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From: Dave DeVore
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Date: August 4th, 2022

To: Gary Schmidt
County Administrator

RE: CBX Proposal for Additional BEAD Broadband Funding

Good day Mr. Schmidt,

Clackamas Broadband eXchange (CBX) is proposing to delay any new ARPA construction of fiber expansion to unserved/underserved areas of Clackamas County for approximately 12 - 18 months. CBX would like to utilize the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funds as match to the new Broadband Equity, Access & Deployment Program (BEAD) as part of the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act (IIJA). CBX has a remaining balance of ~\$8 million dollars from the ARPA funds allocated for broadband expansion in Clackamas County. Both the ARPA and BEAD rules allow for the ARPA funds to be utilized this way. Since match for BEAD can be as low as 25%, this would potentially allow CBX to recognize a funding source as large as \$24 million dollars that can be used to reach 3 times as many households in Clackamas County beyond just the ARPA dollars alone.

During the delay, CBX will continue to develop the fiber optic routes via engineering, permitting and material acquisition, to the approved ARPA sites as the BEAD funding is established and ready for disbursement. CBX will also continue to design and install the recently procured network gear in parts of the fiber ring to allow open access to ISP vendors thus increasing availability of services and competition for the customers.

Once the results of the BEAD grant awards are known, construction on the ARPA phases will continue along with any additional areas made available from the BEAD funding.

Thank you and have a wonderful week,

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Attachments: BEAD Notification of Funding Opportunity, BEAD Potential Fiber Expansion Areas