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$8.7 Billion Universal Service Fund
2015

[Bar chart showing distribution of funds by category: High Cost, Schools & Libraries, Low Income, Rural Health. High Cost has the highest allocation, followed by Schools & Libraries, then Low Income, and Rural Health has the lowest.]
$4.5 Billion High Cost Fund

2015

- Reserve, $799
- ROR, $1,653
- Price Cap, $1,039
- CETCs, $597
- ICC Support, $412
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USF/ICC Transformation Order - Connect America Fund
Total Budget of $4.5B

CETC
If MF II is not implemented by June 2014, phase-down suspended (currently around $575M)

Mobility Fund
- Phase I
  - One Time Support For Immediate Deployment
    - $300M for Eligible Areas
    - $50M for Tribal Lands
    - Support Provided via Reverse Auction

- Phase II
  - $500M per year (includes $100M for Tribal Lands)
  - Support Provided via Reverse Auction

Price Cap Carrier Territories
- CAF Phase I
  - Frozen Support (~$1B) AND
  - One Time Incremental Support for New Broadband
    - Round 1
      - $114M of $300M accepted
    - Round 2
      - $305M of $485M accepted

- CAF Phase II (6 Years) - $2B annually including CAF-ICC
  - Price cap carriers offered $1.675B in annual support for areas with no unsubsidized voice and broadband
  - $1.5B accepted by August 27, 2015.
  - Where declined, competitive bidding, including price cap extremely high cost (RAF) areas

Rate of Return Carriers
- Up to $2 B in annual support (including CAF-ICC)

Remote Area Fund
- At least $100M per year
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