

Grant County Digital Network Coalition

November 7, 2023

5:30 PM

Fire Station, 316 S. Canyon Blvd

AGENDA

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1.OPEN AND NOTE ATTENDANCE

2.APPROVAL OF PRIOR MEETING MINUTES

3.APPEARANCE OF INTERESTED CITIZENS – At this time the Board will welcome the public and ask if there is anything they would like to add to tonight’s agenda.

ACTION ITEMS

4.Current situation of the EDA grant and potential options to funding issues.

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5.Recommendation to implement transition plan.

Attachments:

- 90-Day Action Plan for Grant County Digital Transition
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6.Recommendation to the Intergovernmental partners of the City of John Day, Grant County and the City of Seneca for dissolution of the Grant County Digital Network Coalition entity formed under ORS chapter 190.

OTHER BUSINESS

6.OTHER BUSINESS AND UPCOMING MEETINGS

- None

TO: Grant County Digital Network Coalition
FROM: Dan Becker Board Vice Chair
DATE: November 3, 2023
SUBJECT: Action Item #4: Current Funding Deficit

BACKGROUND

In October City of John Day accountant identified deficit in IT fund.

DISCUSSION

Nick Ducote was tasked by City of John Day to look in to funding issues related to EDA grant. There appears to be a wide margin of disagreement as to whether there are funds that are available. Due to changes in personnel in the City and GCDNC grant funding to cover the current deficit were not applied for. However several sources of funding were suggested. This issue is ongoing and much still needs to be sorted out.

\$125,745.00 Matching Funds

Amendment Request for EDA Grant 07-79-07789

The money you've spent on the match is in the amended agreement. It's specifically identified as land structures rights of way etc, and administrative and legal costs 105,633 dollars. That's a real specific number because if the actual cost you incurred to acquire the building, including all of your closing costs.

The building counts toward the match, you've already met that obligation. The 20,122. Same story on the admin, legal costs.

CommStructure/LS Networks

City should apply for BTAP Fund from Oregon Broadband in the amount of \$150,000.00 as it intended based on JD council Resolution No. 23-903-03.

This would retire the city's deficit and leave funds left over.

From: **Moore, Richard (Federal)** <RMoore4@eda.gov>

Date: Fri, Nov 3, 2023 at 9:57 AM

Subject: RE: 07-79-07789, pre-award building purchase reimbursement

To: Nick Ducote <ducoteconsulting@gmail.com>, Nicholas Green <nick@catalyst.win>

Cc: Cochran, J Wesley (Federal) <JCochran@eda.gov>

Nick & Nick,

Thanks for your inquiries about approval of reimbursement for the purchase of the co-working space building. That expense is included in the Authorized Scope of Work and the approved budget for the grant. The issue is that the purchase was made before the grant was awarded, so it is, technically, a "pre-award cost."

EDA can approve that cost, however. There's some paperwork that has to be done, though. I'd first need a letter from the City specifically requesting reimbursement of that expense. The letter should include some details about why the request should be approved. Please send the letter, addressed to me.

One thing: we have batted around the idea of removing the co-working space component of the project. If we were to do that, the request & approval above would be moot. So, let's not go down the path of approving that pre-award cost if the City wants to exclude that part of the project anyway.

If you have any questions, please let me know.

Thanks,

Richard A. Moore

Civil Engineer

Economic Development Administration

U.S. Department of Commerce

Seattle Regional Office

TO: Grant County Digital Network Coalition
FROM: Dan Becker Board Vice Chair
DATE: November 3, 2023
SUBJECT: Action Item #5: Transition Planning
Attachment(s)
90-Day Action Plan for Grant County Digital Transition

BACKGROUND

In June of this year Nick Green was tasked with writing a transition plan for GCDNC. We received this plan at the end of June 2023.

DISCUSSION

Board will discuss recommending plan to John Day City Council.

TO: Grant County Digital Network Coalition
FROM: Dan Becker Board Vice Chair
DATE: November 3, 2023
SUBJECT: Action Item #6: Recommend Dissolution of Grant County Digital Network Coalition.

BACKGROUND

GCDNC has no further funds to implement our mission statement.

ACTION

Recommend to Grant County Court, the City of John Day, and Seneca to Dissolve the Grant County Digital Network Coalition ORS 190 organization.