

Oregon Broadband Office Attn: Krystal Stone & BEAD Review Committee BEAD Program Coordinator 775 Summer St., NE, Suite 310 Salem, Oregon 97301

Re: Broadband Equity, Access, and Deployment (BEAD) Program Letter of Support

Dear BEAD Review Committee,

On behalf of the City of Coburg, I am writing to express our support for the BEAD proposal submitted by DFN, a regionally based and reputable internet service provider with a proven track record of high-quality service and community partnership.

As a small but growing city in rural Lane County, Coburg recognizes the essential need for reliable, high-speed internet access for our residents, businesses, and public services. The digital divide continues to impact our community, and especially areas around us, limiting opportunities in education, telehealth, economic development, and emergency preparedness.

DFN's proposal to use BEAD funds to expand broadband infrastructure in and around Coburg represents a critical investment in our future. Their local presence and commitment to serving rural communities ensure that the project will be delivered with responsiveness and accountability.

We support DFN's application and encourage your favorable consideration of their proposal. This project will significantly enhance digital equity and quality of life for our community.

Sincerely,

Nancy Bell Mayor, City of Coburg