

**BEFORE THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF THE
COUNTY OF AMADOR, STATE OF CALIFORNIA**

IN THE MATTER OF:

RESOLUTION DESIGNATING COUNTY STAFF)
TO EXECUTE DOCUMENTS ON BEHALF OF)
THE COUNTY OF AMADOR TO REQUEST AND)
OBTAIN FINANCIAL AND/OR TECHNICAL)
ASSISTANCE FOR FACILITATING BROADBAND)
NETWORK AND INFRASTRUCTURE PROJECTS IN)
AMADOR COUNTY)

RESOLUTION NO. 22-143

WHEREAS, the Board of Supervisors has strongly supported efforts by publicly-owned and privately-owned utilities to obtain federal or state support to improve and expand broadband infrastructure, countywide, yet broadband access remains uneven throughout Amador County; and

WHEREAS, on August 18, 2021, and by Resolution No. 22-130, the Amador County Board of Supervisors authorized executing the Golden State Connect Authority Joint Exercise of Powers Agreement (GSFA JPA) for Amador County to join the GSCA JPA as a member county for the purpose of expanding broadband access and quality in Amador County; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to the Budget Act of 2021 and Senate Bill (SB) 156, the California Public Utilities Commission (Commission) has authorized a total of \$50 million in funds for technical assistance under a new tribal and local agency technical assistance program (LATA) grant program. On February 24, 2022, the Commission approved Decision (D.) 22-02-026 which established the LATA grant program and implemented current requirements and guidelines to allow CPUC staff, through a ministerial process, to award up to \$500,000 per fiscal year to a local agency to support developing broadband service to unserved and underserved communities; and

WHEREAS, County of Amador is eligible to apply to the LATA grant program; and

WHEREAS, GSCA, in cooperation Utah Telecommunication Open Infrastructure Agency (UTOPIA) fiber, proposes to secure specialized professional services to assist member counties, including Amador County, in implementing LATA grant-funded projects.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Supervisors of the County of Amador that the County Administrative Officer or his designee is hereby authorized to execute for and on behalf of the County of Amador, any documents or actions that are required and necessary for the purpose of applying for and obtaining California Public Utilities Commission financial assistance for broadband infrastructure, including LATA grant funding, to not exceed \$500,000 (five hundred thousand dollars), per fiscal year.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Chairman of the Board of Supervisors is authorized, upon County Counsel legal review and approval, to execute and enter into, on behalf of Amador County, a Memorandum of Understanding with GSCA (GSCA MOU) to implement any LATA grant received by

Amador County. The GSCA MOU may provide for the performance of all or any portion of the grant-funded work by GSCA or GSCA's contractors and/or sub-contractors and reimbursement to GSCA for these services from Amador County's grant funds.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that for any purpose related to GSCA MOU or LATA grant agreement, the County Administrative Officer or his designee is authorized to execute on behalf of the County to contract with GSCA for the performance of grant-funded services by GSCA or GSCA's contractors and/or sub-contractors, if necessary and required by the LATA program or GSCA MOU.

The foregoing resolution was duly passed and adopted by the Board of Supervisors of the County of Amador at a regular meeting held thereof on the 11th day of October, 2022 by the following vote:

AYES: Richard M. Forster, Jeff Brown, Brian Oneto, Patrick Crew, Frank U. Axe

NOES: None

ABSENT: None


Richard M. Forster, Chairman, Board of Supervisors

ATTEST:
JENNIFER BURNS, Clerk of the
Board of Supervisors, Amador County,
California


Deputy