

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 2026-27 Enacted Program Budget \$22.5 Million

Company	Supported Lines as of July 2026
AT&T	15,494
Frontier / Citizens / Frontier SW	10,543
TOTAL	26,037

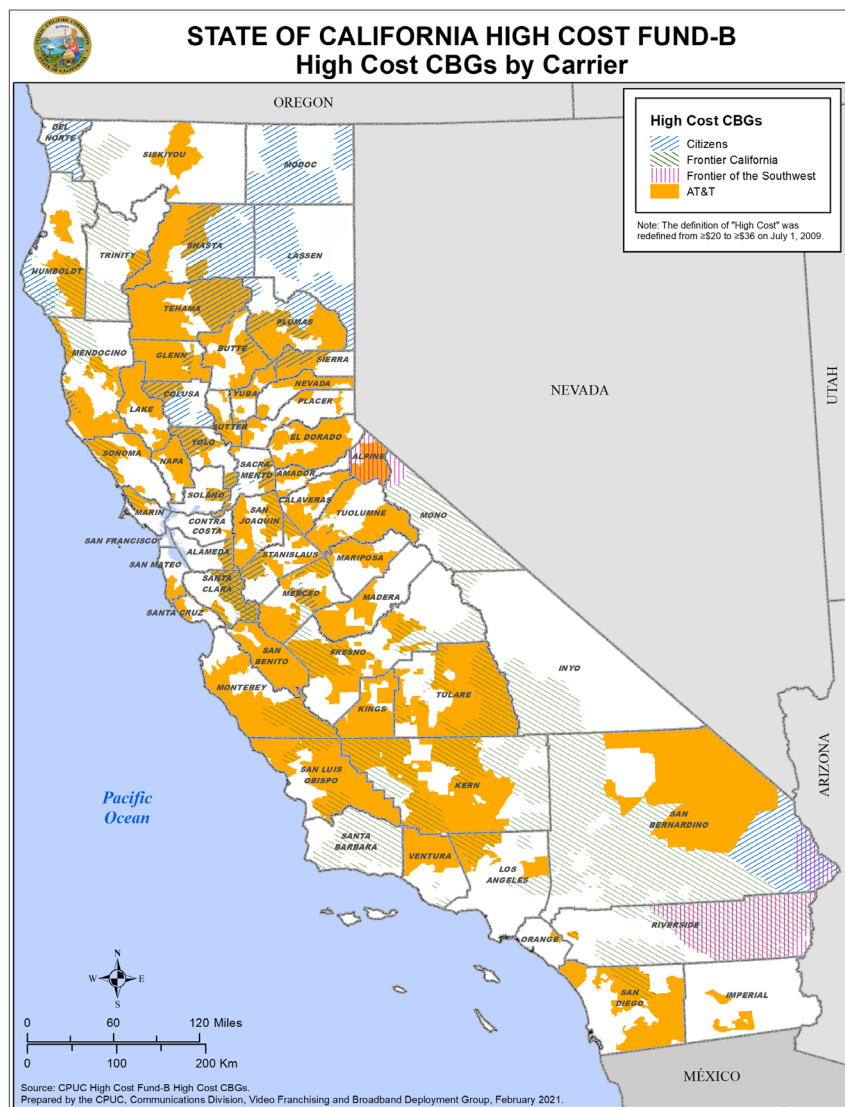
Fast Facts

Provides **support payments of \$4.9 million** in calendar year 2025.

Supports **26,037 lines** at an average of **\$15.74 per month** or **\$188.92 per year** for each line.

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



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