

**SUBMITTAL TO THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
COUNTY OF RIVERSIDE, STATE OF CALIFORNIA**



FROM: Riverside County Information Technology (RCIT)

SUBMITTAL DATE:
January 11, 2016

SUBJECT: Letter of Endorsement for the Inland Empire Regional Broadband Consortium 2016 California Advanced Services Fund Regional Consortia Grant Application [Districts: All], [No cost].


RECOMMENDED MOTION: That the Board of Supervisors approve and authorize the Board Chairman to sign the attached letter of endorsement for the Inland Empire Regional Broadband Consortium (IERBC) 2016 California Advanced Services Fund Regional Consortia grant, in accordance with the Inland Empire Broadband Infrastructure and Access Plan.

BACKGROUND:

Summary

The IERBC and 12 other consortiums received three-year grants from the California Public Utilities Commission. The California Emerging Technology Fund (CETF) allocated CPUC funds through grant submission processes for both broadband and digital inclusion programs throughout the state. The program reached the end of the three year funding cycle; however, there is an opportunity to extend the IERBC for two additional years. The \$250,000 grant request will enable the IERBC to meet and prioritize (continued on page 2)

Departmental Concurrence


 Steve Reneker
 Chief Information Officer

| FINANCIAL DATA | Current Fiscal Year: | Next Fiscal Year: | Total Cost: | Ongoing Cost: | POLICY/CONSENT (per Exec. Office) |
|-----------------|----------------------|-------------------|-------------|---------------|---|
| COST | \$ 0 | \$ 0 | \$ 0 | \$ 0 | Consent <input type="checkbox"/> Policy <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| NET COUNTY COST | \$ | \$ | \$ | \$ | |

SOURCE OF FUNDS: N/A

Budget Adjustment: No

For Fiscal Year: 2015-16

C.E.O. RECOMMENDATION:

APPROVE

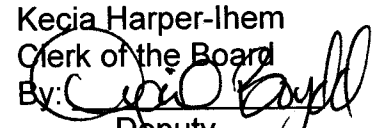
BY: 
Jennifer L. Sargent

County Executive Office Signature

MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

On motion of Supervisor Tavaglione, seconded by Supervisor Washington and duly carried by unanimous vote, IT WAS ORDERED that the above matter is approved as recommended.

Ayes: Jeffries, Tavaglione, Washington, Benoit and Ashley
 Nays: None
 Absent: None
 Date: January 12, 2016
 xc: RCIT

Kecia Harper-Ihem
 Clerk of the Board
 By: 
 Deputy

Prev. Agn. Ref.:

District: ALL

Agenda Number:

3-21b

- A-30
- Positions Added
- 4/5 Vote
- Change Order

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BACKGROUND:

Summary (continued)

opportunities for funding. If the IERBC is successful and receives the funding, it will be used for quarterly meetings, funding an executive director who will run the consortia, and on behalf of the IERBC committee will write grants based on committee approval for the funded period of 2 years. It is not known if the IERBC will be successful in its grant submissions, however in the past the IERBC was able to fund Connect Anza which received about \$3M in funding.

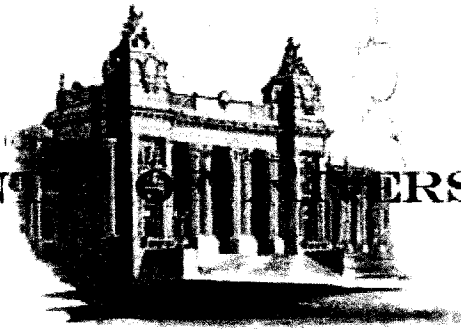
Riverside County is establishing a broadband initiative and a digital inclusion program. It is believed that the IERBC will be a great resource to seek funding from the CETF and CPUC for those programs which will help connect potentially thousands of households in Riverside County that do not have the resources to pay for broadband or have the technology to connect.

To be considered for funding, grant applications must be submitted by January 25, 2016.

Impact on Residents and Businesses

There are no negative impacts to residents and businesses in the county.

COUNTY OF RIVERSIDE



Board of Supervisors

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|------------|------------------------------------|
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| District 5 | Marion Ashley 951-955-1050 |

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California Public Utilities Commission
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San Francisco, CA 94102

January 11, 2016

**Subject: Letter of Endorsement for the Inland Empire Regional Broadband Consortium
2016 California Advanced Services Fund (CASF) Regional Consortia Grant Application**

This letter is an endorsement of the Inland Empire Regional Broadband (IERB) Consortium and Grant Application for additional funding through the CPUC California Advanced Services Fund (CASF) Regional Broadband Consortia Grant Account.

Riverside County supports the work of the Inland Empire Consortium. The Consortium provides a much-needed forum for bringing attention to closing the "Digital Divide" and improving broadband access in the Inland Empire.

The IERB Consortium has been a leader by engaging the region to work on and adopt the Inland Empire Broadband Infrastructure and Access Plan that defines and advances regional broadband priorities. The Consortium has brought community leaders, educators, and local government officials together with internet providers, businesses, civil engineers and information technology professionals to collaborate and agree on regional priorities.

IERB has also kept the region informed of funding sources including the CPUC's CASF Broadband Infrastructure and Public Housing Broadband Programs, the California Telehealth Network programs, and federal funds available for broadband projects in unserved and underserved areas.

Riverside County fully supports IERB and will be instrumental in our efforts to make our county the first gigabit county in the State of California. Riverside County is also creating a Digital Inclusion program to benefit the the unserved and underserved within Riverside County.

Sincerely,

John J. Benoit, Chairman
Board of Supervisors
County of Riverside



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I support the work of the Inland Empire Consortium. The Consortium provides a much-needed forum for bringing attention to closing the "Digital Divide" and improving broadband access in the Inland Empire, including a focus on intelligent community concepts.

The IERB Consortium has been a leader by engaging the region to work on and adopt the Inland Empire Broadband Infrastructure and Access Plan that defines and advances regional broadband priorities. The Consortium has brought community leaders, educators, and local government officials together with internet providers, businesses, civil engineers and information technology professionals to collaborate and agree on regional priorities.

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I fully support IERB and feel that it should continue on, as it is an ideal group to support digital inclusion and broadband projects for the unserved and underserved within San Bernardino and Riverside counties.

Sincerely,

Steve Reneker
Chief Information Officer
County of Riverside