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HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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H. F. No. **4375**

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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

04/04/2022 Adoption of Report: Amended and re-referred to the Committee on Ways and Means

1.1 A bill for an act  
1.2 relating to broadband; modifying the border-to-border broadband grant program;  
1.3 requiring a report; transferring money; amending Minnesota Statutes 2020, section  
1.4 116J.395, subdivision 7.

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

1.6 Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 2020, section 116J.395, subdivision 7, is amended to read:

1.7 Subd. 7. **Limitation.** (a) No grant awarded under this section may fund more than ~~50~~  
1.8 75 percent of the total cost of a project.

1.9 (b) Grants awarded to a single project under this section must not exceed ~~\$5,000,000~~  
1.10 \$10,000,000.

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

1.12 Sec. 2. **REPORT; GRANT AWARD CHANGES.**

1.13 No later than December 31, 2022, the Office of Broadband Development must submit  
1.14 a report to the chairs and ranking minority members of the senate and house of representatives  
1.15 committees with primary jurisdiction over broadband policy and finance analyzing the  
1.16 impacts of the statutory changes made in section 1 on the number and amounts of grants  
1.17 awarded under Minnesota Statutes, section 116J.395.

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

2.1 Sec. 3. **TRANSFER.**

2.2 \$100,000,000 in fiscal year 2023 is transferred from the general fund to the  
2.3 border-to-border broadband fund account established in Minnesota Statutes, section 116J.396.

2.4 This is a onetime transfer and remains available until expended.

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