



# NRRI State USF Survey - 2012

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## **The FCC USF/ICC Transformation Order will have multiple effects on state funds**

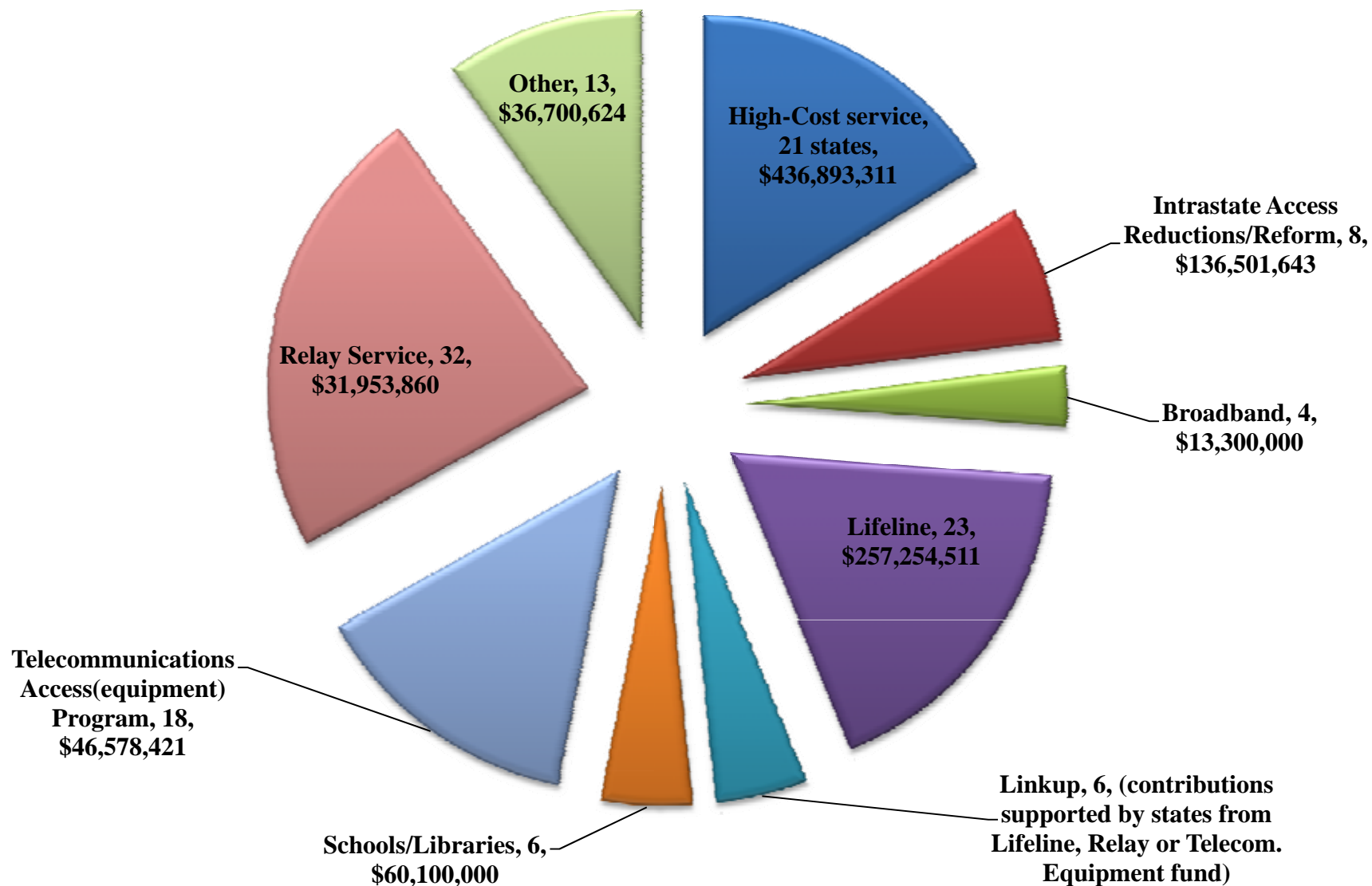
- NRRI surveyed the 50 states and the District of Columbia between May and June, 2012
- 49 states and the District of Columbia respond
- Responses provide current funding amounts, the programs supported, and the carriers that contribute
- The study uses the term “universal service funds” as a shorthand for the multiple types of support funding provided by the states, including high cost support, access reform support, and Lifeline and Link-up support
- Totals do not include 911 funding or funding in states that did not respond

