



## California Teleconnect Fund (CTF)

The California Teleconnect Fund (CTF) provides qualified organizations a 50% discount on Internet access and select Digital Transmission services. For general program information go to [www.cpuc.ca.gov/ctf](http://www.cpuc.ca.gov/ctf) or contact [CTFHelp@cpuc.ca.gov](mailto:CTFHelp@cpuc.ca.gov). *The application of actual discounts may vary for CTF participants who are eligible for federal E-rate discounts or who receive federal rural healthcare discounts.*

### FUSION Services Eligible for CTF Discounts\*

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Qualified organizations may receive applicable discounts on the Fusion services listed below.

<a href="#">Fiber Optic Internet</a>	<p>High-capacity Fiber Optic Internet Access delivers the ultimate dedicated bandwidth to power your network. Send and received large files efficiently. Collaborate without dropping calls or freezing video.</p> <p>With <b>speeds from 5 Mbps up to 10 Gbps</b>, Fiber service delivers the ultimate in bandwidth straight to your office.</p> <p><a href="https://www.fusionconnect.com/products/connectivity/fiber-optic-internet/">https://www.fusionconnect.com/products/connectivity/fiber-optic-internet/</a></p>
<a href="#">Broadband Service</a>	<p>Products include Asymmetrical Ethernet, DSL, Broadband Business Fiber, and Cable — to match your bandwidth demands, at budget-friendly price points.</p> <p>Fusion offers broadband Internet coverage nationwide, giving multi-location businesses the flexibility to select the Internet service that meets your businesses’ requirements at each location. Broadband Service offers Dedicated Speeds and guaranteed reliability up to 50 Mbps.</p> <p><a href="https://www.fusionconnect.com/products/connectivity/broadband-internet/">https://www.fusionconnect.com/products/connectivity/broadband-internet/</a></p>
<a href="#">Ethernet Service</a>	<p>Fusion Business Ethernet offers fast, scalable, and predictable bandwidth. With greater resilience at high speeds, there’s no better value.</p> <p>Ethernet is ideal for businesses with demanding, mission-critical data access needs, and offers symmetrical bandwidth up to 10x10 Gbps alongside industry-leading uptime guarantees.</p> <p><a href="https://www.fusionconnect.com/products/connectivity/ethernet/">https://www.fusionconnect.com/products/connectivity/ethernet/</a></p>
<a href="#">Wireless Broadband</a>	<p>Wireless Broadband delivers 3G and 4G high-speed wireless Internet service to any location in the U.S. The fully managed and secure service requires minimal equipment and wiring, making it flexible and fast to deploy.</p> <p>Business Ethernet offered with speeds up to 20x20 Mbps  Low Cost Asymmetric Internet offered with speeds up to 50 Mbps  Business Class T1 Service</p> <p><a href="https://www.fusionconnect.com/products/connectivity/wireless-broadband/">https://www.fusionconnect.com/products/connectivity/wireless-broadband/</a></p>
<a href="#">T1 and Bonded T1 Internet</a>	<p>T1 and Bonded T1 plans are a great fit for businesses with one or several offices that need symmetrical upload and download speeds to support business-critical data traffic.</p>



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	<p>T1 Business Internet service handles bandwidth-intensive apps like VoIP and streaming media. Use T1 to transmit large volumes of data, images or video; or run Web, email, database or application services.</p> <p><a href="https://www.fusionconnect.com/products/connectivity/t1/">https://www.fusionconnect.com/products/connectivity/t1/</a></p>
<u>MPLS</u>	<p>Multi-Protocol Label Switching (MPLS), enables businesses to converge business applications onto a single private network across locations. Fusion MPLS provides customers with a virtual private network (VPN) service with guaranteed bandwidth for real-time voice, video and Internet use.</p> <p>More flexible than legacy technologies, Fusion MPLS works in conjunction with existing or planned IP based services. It delivers predictable application performance, advanced security, and scalability, making it an ideal network solution for multi-site businesses.</p> <p>The Fusion MPLS backbone is available through a number of transport technologies, including T1, DS-3, OC-3, OC-12 and OC - 48. Access via ADSL/SDSL/IDSL lines is also available, along with Ethernet (10, 100, 1,000 and 10,000 Mbps) and Ethernet over Copper (EoC).</p> <p><a href="https://www.fusionconnect.com/products/networking-security/mpls/">https://www.fusionconnect.com/products/networking-security/mpls/</a></p>
<u>SD-WAN</u>	<p>Fusion SD-WAN integrates the agility and economics of a hybrid WAN with the deployment speed of a cloud-based service.</p> <p>Fusion SD-WAN lowers costs by using bandwidth more efficiently. It aggregates bandwidth across multiple WAN connections for more efficient WAN utilization. It facilitates traffic shaping and application steering to optimize access links in real time.</p> <p><a href="https://www.fusionconnect.com/products/networking-security/sd-wan/">https://www.fusionconnect.com/products/networking-security/sd-wan/</a></p>

Service descriptions may include elements that are ineligible for CTF discounts. Discounts on such elements will not be provided, per program rules.

