

AGENDA ITEM SUMMARY

City Council



STAFF

Chad Crager, Connexion Executive Director
Carisa Clinton, Grants Administration Manager

SUBJECT

Resolution 2026-091 Authorizing the City Manager to Sign the Broadband Equity, Access and Deployment (BEAD) Grant Agreement.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The purpose of this item is to authorize the City Manager to sign the Broadband Equity, Access and Deployment (BEAD) grant agreement for the \$1,500,000 grant award appropriated in Ordinance No. 054, 2026.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION

Staff recommends adoption of the Resolution.

BACKGROUND / DISCUSSION

Connexion, the City's broadband enterprise, was awarded a BEAD pass-through grant in April 2026. BEAD is a grant program administered by the Department of Commerce, National Telecommunications and Information Administration, to expand high-speed internet service to unserved and underserved locations. The Colorado Broadband Office is the state agency managing the grant program.

The City's grant award is \$1,511,782 and the City has a required cost share of \$531,167, which will be provided by Broadband fund reserves. The funds for this award were appropriated under Ordinance No. 054, 2026, which passed second reading on June 2, 2026.

The grant agreement (Exhibit A to Resolution 2026-091) between the Colorado Broadband Office and Connexion must be signed by the City Manager before July 15, 2026, to receive the BEAD pass-through award in 2026. This Resolution seeks Council approval for the City Manager to sign the BEAD grant agreement.

CITY FINANCIAL IMPACTS

Ordinance No. 054, 2026, appropriated \$1,511,782 in unanticipated grant revenue from the Colorado Broadband Office, and \$531,167 of matching funds from Broadband fund reserves, contingent upon execution of the final award agreement. No additional funds are being appropriated through this action.

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

BOARD / COMMISSION / COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION

None.

PUBLIC OUTREACH

None.

ATTACHMENTS / LINKS

1. Ordinance No.054, 2026 (copy)
2. Resolution 2026-091