



TO: Mayor Linda Gorton,
Honorable Members, Urban County Council

FROM: Liz Rodgers, Chief Information Officer

DATE: November 12, 2024

SUBJECT: Match funds for Fayette County Broadband Project

Request:

Authorize the Mayor on behalf of the Lexington-Fayette Urban County Government to execute the necessary documents with Charter Communications d/b/a Spectrum for the LFUCG to contribute \$10,000 in match funds to support an award from Kentucky's Better Internet grant program for a project to serve an additional 878 residential locations in Fayette County with fiber optic broadband internet service, per RFP #9-2022, incorporated herein by reference.

Purpose:

Rural Fayette County is home to many families who do not have access to reliable, high-speed internet, a necessity for full participation in online educational, career, health, and economic opportunities. Charter Communication's plan leverages a regional approach that will provide high-speed internet to nearly all unserved or underserved rural Fayette County residences. This project, their second awarded a grant from Kentucky's Better Internet program, includes a pledged contribution of \$10,000 from the Lexington-Fayette Urban County Government.

Budgetary Implication:

Cost for FY25 is \$10,000

Are the funds budgeted? Yes, \$10,000 from 1101-210101-0001-71208 (Office of the CIO)

File Number: 1159-24

Director/Commissioner: Rodgers

