

RESOLUTION REQUESTING OHIO DEPARTMENT OF DEVELOPMENT TO SOLICIT APPLICATIONS FROM BROADBAND PROVIDERS FOR OHIO RESIDENTIAL BROADBAND EXPANSION GRANT PROGRAM

WHEREAS, Amended House Bill 2 of the 134th Ohio General Assembly created the Ohio Residential Broadband Expansion Grant Program to expand broadband service in the state and provide grants to assist with expansion of broadband service to unserved and underserved residents of Ohio; and

WHEREAS, under Section 122.4050 of the Ohio Revised Code, a board of county commissioners may adopt a resolution requesting the Ohio Department of Development to solicit applications from broadband providers for Ohio Residential Broadband Expansion Grant Program grants for eligible projects in the municipal corporations and townships of the county; and

WHEREAS, eligible projects are projects to provide tier two broadband service access to residences in an unserved area or tier one area of a municipal corporation or township eligible for funding under the Broadband Expansion Grant Program; and

WHEREAS, tier one broadband service is a retail wireline or wireless broadband service capable of delivering internet access at speeds of at least ten but less than twenty-five megabits per second downstream and at least one but less than three megabits per second upstream and a tier one area is an area served by tier one broadband service but not tier two broadband service; and

WHEREAS, an unserved area is an area without access to tier one or tier two broadband service; and

WHEREAS, there are unserved or underserved areas in the county whose residents would benefit from the expansion of tier two broadband service if a broadband provider were to complete an eligible project; now

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED: By the Board of Ashtabula County Commissioners

Section 1. That the following municipal corporations and townships within the county have areas that are unserved or underserved by broadband service:

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| Monroe Twp. | Wayne Twp. | <u>Villages</u> |
| Pierpont Twp. | New Lyme Twp. | Rock Creek |
| Richmond Twp. | Colebrook Twp. | Roaming Shores |
| Andover Twp. | Morgan Twp. | Orwell |
| Williamsfield Twp. | Rome Twp. | |
| Sheffield Twp. | Orwell Twp. | |
| Denmark Twp. | Trumbull Twp. | |
| Dorset Twp. | Hartsgrove Twp. | |
| Cherry Valley Twp. | Windsor Twp. | |

Section 2: That pursuant to Section 122.4050 of the Ohio Revised Code, Jake Brand, Director of the Ashtabula County Community Services and Planning Department shall be the contact on behalf of the county to submit a request to the Ohio Department of Development to solicit applications from broadband providers for Ohio Residential Broadband Expansion Grant Program eligible projects in the areas identified in Section 1 of this Resolution.

**ASHTABULA COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
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Resolution No. 2021-404

October 26, 2021

**RESOLUTION REQUESTING OHIO DEVELOPMENT SERVICES AGENCY TO
SOLICIT APPLICATIONS FROM BROADBAND PROVIDERS FOR OHIO
RESIDENTIAL BROADBAND EXPANSION GRANT PROGRAM**

Upon the motion of Casey R. Kozlowski, seconded by J.P. Ducro IV.

VOTE:

Kathryn L. Whittington	Aye
J.P. Ducro IV	Aye
Casey R. Kozlowski	Aye

CERTIFICATE OF CLERK

IT IS HEREBY CERTIFIED that the foregoing is a true and correct transcript of a resolution acted upon and duly passed by the Board of County Commissioners of Ashtabula County, Ohio, on the date noted above.



Lisa Hawkins, Clerk of the Board
Board of County Commissioners
Ashtabula County, Ohio