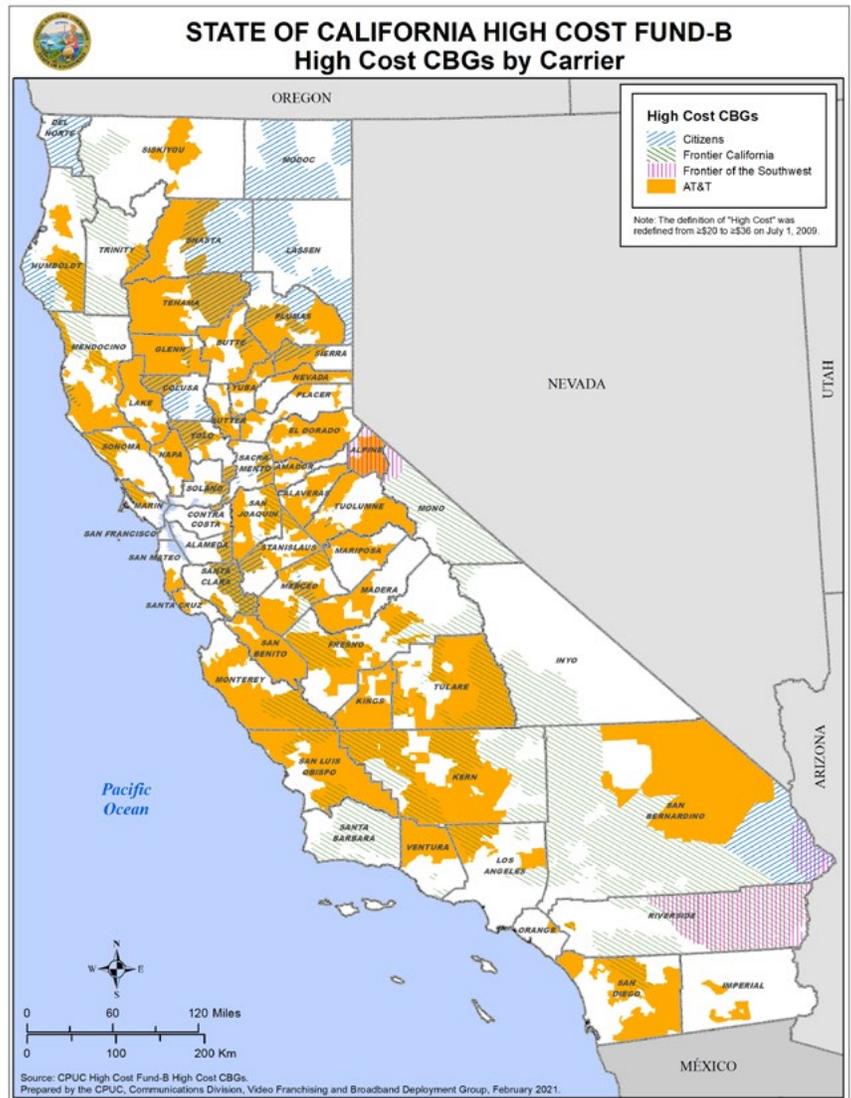
Company	Supported Lines as of 12/31/2025
AT&T	18,434
Frontier / Citizens / Frontier SW	12,346
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>30,780</b>

### Fast Facts

Supports **30,780 lines** at an average of **\$13.32 per month** or **\$159.81 per year for each line**, based on local assistance payments of \$4.9 million during calendar year 2025.

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

Benefits residents in rural areas across **57 counties**.



For more detail on California High Cost Fund B: [www.cpuc.ca.gov/CHCF-B](http://www.cpuc.ca.gov/CHCF-B)

