

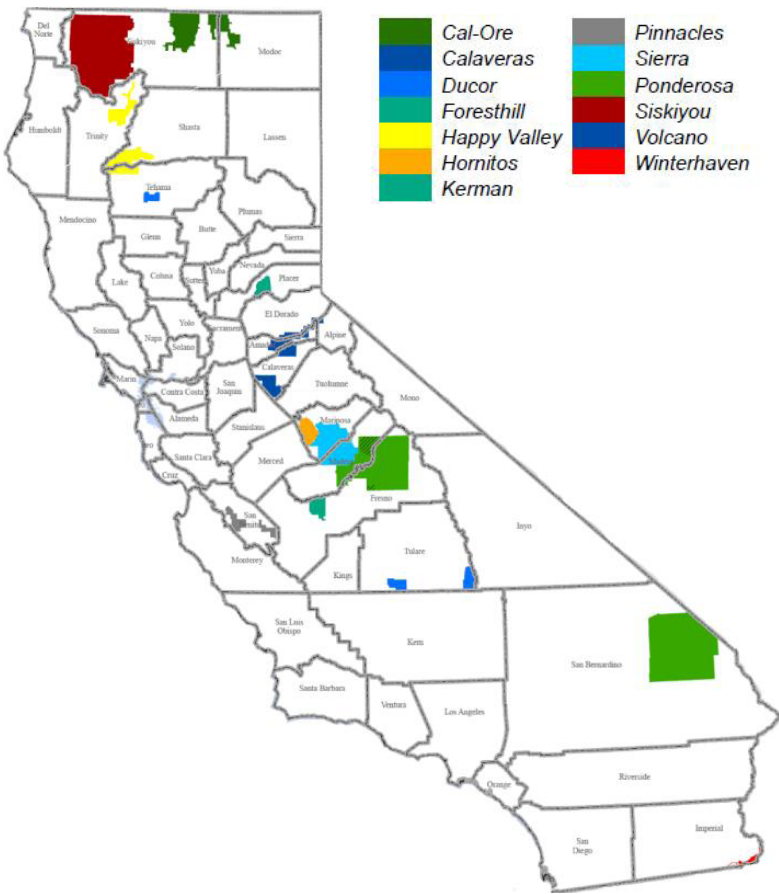
California High Cost Fund A

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 2026-27 Enacted Program Budget \$49.5 Million

Company	Lines*
Calaveras	2,795
Cal-Ore	1,486
Ducor	485
Foresthill	1,234
Kerman	1,996
Pinnacles	172
Ponderosa	4,683
Sierra	10,670
Siskiyou	3,702
Volcano	7,752
TOTAL	34,975

*As of January 2026. Happy Valley (1,107 lines), Hornitos (234 lines), and Winterhaven (709 lines) do not currently draw from the CHCF-A. These carriers account for an additional 2,050 lines eligible for CHCF-A support.



Fast Facts

Provides approved support payments of **\$28.4 million in 2026.**

Supports **34,975 lines** at an average of **\$67.61 per month** or **\$811.31 per year.**

To be eligible to receiving funding support, participating companies are subject to rate regulation.

State administration constitutes approximately 3% of total program budget. California High Cost Fund A: www.cpuc.ca.gov/CHCF-A



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