

House Engrossed
appropriations; broadband grants

State of Arizona
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HOUSE BILL 2156

AN ACT

APPROPRIATING MONIES TO THE ARIZONA COMMERCE AUTHORITY.

(TEXT OF BILL BEGINS ON NEXT PAGE)

1 Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Arizona:

2 Section 1. Appropriation; Arizona commerce authority;
3 broadband grants; exemption

4 A. The sum of \$5,000,000 in onetime funding is appropriated from
5 the state general fund in fiscal year 2021-2022 to the Arizona commerce
6 authority to provide broadband grants.

7 B. The Arizona commerce authority shall award broadband grants to
8 cities and towns with a population of not more than one hundred fifty
9 thousand persons. The authority shall consider the following factors in
10 prioritizing grant awards:

11 1. The potential of the award to stimulate economic development and
12 growth in the city or town.

13 2. The current level of access to broadband or high-speed internet
14 service in the city or town and the degree to which the award would
15 improve access to broadband or high-speed internet service in the city or
16 town.

17 C. The appropriation made in subsection A of this section is exempt
18 from the provisions of section 35-190, Arizona Revised Statutes, relating
19 to the lapsing of appropriations.