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**

FY 24/25 **Enacted Budget**

\$108.3 Million

\$108.5 Million



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.