# Key findings

- State USF funding totals \$1,354,782,370
- 43 states and the District of Columbia have a combination of funds, including high cost, lifeline, schools and libraries, and other funds
  - 21 states have a fund specifically dedicated to high cost service
  - 31 have telecommunications relay service funds for the deaf and hard of hearing.
  - 4 have funds dedicated specifically to broadband service.
- AL, DE, MA, NJ, and TN do not have funds
- 20 states are considering changes to their funds based on legislation or the USF/ICC Transformation Order
- Contributions span multiple carriers
  - ILECs and CLECs contribute in 37 states
  - IXC's contribute in 30 states
  - Wireless carriers contribute in 27 states
  - VoIP carriers contribute in 24 states; 3 voluntarily (CO, NY, UT)

# Total State USF Funding Exceeds \$1,354,782,370\*

Q1: State USF



\*Texas collects \$353.8M. This amount is included in the total above, but is not shown in the individual areas since monies are collected as a whole. Some states did not provide their total SUSF funding amounts.

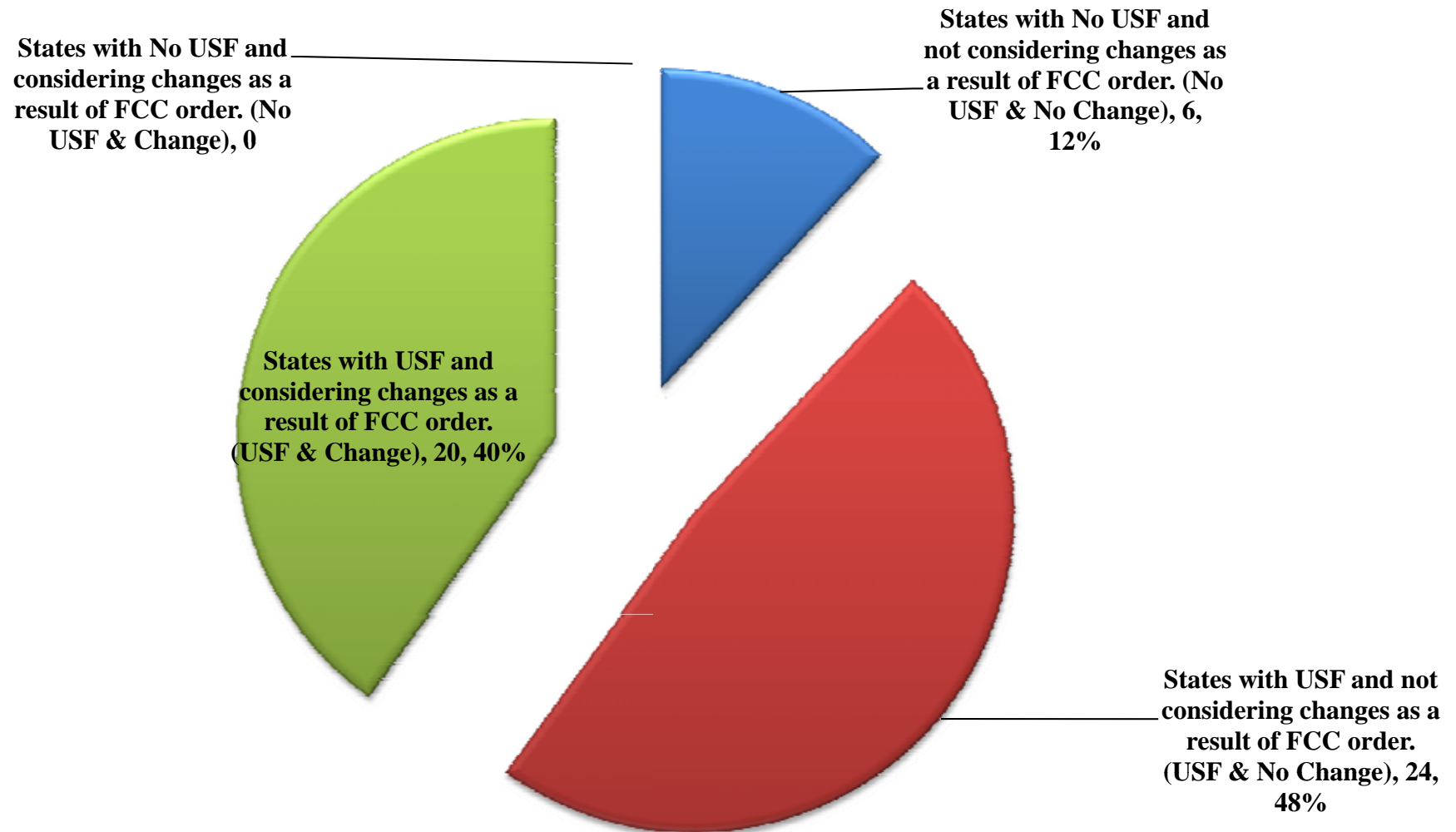


# One size does not fit all: Individual states support the programs they need

Funds	States
High-Cost Fund	Arizona, California, Colorado, Georgia, Idaho, Illinois, Indiana, Kansas, Louisiana, Maine, Nebraska, New York, Oregon, Pennsylvania, South Carolina, Texas, Utah, Vermont, Washington, Wisconsin, Wyoming
Intrastate Access Reductions/Reform	Alaska, Georgia, Kansas, Maine, Michigan, New Mexico, Oklahoma, South Carolina
Broadband	California, Maine, Nebraska, West Virginia
Lifeline	Alaska, California, Colorado, Connecticut, District of Columbia, Idaho, Kansas, Kentucky, Maine, Missouri, Minnesota, Nebraska, New Mexico, New York, North Carolina, Oklahoma, Oregon, South Carolina, Texas, Utah, Vermont, Washington, Wisconsin
Linkup	Idaho, Illinois, Maine, New York, Washington, Wisconsin
Schools/Libraries	California, Kansas, Maine, Oklahoma, Rhode Island Wisconsin
