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A BILL FOR

1 An Act relating to the connecting Iowa farms, schools, and
2 communities broadband grant program, making appropriations,
3 and including effective date provisions.

4 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:

1 Section 1. Section 8B.11, subsection 5, Code 2020, is
2 amended to read as follows:

3 5. The office shall not award a grant pursuant to this
4 section that exceeds ~~fifteen~~ twenty-five percent of the
5 communications service provider's project cost.

6 Sec. 2. OFFICE OF THE CHIEF INFORMATION OFFICER — FY
7 2019-2020. There is appropriated from the general fund of the
8 state to the office of the chief information officer for the
9 fiscal year beginning July 1, 2019, and ending June 30, 2020,
10 the following amount, or so much thereof as is necessary, to be
11 used for the purpose designated:

12 For deposit in the connecting Iowa farms, schools, and
13 communities broadband grant fund established under section
14 8B.11 for a broadband grant program, and for salaries, support,
15 maintenance, and miscellaneous purposes:

16 \$ 1,500,000

17 From the moneys appropriated in this section, \$100,000 is
18 allocated for providing technical assistance to communications
19 service providers to assist them in applying for grants under
20 section 8B.11.

21 Sec. 3. OFFICE OF THE CHIEF INFORMATION OFFICER — FY
22 2020-2021. There is appropriated from the general fund of the
23 state to the office of the chief information officer for the
24 fiscal year beginning July 1, 2020, and ending June 30, 2021,
25 the following amount, or so much thereof as is necessary, to be
26 used for the purpose designated:

27 For deposit in the connecting Iowa farms, schools, and
28 communities broadband grant fund established under section
29 8B.11 for a broadband grant program, and for salaries, support,
30 maintenance, and miscellaneous purposes:

31 \$ 10,100,000

32 From the moneys appropriated in this section, \$100,000 is
33 allocated for providing technical assistance to communications
34 service providers to assist them in applying for grants under
35 section 8B.11.

1 Sec. 4. EFFECTIVE DATE. This Act, being deemed of immediate
2 importance, takes effect upon enactment.

3 EXPLANATION

4 The inclusion of this explanation does not constitute agreement with
5 the explanation's substance by the members of the general assembly.

6 This bill relates to the connecting Iowa farms, schools, and
7 communities broadband grant program.

8 Currently, the office of the chief information officer
9 is prohibited from awarding a grant from the connecting Iowa
10 farms, schools, and communities broadband grant fund that
11 exceeds 15 percent of the communications service provider's
12 project cost. The bill increases the percentage limit to 25
13 percent of the communications service provider's project cost.

14 The bill appropriates moneys to the office for FY 2019-2020
15 and FY 2020-2021 for deposit in the connecting Iowa farms,
16 schools, and communities broadband grant fund. Moneys are
17 allocated each fiscal year from the appropriations to be used
18 for providing technical assistance to communications service
19 providers to assist them in applying for grants under the
20 program.

21 The bill takes effect upon enactment.