



SF 625 – Broadband Grant Program Changes (LSB1824SV)
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Description

Senate File 625 modifies the existing **Broadband Grants Fund** administered by the Office of the Chief Information Officer (OCIO). The Bill makes changes to definitions and grant program requirements, including a change to the required minimum upload and download speeds for grant qualification.

Grants are awarded to communications service providers on a competitive basis. The Broadband Grants Fund received a \$1.3 million appropriation from the Rebuild Iowa Infrastructure Fund (RIIF) for FY 2019. The Bill also extends the current grant program sunset date five years, from July 1, 2020, to July 1, 2025. While the Bill extends the availability of the Fund, it does not provide future funding.

Fiscal Impact

Extension of the authorization of the broadband grant program does not have a fiscal impact without additional funds dedicated to the program's purpose.

The OCIO will continue to administer the grant program and it can be assumed the OCIO will continue to incur administrative expenses if additional State funding is provided to the grant program.

Sources

State appropriations records
Office of the Chief Information Officer

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The fiscal note for this Bill was prepared pursuant to Joint Rule 17 and the Iowa Code. Data used in developing this fiscal note is available from the Fiscal Services Division of the Legislative Services Agency upon request.