

# 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 2024-25 Enacted Program Budget - \$49.5 Million

| Company      | Lines | Company   | Lines         |
|--------------|-------|-----------|---------------|
| Calaveras    | 3,177 | Pinnacles | 191           |
| Cal-Ore      | 1,599 | Ponderosa | 6,354         |
| Ducor        | 560   | Sierra    | 12,474        |
| Foresthill   | 1,447 | Siskiyou  | 3,728         |
| Kerman       | 2,271 | Volcano   | 9,037         |
| <b>TOTAL</b> |       |           | <b>43,200</b> |

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

Supports **43,200 lines** at an average of **\$56.74 per month** or **\$680.84 per year** for each line, based on **2025 total approved support payments of \$27.8 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

