Optional Forms and Submissions - Community Broadband Capital

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1	Right of way permit fees will be waived.	Simplified permitting processes	Resolution of Support.pdf
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RESOLUTION 2023 – 3 – 47

A RESOLUTION OF SUPPORT FOR APPLICATIONS TO THE DEPARTMENT OF MANAGEMENT, OFFICE OF THE CHIEF INFORMATION OFFICER'S BROADBAND INTERVENTION ZONE INVITATION TO QUALIFY

WHEREAS, on March 1, 2023, the Department of Management, Office of the Chief Information Officer ("OCIO") announced the opening of the Application Acceptance Window for Broadband Intervention Zones Invitation to Qualify #001; and

WHEREAS, although the Invitation to Qualify ("ITQ") is not a grant opportunity, it is a way for communities to demonstrate the need for high-speed internet by identifying impediments to work, education, health monitoring, and other activities and to designate unserved or underserved geographic areas of concern as Broadband Intervention Zones; and

WHEREAS, responding to the ITQ is a way for communities to qualify for future grant funding by proposing Broadband Intervention Zones that should receive broadband grant funding and for decision makers to prioritize future funding for those designated Broadband Intervention Zones; and

WHEREAS, high-speed internet is an essential infrastructure system that connects all Linn County residents to businesses, schools, medical facilities, and other institutions where they live, work, learn, and play; and

WHEREAS, Linn County officials recognize that closing the digital divide between people who have access to high-speed internet and those who do not is invaluable and will provide long-term and far-reaching community benefits that include the ability to engage fully in the digital economy, access educational and medical services, expand economic opportunities, and bridge the economic divide; and

WHEREAS, Linn County officials and the OCIO have identified areas geographic areas of concern in the County where residents, businesses, and institutions are unserved or underserved by broadband; and

WHEREAS, Linn County officials believe it is in the best interest of Linn County residents to support applications to the ITQ and subsequent grant funding applications.

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED the Linn County Board of Supervisors hereby endorses applications to the OCIO's ITQ for Broadband Intervention Zones within the County.

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BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, Linn County will provide technical assistance for ITQ applications when available and needed and will waive right-of-way permit fees for broadband providers working in a Broadband Intervention Zone.

PASSED AND APPROVED this 29 day of March 2023.

LINN COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

Louis J. Zumbach, Chair

Ben Rogers, Vice Chair

Kirsten Running-Marquardt, Supervisor

ATTEST:

Joel Miller, Linn County Auditor

I, Joel Miller, Linn County Auditor, certify that at a regular meeting of the Linn County Board of Supervisors, the foregoing resolution was duly adopted by a vote of:

3 Aye 0 Nay 0 Abstain and 0 Absent from Voting.

Joel Miller, Linn County Auditor