

BEFORE THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF LANE COUNTY, OREGON

ORDER NO: 24-04-23-06

In the Matter of APPROVING AN INTERGOVERNMENTAL AGREEMENT WITH LANE COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS (LCOG) TO APPLY FOR A BROADBAND DEPLOYMENT GRANT TO BE ADMINISTERED AND COORDINATED BY LCOG AND DELEGATING AUTHORITY TO THE COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR OR DESIGNEE TO EXECUTE THE IGA.

WHEREAS, the Board of Commissioners adopted a Broadband Vision, Goals and Tactics policy which looks to maximize outside funding secured by Lane County agencies and partners to address unmet local needs for affordable, resilient, high speed internet connectivity across the County; and

WHEREAS, Lane Council of Governments and the County have worked in a collaborative manner to address the digital divide and broadband need in parts of underserved areas of the County; and

WHEREAS, the Oregon Broadband Office has opened applications under the Broadband Deployment Program to fund the construction and deployment of Broadband Infrastructure Projects; and

WHEREAS, Lane Council of Governments in partnership with Lane County, issued a solicitation, in accordance with LCOG's procurement policies, for the partnership of qualified internet service providers to jointly address the broadband service needs of unserved and underserved residents, businesses and institutions in Lane County.

WHEREAS, Douglas Fast Net (DFN) responded to the solicitation for partner qualified internet service providers in accordance with LCOG's procurement policies and was selected as the most responsive provider. LCOG will be a co-applicant with DFN for BDP funding for the Fern Ridge West (Elmira), Mabel (Marcola), Spencer Butte (Fox Hollow), Fall Creek (Jasper to Lowell), Creswell, and Pleasant Hill areas.

WHEREAS, LCOG and DFN have identified eight additional rural areas within Douglas County and two additional within Lane County that meet the funding criteria identified by the Oregon Broadband Deployment Program, and which increase the impact and overall competitiveness of the project proposal.

WHEREAS, Lane Manual Chapter 20 requires Board of County Commissioner approval of contract or IGA's in excess of three years.

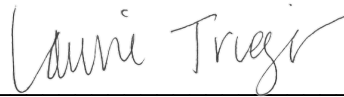
NOW, THEREFORE, the Board of County Commissioners of Lane County **ORDERS** as follows:

1. Approve an Intergovernmental Agreement with Lane Council of Governments for administering and coordinating for applying for a Broadband Deployment Grant to be administered and coordinated by the Council.

2. Delegate authority to the County Administrator or designee to execute the IGA.

3. Authorize the Board Chair to sign a letter of support for the Broadband Deployment Program funding specified in the application.

ADOPTED this 23rd day of April, 2024.



Laurie Trieger, Chair
Lane County Board of Commissioners