

U.S. Consumers

Pay 17.4% on their monthly phone bills to support the 4 USF Programs.

- U.S. consumers pay a monthly Universal Service fee charged by their phone carrier.

- The USF fee is adjusted by the USAC on a quarterly basis. Effective April 2015, the percentage rate charged is 17.4% on customers' total long distance and international calls.

- The Telecom companies submit the USF fees they have collected from their customers to the USAC.

- The USAC distributes the funds back to the telecommunication companies through the 4 USF Programs.

Telecommunication Companies

- Collect monthly Universal Service fees from their customers
- Recieve payments from the USAC

Universal Service Administrative Company (USAC)

- Collects and distributes Universal Service Funds

\$4.5 billion

\$1.8 billion

\$3.9 billion

\$159 million

High Cost Fund

Low- Income Fund

Schools and Libraries (E-rate)

Rural Health Care

