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ARIZONA BROADBAND FOR EDUCATION INITIATIVE

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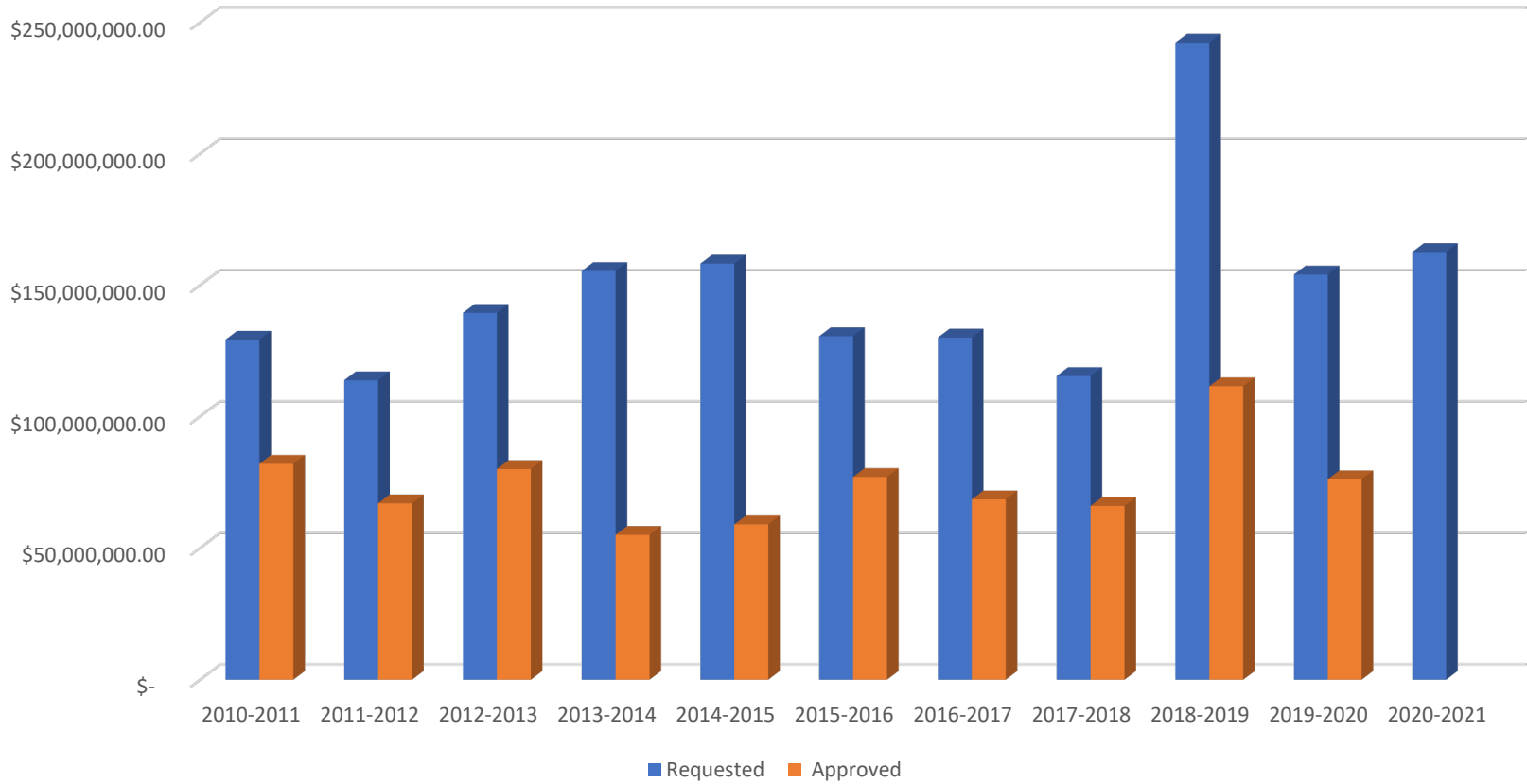**623-332-6357**

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General Information

- How large are the discounts on eligible products and services?
  - Discounts: 20% to 90% of eligible costs (85% Max for Category 2)
  - Discount for a school or library depends on:
    - Percentage of eligibility of students for National School Lunch Program (NSLP) in:
      - (for a school) the school
      - (for a library) the school district in which the library is located
    - Urban or Rural location of the school or library https://sltools.universalservice.org/portal-external/urbanRuralLookup/
      - Be sure to check your BEN and correct any information that may be incorrect NOW.

- Who can apply?
  - Schools and School Districts
  - Libraries and Library Systems
  - Consortia
  - Charter Schools
  - Private Schools

  http://www.usac.org/sl/applicants/beforeyoubegin/definitions.aspx

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Historical View

Federal CAF Funding

Frontier (New fiber install)

- Dennehotso   41,000 feet
- Kaibito   192,000 feet
- Shonto   640,000 feet
- Sanostee   314,000 feet
- Toadlena   38,000 feet
- Rock Point   118,000 feet

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Federal Erate Funding

- Erate funding
  - Chapter Houses / Libraries
    - 2021 - $5.2M Approved to build fiber to 41 Chapter Houses across the Navajo Nation
  - Apache County
    - 2018 - $8.3M
    - 2019 - $1.3M
    - 2021 - $2.1M

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Service / Price

- The secret to obtaining reliable, cost effective services is competition!

  Example: Yavapai County schools were paying an average of $48 per meg for internet service. After we went through the bidding process, the price came down to $3.48 per meg.
    - 100M internet from $4,800 per month to $348 per month.

  www.broadband4arizona.com

The Final Mile Project

- Bridging the Internet Divide / Homework Gap
  - Every home should have reliable, affordable internet access.
  - Governor has $10M in proposed budget for funding rural broadband via the Commerce Authority.
  - ARSA is sponsoring / supporting "The Final Mile Project". Consortium of schools to address the shortage of internet access for their students.

  www.thefinalmileproject.com

Questions?