

# AGENDA ITEM SUMMARY

City Council



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## STAFF

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## SUBJECT

**First Reading of Ordinance No. 054, 2026, Appropriating Prior Year Reserves and Unanticipated Grant Revenue from the U.S. Department of Commerce Broadband Equity, Access, and Deployment Program.**

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## EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The purpose of this item is to appropriate \$1,511,782 of unanticipated grant revenue from the U.S. Department of Commerce for the Broadband Equity, Access and Deployment (BEAD) program. This is a pass-through grant managed by the Colorado Broadband Office with a required local match of \$531,167. This appropriation is contingent upon execution of the associated grant agreement and includes a sunset date of December 31, 2026, if such agreement is not finalized.

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## STAFF RECOMMENDATION

Staff recommends adoption of the Ordinance on First Reading.

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## BACKGROUND / DISCUSSION

The City was awarded \$1,511,782 from the Colorado Broadband Office under the BEAD program. BEAD is a grant program administered by the US. Department of Commerce, National Telecommunications and Information Administration, to expand high-speed internet service to unserved and underserved locations. The BEAD program is funded under the 2021 Investment Infrastructure and Jobs Act (Bipartisan Infrastructure Law).

These funds are contingent upon execution of the associated grant agreement. In the event the agreement is not executed, this appropriation will sunset on December 31, 2026. This contingency ensures that the City is only obligated to expend funds once final grant terms are in place.

Connexion, the City's broadband enterprise, will utilize the BEAD funds to install a broadband network at the locations identified in the scope of work of the executed agreement. The City has a required cost share of \$531,167, which will be provided by Broadband fund reserves.

## **CITY FINANCIAL IMPACTS**

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This item appropriates \$1,511,782 in unanticipated grant revenue from the Colorado Broadband Office. This item also appropriates \$531,167 of matching funds from Broadband fund reserves.

This grant is a reimbursement type grant, meaning Broadband fund reserves will be reimbursed up to \$1,511,782.

## **BOARD / COMMISSION / COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION**

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None.

## **PUBLIC OUTREACH**

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None.

## **ATTACHMENTS / LINKS**

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1. Grant Agreement
2. Ordinance No. 054, 2026