

SENATE BILL No. 576

September 19, 2017, Introduced by Senator CASPERSON and referred to the Committee on Agriculture.

A bill to amend 2012 PA 411, entitled
"Rural development fund act,"
by amending section 7 (MCL 286.947).

THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF MICHIGAN ENACT:

1 Sec. 7. (1) Money in the fund shall be expended, upon
2 ~~legislative~~ appropriation, for all of the following:

3 (a) Grants, loans, and loan guarantees to fund projects
4 identified under subsection (3).

5 (b) Administrative expenses of the department in implementing
6 this act.

7 (c) Not more than \$250,000.00 of the revenue received during
8 each state fiscal year may be transferred to the nonferrous
9 metallic mineral surveillance fund created in section 63217 of the

1 natural resources and environmental protection act, 1994 PA 451,
2 MCL 324.63217.

3 (2) The ~~department~~**BOARD** shall solicit requests for project
4 proposals to be funded with money from the fund from individuals,
5 organizations, businesses, local units of government, federally
6 recognized tribes, and educational institutions.

7 (3) The ~~department, with the advice of the board~~ , shall
8 determine which projects should be funded with money from the fund,
9 based on the criteria established by the board under section 6.
10 However, money from the fund shall not be expended for any of the
11 following:

12 (a) Projects that include telecommunication facilities owned
13 or operated by an educational institution or an affiliate, a local
14 unit of government, or any other governmental entity.

15 (b) The construction of telecommunication facilities or
16 wireless telecommunication facilities in areas where broadband
17 service of at least 3 mbps downstream and 768 kbps upstream is
18 available.

19 (4) Grants from the fund may be used to provide matching funds
20 for other available grants, as allowed by law.

21 Enacting section 1. This amendatory act takes effect 90 days
22 after the date it is enacted into law.