



December 13, 2022

Board of Supervisors  
800 South Victoria Avenue  
Ventura, CA 93009

**SUBJECT:**

**Ratification of Submission of the Chief Information Officer's Grant Application to, and Acceptance of Grant Award in the Amount of \$491,420 from the California Public Utilities Commission's Local Area Technical Assistance (LATA) to Support the Ventura County Fiber Network Project.**

**RECOMMENDATIONS:**

Ratify the submission of the Chief Information Officer's attached grant application (Exhibit 1) to, and acceptance of the grant award from LATA in the amount of \$491,420 to support the Ventura County Fiber Network Project.

**REASON FOR RATIFICATION:**

Ventura County Information Technology Service Department (ITSD) petitioned the County Executive Office and received approval to participate in the submission of regional grant applications (Exhibit 1). Because broadband-related grant applications are highly competitive, requesting approval for acceptance was deferred until, and if, any of these grant applications were successful.

**IT SERVICES FISCAL IMPACT:**

Mandatory:	No
Source of Funding:	LATA Grant
Funding Match Required:	No
Impact on Other Departments:	None

Summary of Revenue and Costs:	<u>FY 2022-23</u>	<u>FY 2023-24</u>
Revenue:	\$ 491,420	\$ 0
Costs:		
Direct	\$ 491,420	\$ 0
Indirect – Department	\$ 0	\$ 0
Indirect – County CAP	\$ 0	\$ 0
Total Cost:	\$ 491,420	\$ 0
Net IT Services Cost:	\$ 0	\$ 0

FY 2022-23 Budget Unit 4850				
	Adopted Budget	Adjusted Budget	Projected Budget	Estimated Savings (Deficit)
<b>Appropriations</b>	\$39,132,226	\$39,448,896	\$39,448,896	\$ 0
<b>Revenue</b>	\$35,710,139	\$35,710,139	\$35,710,139	\$ 0
<b>Net Operating Gain/(Loss)</b>	<b>(\$3,422,087)</b>	<b>(\$3,738,757)</b>	<b>(\$3,738,757))</b>	<b>\$ 0</b>

## DISCUSSION:

The Information Technology Services Department is continuing its engagement in regional collaboration and design engineering for a municipal middle-mile fiber network.

The LATA Grant will provide funds for the final planning efforts and detailed design work for when the construction project, which is currently ready for RFP, is approved by your Board. This middle-mile network will reduce County costs as well as benefit partnering cities, schools, etcetera by reducing their reliance on commercial telecommunications providers. It will also provide infrastructure for lower-cost telecom companies to provide internet access for underserved communities within our county.

The LATA Grant award letter and response are attached (Exhibits 2 and 3).

ITSD's fiscal department will ensure that its local competitive bid process conforms to applicable Federal Office of Management and Budget policies during procurement. Additionally, ITSD will maintain invoices, tracking, and required LATA documentation and adhere to the Public Utilities Commission requirements during the performance period.

The County Executive Office, the Auditor-Controller's Office, and County Counsel have reviewed this letter. If you have any questions, please contact me at (805) 654-2744 or Terri Yanez at (805) 677-8777.



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Chief Information Officer

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Attachments: Exhibit 1 – LATA Grant Application  
Exhibit 2 – LATA Grant Award Letter  
Exhibit 3 – LATA Grant Consent Form and Payee Data Record