Telecommunications Access(equipment) Program	California, Georgia, Iowa, Kansas, Kentucky, Maine, Missouri, Minnesota, Montana, Nebraska, New Hampshire, New York, Oregon, Rhode Island, South Carolina, South Dakota, Texas, Vermont, Wisconsin
Relay Service	California, Colorado, Connecticut, Georgia, District of Columbia, Illinois, Iowa, Kansas, Kentucky, Maine, Maryland, Mississippi, Missouri, Minnesota, Montana, Nebraska, New Hampshire, New York, North Carolina, North Dakota, Ohio, Oklahoma, Oregon, Rhode Island, South Carolina, South Dakota, Texas, Utah, Vermont, Washington, West Virginia, Wisconsin, Wyoming
Other	Alaska, Arizona, Maine, Nebraska, New Hampshire, New York, Oklahoma, Rhode Island, Texas, Vermont, West Virginia, Wisconsin, Wyoming

# States considering changes to their funds

## Q7: Changes as a result of FCC order



## States considering changes to their funds

<b>(No USF &amp; No Change)</b>	Alabama, Delaware, Massachusetts, Montana (TRS), New Jersey, Tennessee
<b>(USF &amp; No Change)</b>	Alaska, Arizona, Arkansas, California, Connecticut, Florida, Hawaii, Illinois, Indiana, Kentucky, Minnesota, Michigan, Maryland, Missouri, Nebraska, New Hampshire, New Mexico, North Dakota, Oregon, South Dakota, Utah, Virginia, West Virginia, Wyoming
<b>(USF &amp; Change)</b>	Colorado, District of Columbia, Georgia, Idaho, Iowa, Kansas, Louisiana, Maine, Mississippi, North Carolina, Ohio, Oklahoma, Pennsylvania, Rhode Island, South Carolina, Texas, Vermont, Washington, Wisconsin
<b>(No USF &amp; Change)</b>	

# Conclusions

- There is no single fund type or funding amount across all the states
  - Each state identifies the programs and the areas it will support
  - Some states collect funds for specific programs, while others collect a lump sum
- High Cost support remains a crucial area
- Access reform support continues to be important
- State legislation will continue to effect funding amounts and contributors
  - Transparency is a key issue
  - Some states may reduce funding in some areas and increase it in others
  - Who will contribute, how much and at what level remains an issue