

TELECONNECT FUND PROGRAM

The California Teleconnect Fund is a state program that provides a 50% discount for advanced communication services such as broadband internet, to qualified community entities and non-profits. It is administered by the CPUC - California Public Utilities Commission.

WHO IS ELIGIBLE FOR THE DISCOUNT?

Community based non-profit organizations that offer one of the following:

- Health care
- Job training
- Job placement
- Educational instruction
- A community technology program
- 2-1-1 referral services

Public and Private non-profit schools*

Libraries*

Community Colleges*

Government owned and operated hospitals and health clinics

*Schools and libraries - the CTF discount of 50% applies to only the balance remaining after an actual or statewide average E-Rate discount is applied.

Currently, the communication providers in Mendocino County that are a part of the program are AT&T and Verizon. BAMC is looking at encouraging more local providers to participate.

WHAT IS COVERED BY THE DISCOUNT?

The following services qualify for the CTF discount:

- Measured Business Service Lines
- Switched 56 Lines
- ISDN
- T-1, DS-3 up to and including OC-192 services
- Internet Access *
- Multi-Protocol Label Switching (MPLS) **
- Functional equivalents of the above mentioned services***

* The CTF uses the Universal Service Administrative Company's E-Rate [definition of Internet Access](#), with certain exceptions. The CTF discount applies to both landline and wireless modalities of Internet Access, including cellular data plans and laptop cards.

** MPLS is eligible when used in conjunction with another CTF-eligible service.

HOW DOES MY ORGANIZATION APPLY?

Download the application at: www.ctfprogram.org and submit to the CPUC. If any additional information or clarification is needed, you will be contacted by the CPUC and have 30 days to respond. If you do not submit all of the required documents with your application, it will immediately be rejected.

Once you have been approved, you will be required to notify your service provider to initiate the discount. The discount will be retroactive to the date your application was received by the CPUC. Service providers receive reimbursement directly from the CPUC for discounts.