



CTF Administrative Committee Meeting

April 27, 2021





California Teleconnect Fund

Distance Learning Discounts

- 50% discount on MRC of Mobile Data Services purchased by Public School Districts for use by students who lack adequate internet access at home
- Limited to Rural, Small and Medium Public School Districts
- Discounts eligible April 1, 2020 through June 30, 2021
- Participating providers: AT&T Mobility, Kajeet, Sprint Spectrum, T-Mobile, US Cellular, and Verizon Wireless.
- Exempts schools from two CTF rules:
 - off-campus services are typically ineligible
 - Imputation of statewide average E-Rate support





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- Approved discounts for over 100,000 connections for purchase by 412 public school districts
- Number of connections average = 30 percent of daily attendance
- Provide discount on approx. 30,000 connections
- MRC before discount = \$10 to \$40 per connection
- Average Discount = \$5 to \$20 per connection
- Total Distance Learning Discounts = \$370,000 per month





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March 2, 2021 - Ex-Parte Letter to FCC re: E-Rate Funds for Remote Learning

- From CPUC President Batjer and Commissioner Guzman-Aceves
- Shared data and takeaways from **CTF Distance Learning Discounts**
- Encourage the FCC to consider retroactively expanding E-Rate eligibility to at least July 1, 2020
- One size does not fit all: Schools need choice of Provider & Tech & Service
- Support expansion of E-Rate eligibility to include off-campus use of connections and devices
- Revise concepts of “classroom” and “campus” to include distance learning
- Prioritize low-income schools, particularly students lacking home broadband
- Support flexibility filing requirements and schedules





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April 9, 2021 – CPUC submits comments to FCC re: \$7 billion Emergency Connectivity Fund

- Reiterate suggestions from March 2, 2021 Ex Parte Letter
- Expand the E-Rate program to support remote learning
- Ensure funding benefits Tribal areas
- Allow retroactive reimbursements
- Oppose proposal to exclude services and equipment that received state funding for remote learning
- Shared data and takeaways from **CTF Distance Learning Discounts**





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Application Count by Entity received
June 24, 2020 through April 20, 2021

	CBO	Healthcare CBO	Hospitals	Libraries	Private Schools	Public Schools	Total
Count of Intake Number	183	50	7	2	42	42	326
Percent	56.1%	15.3%	2.1%	0.6%	12.9%	12.9%	





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Fund Status Report as of March 31, 2021

Cash Balance = \$86,156,775

CTF Local Assistance Budget Allocation Compared to Funding Year (FY) Claims and Projections			
	FY 18-19	FY 19-20	FY 20-21
Local Assistance Budget	\$ 126,500,000	\$ 105,000,000	\$ 105,000,000
Claim Projections	\$ 95,000,000	\$ 73,000,000	\$ 67,000,000
Claims Paid	\$ 94,212,512	\$ 69,095,809	\$ 20,124,969
Budget to Actual Claims Paid Variance	\$ 32,287,488	\$ 35,904,191	\$ 84,875,031

FY 20-21 1st Quarter Local Assistance Expenditures per Entity Type							
	CBO	Community College	Gov Hospital	Healthcare CBO	Library	Private School	Public School
2020-2021	\$ 2,878,281	\$ 974,549	\$ 144,081	\$ 24,045	\$ 642,971	\$ 211,014	\$ 2,166,591





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Discounts per Service Category

Service	% of Discounts	Discount/Year	Average MRC
Ethernet	48%	\$ 31,980,227	\$ 658
Fiber Optics	41%	\$ 27,845,544	\$ 2,330
Multi-Protocol Label Switching (MPLS)	2%	\$ 1,617,390	\$ 1,480
Wide Area Network (WAN)	2%	\$ 1,537,944	\$ 1,187
Digital Signal (DS1, DS2, etc.)	2%	\$ 1,479,909	\$ 255
Cable Modem	2%	\$ 1,410,246	\$ 213
Fixed Wireless Internet Access	1%	\$ 605,200	\$ 612
Digital Subscriber Line (DSL)	1%	\$ 524,536	\$ 135
Trunk Level, T1, T2, etc.	< 1%	\$ 48,133	\$ 289
Integrated Services Digital Network (ISDN)	< 1%	\$ 44,263	\$ 208
Frame Relay	< 1%	\$ 38,209	\$ 158
Optical Carrier (OC1, OC2, etc.)	< 1%	\$ 35,591	\$ 1,260
Broadband Over Power Lines	< 1%	\$ 32,404	\$ 209
Mobile Broadband Service	< 1%	\$ 212	\$ 45
Asynchronous Transfer Mode (ATM)	< 1%	\$ 191	\$ 75
TOTAL		\$ 67,200,000	

*Estimates based on sample of claims for FY 2020-2021.





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Discounts per Participant Category

	Participants	% of Total Participants	Annual Discounts	% of Total Discounts
CBO + Healthcare CBO	2,939	54%	\$ 27,697,692	41%
Community College	94	2%	\$ 9,300,387	14%
Gov Hospital	107	2%	\$ 1,375,248	2%
Library	281	5%	\$ 6,136,046	9%
Private School	798	13%	\$ 2,013,764	3%
Public School	1,462	27%	\$ 20,676,376	31%
TOTAL	5,479		\$ 67,199,513	

* Estimates based on sample of claims for FY 2020-2021.





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Average CTF Discount per Participant

	Avg. Discount/Month	
CBO	\$	545
Community College	\$	12,001
Gov Hospital	\$	737
Healthcare CBO	\$	83
Library	\$	1,600
Private School	\$	158
Public School	\$	1,084

*Estimates based on sample of claims for FY 2020-2021.





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Top Recipients of CTF Support

Category	Participant	Annual Discounts
Community College	CENIC on behalf of the California Community Colleges	\$ 3,373,667
Community College	Butte-Glen Community College District	\$ 2,329,600
Public School	Imperial County Office of Education	\$ 2,326,489
Library	Califa on behalf of the California Public Library Community	\$ 2,326,000
Public School	Corporation for Education Network Initiatives	\$ 337,423
Public School	Corporation for Education Network Initiatives in California	\$ 384,508
<i>SUBTOTAL of above rows = CENIC as a Service Provider + CENIC as Participant</i>		\$ 11,077,687
Public School	Los Angeles County Office of Education	\$ 635,772
CBO	City of Hope	\$ 498,560
Gov Hospital	Palomar Pomerado Health	\$ 363,678
CBO	Planned Parenthood Mar Monte, Inc.	\$ 330,400
CBO	Clinica Sierra Vista	\$ 324,869
Gov Hospital	Contra Costa County Health Services	\$ 320,237
Public School	San Diego Unified School District	\$ 286,194
CBO	Planned Parenthood of San Diego and Riverside Counties	\$ 280,162
TOTAL		\$ 14,117,558

*Estimates based on sample of claims for FY 2020-2021.

