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US Department of Agriculture  
Rural Development  
Rural Utilities Service Distance Learning and Telemedicine Grant Program

RE: USD361 DLT 2025 Grant Application

DLT Grant Review Committee:

The City of Anthony is pleased to offer our support for Chaparral USD#361's proposed 2025 USDA Rural Utilities Service Distance Learning and Telemedicine Grant project. The city understands the crucial role access to expanded services via the internet has in rural economic and community development and sustainability. To thrive in rural America our students must have equal educational and career ready certification opportunities, as well as access to health care and early intervention specialist services. Our educators need access to collaborative professional development and training, and at the heart of community wellness we need to promote strong engagement and participation between school and community members. These needs are key to improving local education and health care, which must be sustained advantageously for rural communities to survive. To achieve this at the rural level we must utilize telecommunications to connect Anthony and Harper County to each other and the world.

USD #361 has identified opportunities, programs, and services that our students, teachers, and community members can participate in via the internet that would advance Anthony's economic and community development through improved education and health care. However, overcoming costly technology upgrades will be necessary to bridge this gap and overcome these effects of rural remoteness.

Therefore, on behalf of USD361 the City of Anthony requests your consideration in the funding of their application, which if funded will greatly impact the health and vitality of our rural community now and for generations to come.

We appreciate your consideration on this funding initiative and applaud USD361's leadership and initiative to take on a project this vital to our community.

Respectfully Submitted,

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City Administrator