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.

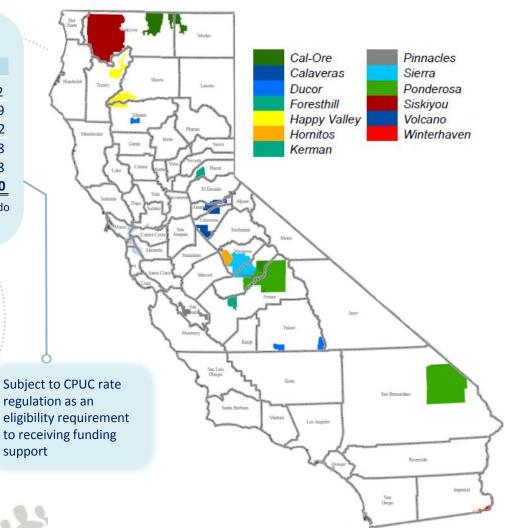
Fiscal Year 2023-24 Enacted Program Budget - \$49.5 Million			
Company	Lines	Company	Lines
Calaveras	3,497	Pinnacles	212
Cal-Ore	1,716	Ponderosa	8,059
Ducor	703	Sierra	15,302
Foresthill	1,628	Siskiyou	3,838
Kerman	2,777	Volcano	9,478
		TOTAL	47,210

*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



State operations constitute approximately 3% of total program budget. California High Cost Fund A: https://www.cpuc.ca.gov/industries-and-topics/internet-and-phone/california-high-cost-fund-a