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:
Section 1. Section 8B.11, subsection 5, Code 2020, is amended to read as follows:
5. The office shall not award a grant pursuant to this section that exceeds fifteen twenty-five percent of the communications service provider’s project cost.

Sec. 2. OFFICE OF THE CHIEF INFORMATION OFFICER — FY 2019-2020. There is appropriated from the general fund of the state to the office of the chief information officer for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2019, and ending June 30, 2020, the following amount, or so much thereof as is necessary, to be used for the purpose designated:
For deposit in the connecting Iowa farms, schools, and communities broadband grant fund established under section 8B.11 for a broadband grant program, and for salaries, support, maintenance, and miscellaneous purposes:

$1,500,000

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

Sec. 3. OFFICE OF THE CHIEF INFORMATION OFFICER — FY 2020-2021. There is appropriated from the general fund of the state to the office of the chief information officer for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2020, and ending June 30, 2021, the following amount, or so much thereof as is necessary, to be used for the purpose designated:
For deposit in the connecting Iowa farms, schools, and communities broadband grant fund established under section 8B.11 for a broadband grant program, and for salaries, support, maintenance, and miscellaneous purposes:

$10,100,000

From the moneys appropriated in this section, $100,000 is allocated for providing technical assistance to communications service providers to assist them in applying for grants under section 8B.11.
Sec. 4. EFFECTIVE DATE. This Act, being deemed of immediate
importance, takes effect upon enactment.

EXPLANATION

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

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

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

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

The bill takes effect upon enactment.