



# Board of County Commissioners Agenda Request



**Requested Meeting Date:** July 26, 2022

**Title of Item:** Broadband Border to Border grant support

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| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> REGULAR AGENDA<br><input type="checkbox"/> CONSENT AGENDA<br><input type="checkbox"/> INFORMATION ONLY   | <b>Action Requested:</b><br><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Approve/Deny Motion<br><input type="checkbox"/> Adopt Resolution (attach draft)<br><i>*provide copy of hearing notice that was published</i> | <input type="checkbox"/> Direction Requested<br><input type="checkbox"/> Discussion Item<br><input type="checkbox"/> Hold Public Hearing* |
| <b>Submitted by:</b><br>Mark Jeffers   | <b>Department:</b><br>Administration   |   |
| <b>Presenter (Name and Title):</b><br>Mark Jeffers, Economic Development Coordinator   |  | <b>Estimated Time Needed:</b><br>10 minutes   |
| <b>Summary of Issue:</b><br><p>The state of Minnesota is awarding funding for broadband improvements to Internet Service Providers who apply and qualify for the Border to Border grant program.</p> <p>Aitkin County is interested in supporting any ISP that will offer services above the state required minimum. Therefore, to qualify for this support, and ISP must offer at least 100 mgps x 100 mgps connectivity.</p> <p>The Aitkin County Economic Development Committee has reviewed this grant and recommend awarding \$5000 to any ISP that is awarded the Border to Border grant from the State.</p> |  |   |
| <b>Alternatives, Options, Effects on Others/Comments:</b>  |  |   |
| <b>Recommended Action/Motion:</b><br>ACEDC requests motion to approve broadband grant award of \$5000 to qualified Internet Service Providers.   |  |   |
| <b>Financial Impact:</b><br><i>Is there a cost associated with this request?</i> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No<br><i>What is the total cost, with tax and shipping? \$</i><br><i>Is this budgeted?</i> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <i>Please Explain:</i>   |  |   |

Legally binding agreements must have County Attorney approval prior to submission.