



## Overview of the California Teleconnect Fund

The California Teleconnect Fund (CTF) provides discounts of 25% for voice and 50% for advanced telecommunications services to help bridge the “digital divide” to the following entities:

- K-12 Public and Non Profit Private Schools.
- Libraries.
- Community Colleges.
- Government Owned and Operated Health Facilities.
- Community Based Organizations (CBOs).
- California Telehealth Network (CTN).

The CTF Program is funded by ratepayer surcharges on telephone bills. Currently the surcharge rate is 0.78%. The appropriated CTF budget for 2018-2019 is \$125,000,000.





# Overview of the California Teleconnect Fund

Since inception in 1996, CTF has:

- Approved 13,306 applications:
- 3,583 Private and Public K-12 schools and or school districts.
- 505 Libraries.
- 97 Community Colleges.
- 172 Government Owned Health Care Facilities.
- 8,948 CBOs.
- 1 California Telehealth Network.





## CTF and Schools

- Public and non profit Private K-12 schools are eligible.
- Federal funded Headstart's and non profit pre K's are eligible as Community Based Organization's.
- The application process for schools is simple. The application forms are online:

<http://www.cpuc.ca.gov/ctf/>

- Applicants are verified through the California Department of Education School Directory County District School (CDS) code.
- Approved schools and school districts are listed on the CTF web page:

<http://www.cpuc.ca.gov/General.aspx?id=4095>





## CTF Eligible Services

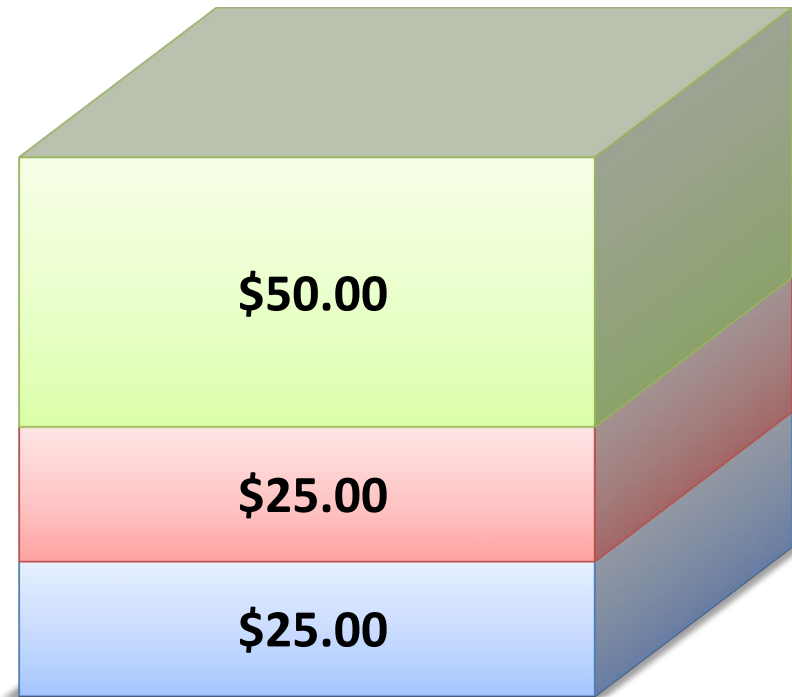
- Asynchronous Transfer Mode (ATM)
- Broadband Over Power Lines (BPL)
- Cable Modem
- Digital Subscriber Line (DSL)
- Digital Signal (DS) – DS1, DS-2, DS-3, DC-4
- Ethernet
- Fiber Optics, including Leased Dark Fiber, Leased Lit Fiber
- Frame Relay
- Integrated Services Digital Network (ISDN)
- Microwave Wireless Technology
- Optical Carrier (OC) – OC-1, OC-3, OC-12
- Satellite Internet
- Switched Multimegabit Data Service (SMDS)
- Trunk Level (T) – T-1, T-2, T-3, Fractional T-1
- Wide Area Network (WAN)
- Wireless Data Plans (for E-rate participant only)
- Voice Services





# How CTF Discounts are Applied

Based on a monthly bill of \$100



- E-rate = 50%
- CTF Broadband Discount = 50% applied after E-rate discount
- Customer Remaining Bill to Pay





# How to apply the CTF discount based on your E-rate status:

## Common Scenario's

- [CTF participant with pending E-rate application](#) - apply the statewide average E-rate discount before applying the CTF discount to CTF-eligible services until the customer presents the Funding Commitment Decisions Letter from USAC. The E-rate and CTF discounts will be trued-up once the applicant receives their Funding Commitment Decisions Letter from USAC.
- [CTF participant that has not filed for E-rate](#) – apply the current statewide average E-rate discount before applying the CTF discount to CTF- eligible services.
- [CTF participant that applied for E-rate discount, but denied](#) – apply the 0% E-rate discount documented in the funding commitment letter and the CTF discount to CTF-eligible service.





# Does your school have CTF?

