

Buffalo County Resolution



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Involved Committees:
Finance

County Department:
Administration
Fiscal Impact: YES / NO
AC Approved: YES / NO

RESOLUTION # 17-12-06

A RESOLUTION TO ADOPT BUFFALO COUNTY BROADBAND AWARD POLICY

WHEREAS, Buffalo County adopted Ordinance No. 17-09-01 to encourage the development of broadband access in Buffalo County; and,

WHEREAS, the Ordinance addresses the application and approval process for applying for a broadband network project application but does not define the criteria for evaluating and awarding a project; and,

WHEREAS, the purpose of the broadband network award program is to improve the quality and availability of broadband communication services in underserved and unserved areas of Buffalo County. The definition of "underserved" is defined as being served by fewer than two (2) broadband service providers at 30/15 mbps. The definition of "unserved" is defined as being not served by a broadband provider at speeds of 10/1 mbps; and,

WHEREAS, the Buffalo County Finance Committee shall serve as the Broadband Award Selection Committee; and,

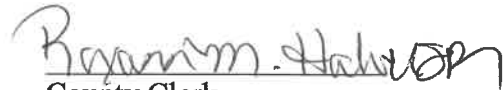
WHEREAS, the criteria for evaluating and award a broadband network project shall be as follows:

1. The applicant must be a current broadband service provider in Buffalo County.
2. The application needs to include the following:
 - a. The provider shall provide actual broadband speeds of at least but not limited to 30 mbps download and 15 mbps upload to all residence and businesses.
 - b. The provider shall disclose who they will be serving with a map and addresses.
 - c. The provider shall include a signed petition from those willing to serve with a letter of intent along with other information, including but not limited to, a current speed test, interest and comments.
 - d. The provider shall describe what type of technology they will be using to deploy broadband.
 - e. The provider shall disclose the cost of products to be used.
 - f. Only the cost of CWF (Cable, Wire & Facility) and COE (Central Office Equipment) to the outside of the business or resident will be covered.
3. The timeframe to complete the project will be 365 days. The project must be 100% complete prior to distribution of award funds.
4. The project must have at least one to one match for award funds to be considered.
5. The maximum project award is \$100,000.00.
6. Each different provider can only have two award projects at any given time open and uncompleted. For a third award to be granted one of the projects needs to be completed before requesting additional awards.

7. There is no challenge or public comment period. The Committee decision is final.
8. A contract must be signed within ten (10) days of notice of award between Buffalo County and the broadband provider committing to the funding partnership.
9. The Committee may take the applicant/providers merit into consideration when deciding the award.
10. The availability of project award funding shall be determined by the Buffalo County Board of Supervisors on an annual basis.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Buffalo County Board of Supervisors adopts this resolution to establish the criteria for evaluating and awarding broadband network project applications and designate the Buffalo County Finance Committee to serve as the Broadband Award Selection Committee.

Adopted at a duly called and noticed meeting of the Buffalo County Board of Supervisors on the 18 day of December, 2017.


County Clerk

ATTEST:


County Board Chairperson

ANTICIPATED FINANCIAL IMPACT STATEMENT

Amount designated each year by County Board of Supervisors

Adopted at a duly called and noticed meeting of the Buffalo County Board of Supervisors on the _____ day of _____, 2017.

County Clerk

ATTEST:

County Board Chairperson

Respectfully Submitted:

Finance Committee

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