

RESOLUTION 2026-091
OF THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF FORT COLLINS
AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO SIGN THE BROADBAND EQUITY,
ACCESS AND DEPLOYMENT (BEAD) GRANT AGREEMENT

A. Connexion, the City Fort Collins' broadband enterprise, was awarded \$1,511,782 from the Colorado Broadband Office under the Broadband Equity, Access and Deployment (BEAD) program.

B. BEAD is a grant program administered by the U.S. Department of Commerce, National Telecommunications and Information Administration, to expand high-speed internet service to unserved and underserved locations.

C. On June 2, 2026, by Ordinance No. 054, 2026, City Council appropriated from new revenue or other funds in the Broadband Fund the sum of One Million Five Hundred Eleven Thousand Seven Hundred Eighty-two Dollars (\$1,511,782) to be expended in the Broadband Fund for U.S. Department of Commerce's Broadband Equity, Access and Deployment grant program.

D. City Council appropriated from prior year reserves in the Broadband Fund the sum of Five Hundred Thirty-one Thousand One Hundred Sixty-seven Dollars (\$531,167) to be expended in the Broadband Fund for local match to the U.S. Department of Commerce's Broadband Equity, Access and Deployment grant program.

E. City Council determined the appropriation for U.S. Department of Commerce's Broadband Equity, Access and Deployment grant program and local match, as authorized in Article V, Section 11 of the City Charter, as an appropriation that shall not lapse at the end of this fiscal year but continue until the earlier of the expiration of the grant or the City's expenditure.

F. City Council determined that the appropriation benefits the public health, safety, and welfare of the residents of Fort Collins and serves the public purpose of expanding high-speed internet service to unserved and underserved locations.

G. The purpose of this item is to authorize the City of Fort Collins City Manager to sign the BEAD grant agreement.

H. Colorado governmental entities, the City and State are each authorized, pursuant to Colorado Revised Statutes, Section 29-1-203, to cooperate or contract with one another to provide any function, service, or facility lawfully authorized to each; and

I. Intergovernmental agreements or cooperative activities between the City and other governmental entities shall be submitted to the City Council for review, and any approval thereof shall be by ordinance or resolution of the City Council.

J. City Council has determined that the appropriation benefits the public health, safety, and welfare of the residents of Fort Collins and serves the public purpose of expanding high-speed internet service to unserved and underserved locations.

In light of the foregoing recitals, which the Council hereby makes and adopts as determinations and findings, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF FORT COLLINS as follows:

Section 1. City Council approves the BEAD grant agreement and authorizes the City Manager, in consultation with the City Attorney and consistent with this Resolution, to finalize the BEAD grant agreement and its exhibits and to execute on behalf of the City in substantially the form as attached in Exhibit A.

Section 2. The City Manager, is authorized during the term of the BEAD grant agreement and in consultation with the City Attorney, to approve and execute future amendments to the BEAD grant agreement as reasonably necessary and appropriate to: (a) protect the City's interest or to effectuate the purposes of this Resolution; (b) provide a benefit to the City; (c) limit the City financial obligation to expenditures of funds already appropriated and approved by Council ore conditioned upon such appropriation.

Passed and approved at a special meeting on July 14, 2026.

Mayor

ATTEST:

City Clerk

Effective Date: July 14, 2026
Approving Attorney: Yvette Lewis-Molock

Exhibit: Exhibit A – State of Colorado Grant Agreement for BEAD