



## AGENDA ITEM ANALYSIS

Project/Issue Name: 22-R-17 A Resolution of the City Council Authorizing the City Administrator to Execute a Cost Share Agreement for Identifying a Regional Broadband Consultant.

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### Issue Statement

To discuss entering into a cost share agreement to identify a regional broadband consultant.

### Discussion and/or Analysis

City Utilities of Springfield has initiated a Regional Broadband Partnership with local counties and municipalities to explore the opportunity to improve broadband high-speed internet options for the region. The following cities and counties have been identified to participate in this study:

Christian County  
Nixa  
Ozark  
Republic  
Strafford  
Willard  
Greene County

City Utilities is charging each partner with a flat fee of \$20,000.00. This is a first step among these municipalities for City Utilities to be the party for finding a qualified broadband consultant. This agreement is not to exceed \$20,000.00 but the estimated contribution for Republic is estimated at \$1521.77 of the flat fee.

### Recommended Action

Staff recommends approval of this agreement.