



COMMISSION STAFF REPORT

MEETING DATE: September 17, 2024

ITEM TITLE, PRESENTER:

RECOMMENDATION: EnterTextHere

SUMMARY

In order to have an opportunity to be a part of a competitive grant, San Juan County Library system needs to submit a Pre-application and Letter of Commitment in which we would be agreeing to participate in this Digital Equity Competitive Grant if Utah Education and Telehealth Network (UETN) is successful in their bid for funds through the National Telecommunications and Information Administration (NTIA). If UETN is successful and the Library System is awarded the grant after a final application, this would support the needed improvements of digital tools for public use and trainings for staff. Digital tools would include patron computers and licensing for software, copiers and printers, children's learning devices, and laptops for patron use for all library branches in need. This would also cover all installation expenses. If UETN is successful and we are approved after our final application, the grant funding would open around April/May of 2025 and projects would begin and most projects completed by December of 2025.

HISTORY/PAST ACTION

We have received grants from UEN/UETN in the past.

FISCAL IMPACT

If awarded, this would be a reimbursement grant. Amount of funding approved is unknown at this stage but could be as much as \$75,000.00 or more for equipment, software, and IT installation expenses.