

1 ENGROSSED HOUSE  
2 BILL NO. 1124

By: Phillips and Bell of the  
House

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4 Leewright of the Senate  
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7 An Act relating to rural broadband; requiring the  
8 Oklahoma Department of Commerce promulgate rules and  
9 procedures for establishment of the State Broadband  
10 Deployment Grant Program; requiring development of  
11 competitive grant program to award funding to expand  
12 broadband access; requiring Department to look at  
13 other state's best practices to facilitate framework  
14 of Program; creating the State Broadband Deployment  
15 Grant Program Revolving Fund; providing for  
16 codification; and providing an effective date.

15 BE IT ENACTED BY THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF OKLAHOMA:

16 SECTION 1. NEW LAW A new section of law to be codified  
17 in the Oklahoma Statutes as Section 139.204 of Title 17, unless  
18 there is created a duplication in numbering, reads as follows:

19 A. The Oklahoma Department of Commerce with the participation  
20 and advice of the Rural Broadband Expansion Council shall promulgate  
21 rules and procedures for the establishment of the State Broadband  
22 Deployment Grant Program. The State Broadband Deployment Grant  
23 Program shall include development of a competitive grant program to  
24 award funding to applicants seeking to expand access to broadband

1 Internet service in this state. The Department and Council shall  
2 look at best practices in other states to help facilitate the  
3 framework of the Program.

4 B. There is hereby created in the State Treasury a revolving  
5 fund for the Oklahoma Department of Commerce to be designated the  
6 "State Broadband Deployment Grant Program Fund". The fund shall be  
7 a continuing fund, not subject to fiscal year limitations, and shall  
8 consist of all monies designated for deposit to said fund. All  
9 monies accruing to the credit of said fund are hereby appropriated  
10 and may be budgeted and shall be expended by the Department for the  
11 purpose of awarding grants by and through the Rural Broadband  
12 Expansion Council, pursuant to subsection A of this section, to  
13 applicants seeking to expand access to broadband Internet service in  
14 this state.

15 SECTION 2. This act shall become effective November 1, 2021.

16 Passed the House of Representatives the 9th day of March, 2021.

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Presiding Officer of the House  
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Passed the Senate the \_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2021.

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