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Dear Mr. Winkler,

Eagle County requests administrative grant funding from the Department of Local Affairs to support a broadband study pertaining to the Dotsero area of Eagle County. This grant would cover 50% of the costs associated with this study.

Project scope

The mobile home park in the Dotsero area of Eagle County is presently significantly underserved in terms of broadband infrastructure and service levels. At present, the only services available are based on outdated infrastructure provided by CenturyLink / Lumen that typically operate in the 1-5 mbps range.

The Eagle County Board of County Commissioners (BoCC) is seeking assistance with a high-level design and recommended next steps to provide broadband services to the Dotsero mobile home park community. Overall project scope includes:

- Develop a base map.
- Evaluate transport options.
- Evaluate technology options.
- High-level design of the two Dotsero areas.
- Broadband provider outreach.

Project budget and timeline

This is a continuation of Eagle County's relationship with HR Green, who partnered with Eagle County to prepare the broadband study in unincorporated Eagle County which was completed in 2021. It is anticipated that this project will cost approximately \$38,260, with this grant request being for \$19,130.



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We hope to undertake this project during Q3 of 2022, and complete no later than Q1 2023.

Financial need

Escalating costs in the mountain communities continues to exert tremendous financial pressure on Eagle County's overall financial situation. The County continues to direct significant funding focused on improving the affordability of local workforce housing. Additionally, the impacts of escalating inflation are having negative impacts throughout the county budget. Any opportunities to defray costs associated with non-core subject areas such as broadband will allow the county to do more in the core areas of our business.

Project urgency and readiness to begin work

All of Eagle County has become more and more reliant on the availability and quality of broadband services. This is especially true in the post COVID-era connected with working and schooling from home. The Dotsero mobile home community has been identified as an area that has been unable to effectively participate in these opportunities due to the lack of available quality broadband services.

The proposed project has been approved both conceptually and financially (beyond this grant request) to proceed.

The energy and mineral impact

Primary energy and mineral impacts in Eagle County involve 1) Gypsum mining operations in the Town of Gypsum 2) Sand and Gravel mining operations in Eagle, Edwards, and Gypsum. 3) Reclamation activities pertaining to the closed Gillman mine superfund site located between Minturn and Red Cliff.

Jurisdiction's financial data.

A.	Assessed Valuation most recent year	\$ 3,658,891,110
B.	Total Mill Levy	8.499
C.	Property Tax Revenue	\$ 31,096,916
D.	Sales Tax Rate	1.5%
E.	Sales Tax Estimated annual revenue	\$ 41,085,001



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F.	General Fund budgeted revenue	\$ 50,427,649
G.	General Fund budgeted expenditures	\$ 53,683,639
H.	General Fund balance	\$ 37,689,167
I.	Portion of General Fund which is unassigned	\$ 24,401,487
J.	Total budgeted revenue (all funds)	\$ 160,178,904
K.	Total budgeted expenditures (all funds)	\$ 167,003,303
L.	Total Fund Balance (all funds)	\$ 158,491,198
M.	Total outstanding debt (all funds)	\$ 98,530,600

Sincerely,

Jeanne McQueeney

Chair, Eagle County Commissioners