Currently, only CTF participants who are also E-rate participants who have been approved by Universal Service Administrative Company (USAC) for the E-rate exception for wireless data as the most cost-effective method for internet access services can receive CTF discounts on mobile data services. Non-E-rate CTF participants are currently ineligible for CTF discounts on mobile data services.

Effective 7/1/2019 voice services will no longer be eligible for CTF discounts per CPUC Decision 19-04-013.

### **Eligibility Criteria**

**CTF customers must qualify under one of the following categories:**

**Public or Nonprofit Schools:** Public schools, nonprofit schools, and schools run by a religious order that are incorporated as a nonprofit Public Benefit Corporation or as a nonprofit Religious Corporation providing elementary or secondary education (grades K-12). Qualified schools may not have endowments of more than \$50 million.



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**Libraries:** Libraries that are eligible for participation in state-based funding under the Library Services and Technology Act (“LSTA”). Eligibility for libraries is defined in Act 20 USCA Sec. 9122 (2 and 3), but need not be certified under LSTA for purposes of CTF.

**Municipal, County Government or Hospital District Owned and Operated Hospital and Health Clinic:** All hospitals and health clinics owned and operated by county, municipal government or hospital districts.

**Community Based Organizations (CBOs):** Tax exempt organizations offering health care, job training, job placement, educational instruction, or a non-profit CBO operating a community technology center engaged in diffusing technology into a local community, and training a local community that has limited or no access to the Internet and other technologies shall qualify for the discount rate for CBOs or a non-profit CBO providing 2-1-1 information and referral services. A “tax exempt organization” shall refer to an organization described in Section 501 (c)(3) or 501 (d) of the Internal Revenue Code, Title 26 of the United States Code. CBOs must apply and obtain approval for each location. Certain certification rules apply to CBOs. Please refer to the CPUC web site for more information.

**California Community Colleges:** California community colleges and/or districts.

**These discounted services may not be resold to, or shared with, any other non-qualifying organization or person.**

### **Senate Bill 1102 – Statewide Average E-rate Discount**

Pursuant to Senate Bill (SB) 1102, CTF Service Providers are required to apply the statewide average E-rate percentage (as instructed in the Telecommunications Division’s Administrative Letter No. 10) before applying the CTF discount on eligible services, where applicable.

If you are a school or library and have not applied for E-rate, your CTF discounts may be impacted by SB1102. CTF service providers are required to apply the California statewide average E-rate percentage before calculating the CTF discount (this calculation only reduces the customer’s eligible dollar amount considered for CTF discounts; it does not provide the customer an E-rate discount) on eligible services for public and private K-12 schools and public libraries.

The statewide average E-rate percentage is updated in July of each year. The statewide average can vary, based on the annual update. Go to CPUC website for yearly statewide average E-rate percentages.

If you are a CTF approved entity that is not eligible for E-rate discounts, you will not be affected by SB 1102.

If you are a public school that meets the definition of a necessary small school (see California Education Code) and your school or district is not eligible for E-rate, you will not be affected by SB 1102. You must complete the SB1102 Verification of Necessary Small School form and email it to the applicable AT&T affiliate as shown on the form Instructions.

If you are a public or private school or public library, who is eligible to receive E-rate discounts, or a community-based organization who is eligible to receive E-rate discounts, but subscribe to telecommunications services that are ineligible for E-rate discounts, you will not be affected by SB 1102.

You must complete the CTF Eligible/E-rate Ineligible Services Form and email it to the applicable AT&T affiliate as shown on the form instructions.

If you are a public or private school or public library, who is eligible to receive E-rate discounts, or a community-based organization who is eligible for E-rate discounts on all your telecommunications



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services eligible for CTF discounts, do not fill out the CTF Eligible/E-rate Ineligible Services Form mentioned above, as it is not applicable.

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**NOTE:** CTF was established in 1996 by the California Public Utilities Commission (CPUC) and is solely funded by the California State Budget through an end-user surcharge on intrastate telecommunications services. CTF discounts are contingent on funds appropriated and available under the State Budget. The AT&T family of companies is not responsible for providing discounts in the instance where funding is exhausted, or the program is suspended by the CPUC.