

Richland County Committee

Agenda Item Cover

Agenda Item Name: ARPA funds for UW-Extension Broadband Survey

Department	Administration	Presented By:	Administrator
Date of Meeting:	16 Dec 2021	Action Needed:	Vote
Disclosure:	Open Session	Authority:	Structure E
Date submitted:	17 Dec 2021	Referred by:	
Action needed by no later than (date)	N/A	Resolution	<u>N/A</u> , prepared, reviewed

Recommendation and/or action language:

Motion to...enter into an agreement with UW River Falls, Survey Research Center (SRC) to conduct a Rural Broadband Cost Proposal Survey in order to understand current broadband services provided throughout Richland County.

Background: *(preferred one page or less with focus on options and decision points)*

This item is brought forward as a possible solution in gauging what types of internet coverages are available throughout the county. Internet providers are not obligated to release maps showing their current fiber placement, and there is no state or federal public entity that tracks fiber placement. Information from this survey would help the county identify fiber locations, and internet services, in efforts to build mapping and gather data to drive future broadband decision and investments.

Attachments and References:

UW River Falls SRC Proposal	

Financial Review:

(please check one)

<input type="checkbox"/>	In adopted budget	Fund Number	
<input type="checkbox"/>	Apportionment needed	Requested Fund Number	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Other funding Source	ARPA Funds – Fund #93	
<input type="checkbox"/>	No financial impact		

(summary of current and future impacts)

\$7,000 to \$8,100

Approval:

Review:

Department Head

Administrator, or Elected Office (if applicable)