

Richland County Committee

Agenda Item Cover

Agenda Item Name: Fiber-to-the-Home grant-project near Cazenovia

Department	Administration	Presented By:	Administrator
Date of Meeting:	June 20 th , 2021	Action Needed:	Vote
Disclosure:	Open Session	Authority:	Structure E
Date submitted:	June 16 th , 2021	Referred by:	
Action needed by no later than (date)	N/A	Resolution	<u>N/A</u> , prepared, reviewed

Recommendation and/or action language:

- 1) Motion to ... recommend resolution to the County Board to partner with La Valle Telephone, Sauk County and area townships in entering into an agreement to partially fund the proposed fiber-to-the-home broadband project near Cazenovia and to utilize American Rescue Plan to fund the \$200,000 share.

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

Message from Josh Lien, Operations Manager – La Valle Telephone

We are looking at applying for Federal ARPA funds, through the Wisconsin PSC, to complete a broadband project within your County. One of the criteria for this grant project is we enter into a Private Public Partnership, where the public entity contributes some of their own ARPA funding to the fiber build. For this project we would be looking at the County to contribute \$200,000 of your ARPA funding to build a fiber-to-the-home infrastructure to some, not all, of the residents living within your boundaries. This is why we are only asking for a portion of your ARPA funding so you can use the remainder to aid other service providers if they make the commitment to build to the remainder of your residents. We will also be looking to the Townships and Federal ARPA funding to aid in this project as well. The total cost of the build will be \$1,820,000 with your contribution being 11% of the total cost. I have attached a map showing the construction area where we plan to build fiber. I have also attached our Private Public Partnership template for you to review. If you agree to the document terms, I will then input all the correct info for you to sign; thus, entering you into the agreement with us. The document will be attached to our grant application proving we have entered into the agreement meeting our obligation for that one-criteria. Without the combined aid of the Township, County and Federal ARPA funding this build will not be possible. We will need a commitment with signed documentation no later than July 23rd, 2021 along with your FEIN as we have to file this with our application. I thank you for your time and consideration in this critical and time-sensitive matter for the betterment of the County.

Attachments and References:

Resolution Language	Map of Project

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	American Rescue Plans	
<input type="checkbox"/>	No financial impact		

(summary of current and future impacts)

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\$200,000 expenditure

Approval:

Review:

Clinton Langreck

Department Head

Administrator, or Elected Office (if applicable)
