



Lexington-Fayette Urban County Government
OFFICE OF THE MAYOR

Linda Gorton
Mayor

February 2, 2023

Meghan Sandfoss
Executive Director
Office of Broadband Development
100 Airport Road, Third Floor
Frankfort, Kentucky 40601

Dear Ms. Sandfoss,

We are pleased to support Charter Communication's d/b/a Spectrum application for Kentucky's Better Internet Program funds to ensure unserved and underserved rural Fayette County residents can have access to high-speed internet.

Rural Fayette County may be best known for horses, stone fences, and its wide expanse of rolling hills and farmland, but it is also home to an estimated 1,000 families who do not currently have access to reliable, high-speed internet. Without this access, children in these rural areas cannot reliably do schoolwork. Purchasing much needed goods and services, or running a business remains difficult for many families in these rural areas.

Charter Communication's plan leverages a regional approach to the important goal of internet access for the rural areas of the Bluegrass, and requires many partners, including the Lexington-Fayette Urban County Government and the Commonwealth of Kentucky, to be successful. With this in mind, the Lexington-Fayette Urban County Government is able, at this time, to contribute \$10,000 toward this project. Grant funds from the Commonwealth are a necessary component in this approach, and would go far to ensure rural Fayette County has access to reliable, high-speed internet.

Having access to reliable and high-speed internet is necessary to live in this 21st century world. Charter Communication's regional project outlined in its application would provide vital high-speed internet to nearly all unserved or underserved rural Fayette County families. For this reason, we are pleased to support Charter Communication's application for grant funds from Kentucky's Better Internet Program, and we ask for support from Team Kentucky as well.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Linda Gorton". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Linda Gorton
Mayor

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