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Greg Winkler  
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Dear Mr. Winkler,

Eagle County requests administrative grant funding from the Department of Local Affairs to support a broadband study for the unincorporated areas of Eagle County. This grant would cover 50% of the costs associated with the study.

The Eagle County Board of County Commissioners (BoCC) seeks to better understand the availability and quality of Broadband services for residents in unincorporated Eagle County. There are presently several local initiatives (both private and public) within the various incorporated town boundaries of Eagle County focused on improving Broadband services. At the same time, very little specific action pertaining to local Broadband needs and services has been specifically focused on the unincorporated areas, which in total are home to approximately 40% of the population of Eagle County.

Published information currently available pertaining to the quality of Broadband services is highly unreliable. A robust study focused on gaining an improved understanding regarding the state of existing Broadband services available to citizens of unincorporated Eagle County would be very valuable. Upon the successful conclusion of the proposed study, the BoCC will be better positioned to make informed decisions going forward concerning future public investment opportunities in selected Broadband initiatives.

Eagle County issued a Request for Proposal and selected HR Green to complete this work for \$16,500. We hope to undertake this project during Q4 of 2020, and complete no later than Q1 2021. This grant request is for \$8,250.

Sincerely,

Kathy Chandler-Henry  
Chair