

**SUBMITTED BY:** Ana Urquijo, City Manager

**MANAGEMENT TEAM REVIEW:** Donald C. Huish, Mayor

**FOCUS AREA:** Collaboration

**ORGANIZATIONAL IMPROVEMENTS:** EnterTextHer

**SUBJECT:** **RESOLUTION NO. 22-1487**, a Resolution of the Mayor and Council of the City of Douglas, Cochise County, Arizona, AUTHORIZING the execution of a MEMORANDUM of UNDERSTANDING between the CITY of DOUGLAS and The GREATER COCHISE COUNTY DIGITAL JOBS ACCELERATOR PARTNERSHIP to provide its members to ORGANIZE KEY COMMUNITY and REGIONAL STAKEHOLDERS into WORKING GROUPS for DEVELOPING the DIGITAL TECHNOLOGY SECTION in Cochise County.

**EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:**

The Arizona Regional Economic Development Foundation (AREDF) is applying for the RISE Grant which will help to build out our digital Economic here in Cochise County. One of the requirements is to form a partnership will several of their key partners. The City of Douglas is an integral part of the success of this partnership.

**BACKGROUND:**

The City of Douglas has been asked to be a partner of The Greater Cochise County Digital Jobs Accelerator Partnership, which will be a working group that focuses on the shared goals and needs of the digital technology industry cluster in Greater Cochise County.

The MOU sets forth the terms and agreements of this partnership and is contained in this packet. One of many key features of this program is the stand up of an innovation and job accelerator center to support opportunities that support high wage job creation, new business formation, business expansion and economic growth of rural communities. All elements contained in the MOU are considered first steps towards growing our digital economy, which is so critical for the future of our region.

The amendment proposed is beneficial for the City of Douglas. Staff recommends approval of Resolution 22-1487.

**FISCAL IMPACT:**

N/A

**Fiscal Year:** 2022/2023

**Amount Requested:** \$

**Budgeted:** N/A

**Account (s):**

**“...I MOVE THAT THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL APPROVE RESOLUTION NO. 22-1487.”**