

California Teleconnect Fund

PU Code Section 280 directs the CPUC to provide discounts to telecommunications services to qualifying K-12 schools, community colleges, libraries, school and library annexes, hospitals, health clinics, and community-based organizations.



K-12 Schools

- 4,164 impacted public & non-profit private schools & their annexes

- Must have annual endowment under \$50 million
- **SCHOOL ANNEXES** must have an existing main School account within eCAP

Libraries

- 545 impacted libraries & annexes
- Must be eligible to participate for funds under Title III of the federal Library Services and Technology Act
- **LIBRARY ANNEXES** must have an existing main Library account within eCAP



Community Colleges

- 97 impacted community colleges

Healthcare Community-Based Organizations

- 528 impacted healthcare CBOs
- Must be 501(c)(3) and provide healthcare services



Hospitals & Health Clinics

- 241 impacted hospitals and clinics
- Hospitals must be owned and operated by a governmental entity or hospital district

Community-Based Organizations

- 9,154 impacted community-based organizations
- Must be 501(c)(3) or 501(d) providing qualifying services

For more information on California Teleconnect Fund:
www.cpuc.ca.gov/ctf

Program Detail

- The program provides 50% off the monthly recurring charges for internet and community-based broadband.
- CTF discount is capped at E-Rate discount dollar amount for qualified schools.
- CPUC staff reviews both participant applications and reimbursement claims from participating service providers.
- The CTF awarded \$1 million in digital divide grants through the Digital Divide Grant program.

**FY 23/24
Enacted Budget**

\$108.3 Million

**FY 24/25
Enacted Budget**

\$108.5 Million



Program impacts local communities **ACROSS ALL 58 COUNTIES** in California

CTF's total enacted budget includes approximately 3% budget for State operations. <https://ebudget.ca.gov/2024-25/pdf/Enacted/GovernorsBudget/8000/8660.pdf>, p. 16.



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