



Board Packet Executive Summary

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### **NW Fiberworx Pre-Construction Amendment**

VCBB staff met with Northwest Fiberworx to review the request for the VCBB to provide the CUD with their share of remaining pre-construction funds. These funds will provide NW Fiberworx with the resources they need in order to get to construction. As part of their due diligence, the CUD has experienced delays in getting to construction that will be explained to the Board at the meeting as part of the request. The staff recommends the Board approve the pre-construction grant request of \$1,371,663.75.

### **Staff presentation on the IJJA BEAD and Digital Equity program**

The VCBB is in the process of building the 5-year plan for pulling down the funds from the IJJA program. The funding requirements tend to be focused on existing telecommunication providers which has presented challenges for the VCBB. Staff has been working closely with the NTIA to remove some of the challenges that the program has in place. It is essential that the Board fully understands the program and the requirements and how this program interacts with ACT 71. The VCBB has approximately nine months to submit plans. These plans are a pre-requisite for the funding. We are planning to commit the bulk of this Board meeting to providing the information and address concerns from the Board as we embark on the planning process. Staff will provide ongoing updates with the Weekly Updates as well as Board meetings on the progress of the planning effort. The Board will be given an opportunity to review the plans prior to final submission. Included in this packet will be materials explaining the program. Staff will present a summary of the program to the Board at the meeting.