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The bill was read for the first time and referred to the Committee on Industrial Education and Economic Development Finance and Policy

1.1 A bill for an act

1.2 relating to state government; requiring the commissioner of employment and

1.3 economic development to prepare and submit an application for federal funds;

1.4 appropriating money; amending Laws 2021, First Special Session chapter 10,

1.5 article 1, section 7.

1.6 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF MINNESOTA:

1.7 Section 1. Laws 2021, First Special Session chapter 10, article 1, section 7, is amended

1.8 to read:

1.9 **Sec. 7. BROADBAND DEVELOPMENT; APPLICATION FOR FEDERAL**

1.10 **FUNDING; APPROPRIATION.**

1.11 (a) The commissioner of employment and economic development must prepare and

1.12 submit an application to the United States Department of the Treasury requesting that

1.13 \$70,000,000 of Minnesota's capital projects fund allocation under Public Law 117-2 be

1.14 awarded to the state. The commissioner must submit the application required under this

1.15 paragraph by the later of September 30, 2021, or 90 days after the date on which the United

1.16 States Department of the Treasury begins accepting capital projects fund applications. The

1.17 commissioner must specify in the application that the award will be used for grants ~~and~~ that

1.18 satisfy the purposes specified under Minnesota Statutes, section 116J.395.

1.19 (b) Of the amount awarded to the state of Minnesota pursuant to the application required

1.20 in paragraph (a), notwithstanding Minnesota Statutes, sections 3.3005 and 4.07, 50 percent

1.21 in fiscal year 2022 and 50 percent in fiscal year 2023 are appropriated to the commissioner

1.22 of employment and economic development. This is a onetime appropriation and must be

2.1 used for grants ~~and~~ that satisfy the purposes specified under Minnesota Statutes, section
2.2 116J.395. All money awarded under this section must be spent by December 31, 2026.

2.3 (c) The commissioner of employment and economic development may temporarily
2.4 modify program standards under Minnesota Statutes, section 116J.395, to the degree
2.5 necessary to comply with federal standards for funding received under this section.

2.6 **Sec. 2. BROADBAND DEVELOPMENT; APPLICATION FOR FEDERAL**
2.7 **FUNDING; APPROPRIATION.**

2.8 (a) The commissioner of employment and economic development must prepare and
2.9 submit a grant plan application to the United States Department of the Treasury requesting
2.10 that \$110,703,000 of Minnesota's capital projects fund allocation under Public Law 117-2
2.11 be used for grants that satisfy the purposes specified under Minnesota Statutes, section
2.12 116J.395. The commissioner must submit the application required under this paragraph by
2.13 September 24, 2022.

2.14 (b) Notwithstanding Minnesota Statutes, sections 3.3005 and 4.07, the amount awarded
2.15 to Minnesota pursuant to the application required in paragraph (a) is appropriated to the
2.16 commissioner of employment and economic development. This appropriation (1) must be
2.17 used only for grants that satisfy the purposes specified under Minnesota Statutes, section
2.18 116J.395, and (2) is available until December 31, 2026.

2.19 (c) The commissioner of employment and economic development may temporarily
2.20 modify program standards under Minnesota Statutes, section 116J.395, to the extent necessary
2.21 to comply with federal standards that apply to funding received under this section.

2.22 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective retroactively from May 17, 2021.

2.23 **Sec. 3. BROADBAND DEVELOPMENT; APPROPRIATION.**

2.24 (a) Notwithstanding Minnesota Statutes, sections 3.3005 and 4.07, if Minnesota receives
2.25 federal money for broadband development under Public Law 117-9, the Infrastructure
2.26 Investment and Jobs Act, the money is appropriated to the commissioner of economic
2.27 development for grants that satisfy the purposes specified under Minnesota Statutes, section
2.28 116J.395.

2.29 (b) The commissioner of employment and economic development may temporarily
2.30 modify program standards under Minnesota Statutes, section 116J.395, to the extent necessary
2.31 to comply with federal standards that apply to funding received under this section.

2.32 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective the day following final enactment.