### Federal Agency
Federal Communications Commission

### Agency Overview
The Federal Communications Commission regulates interstate and international communications by radio, television, wire, satellite and cable in all 50 states, the District of Columbia and U.S. territories. An independent U.S. government agency overseen by Congress, the commission is the United States' primary authority for communications law, regulation, and technological innovation.

### Program Name
High Cost Program (including Connect America Fund and Mobility Fund)

### Program Website
https://www.usac.org/hc/

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The federal universal service high-cost program (also known as the Connect America Fund) is designed to ensure that consumers in rural, insular, and high-cost areas have access to modern communications networks capable of providing voice and broadband service, both fixed and mobile, at rates that are reasonably comparable to those in urban areas. The program fulfills this universal service goal by allowing eligible carriers who serve these areas to recover some of their costs from the federal Universal Service Fund.

### Program Purpose
- Planning (e.g., feasibility)
- Broadband Infrastructure (e.g., construction)
- Broadband Adoption
- Digital Skills Training
- Public Computer Access
- Smart Cities
- Evaluation
- Research
- Broadband Financing
- Other:

### Eligible Recipients
- Libraries
- K-12 Schools
- Higher Education Institutions
- Hospitals
- Public Safety Entities
- State and Local Governments
- Tribal Entities
- Commercial/Internet Service Providers
- Non-Profit Organizations
- Small Businesses
- Rural Recipients
- Electric Utilities/Co-ops
- Financial Institutions
- Other: Eligible Telecommunications Carriers
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