



1     **20.155 Public Service Commission**

2     (3)     AFFILIATED GRANT PROGRAMS

3     (r)     *Broadband expansion grants*     SEG     C     1,500,000     1,500,000

4     **SECTION 2.** 20.155 (3) (r) of the statutes is repealed and recreated to read:

5     20.155 (3) (r) *Broadband expansion grants*. From the universal service fund,  
6     as a continuing appropriation, the amounts in the schedule for broadband expansion  
7     grants under s. 196.504.

8     **SECTION 3.** 196.218 (3) (a) 3. c. of the statutes is created to read:

9     196.218 (3) (a) 3. c. The amount appropriated under s. 20.155 (3) (r).

10    **SECTION 4.** 196.504 (1) (a) of the statutes is renumbered 196.504 (1) (ac), and  
11    196.504 (1) (ac) 3., as renumbered, is amended to read:

12    196.504 (1) (ac) 3. A political subdivision or school district that submits an  
13    application in partnership with an eligible applicant under subd. 1. or 2.

14    **SECTION 5.** 196.504 (1) (ab) of the statutes is created to read:

15    196.504 (1) (ab) “Economic development” has the meaning given in s. 196.796  
16    (1) (c).

17    **SECTION 6.** 196.504 (1) (ad) of the statutes is created to read:

18    196.504 (1) (ad) “Fixed wireless service” has the meaning given in s. 77.51  
19    (3rn), except that it does not include mobile wireless service, as defined in s. 77.51  
20    (7k).

21    **SECTION 7.** 196.504 (1) (c) of the statutes is created to read:

22    196.504 (1) (c) “Unserved area” means an area of this state that is not served  
23    by an Internet service provider offering Internet service that is all of the following:

24    1. Fixed wireless service or wired service.

1           2. Provided at actual speeds of at least 15 percent of the upload and download  
2 speeds for high-speed, switched, broadband telecommunications capability as  
3 designated by the federal communications commission in its inquiries regarding  
4 advanced telecommunications capability under 47 USC 1302 (b).

5           3. Offered at a price that is reasonable, as determined by the commission.

6           **SECTION 8.** 196.504 (2) (c) of the statutes is amended to read:

7           196.504 (2) (c) To establish criteria for evaluating applications and awarding  
8 grants under this section. The criteria shall prohibit grants that have the effect of  
9 subsidizing the expenses of a provider of telecommunications service, as defined in  
10 s. 182.017 (1g) (cq), or the monthly bills of customers of those providers. The criteria  
11 shall give priority to projects that include matching funds, that involve  
12 public-private partnerships, that affect areas ~~with no broadband service providers~~  
13 unserved areas, that are scalable, that promote economic development, that do not  
14 duplicate broadband service infrastructure, that will not result in delaying the  
15 provision of broadband service to areas neighboring areas to be served by the  
16 proposed project, or that affect a large geographic area or a large number of  
17 underserved individuals or communities. When evaluating grant applications  
18 under this section, the commission shall consider the impacts of the proposed  
19 projects on the ability of individuals to access health care services from home and the  
20 cost of those services, and the ability of students to access educational opportunities  
21 from home.

22           **SECTION 9.** 196.504 (2) (e) of the statutes is created to read:

23           196.504 (2) (e) To designate areas of the state as unserved areas.

24           **SECTION 10. Effective dates.** This act takes effect on the day after publication,  
25 except as follows:

