

SUBJECT: INFORMING THE ASSEMBLY OF THE MANAGERS SIGNATURE ON, AND THE ELECTRONIC SUBMITTAL OF, A BROADBAND INFRASTRUCTURE PROGRAM GRANT FROM THE UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE NATIONAL TELECOMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION ADMINISTRATION IN PARTNERSHIP WITH THE MATANUSKA TELEPHONE ASSOCIATION.

AGENDA OF: July 20, 2021

ASSEMBLY ACTION:

Presented to the Assembly
7-20-21 (Signature)

MANAGER RECOMMENDATION: For information only.

APPROVED BY MICHAEL BROWN, BOROUGH MANAGER: (Signature)

Route To:	Department/Individual	Initials	Remarks
	Originator - P. Graham	(Signature)	
	Finance Director	(Signature)	
	Borough Attorney	(Signature)	
	Borough Clerk	YRM 7/12/21	(Signature)

ATTACHMENT(S) : None

SUMMARY STATEMENT: The Matanuska Telephone Association has requested the Matanuska-Susitna Borough's assistance in applying for a Broadband Infrastructure Program grant from the United States Department of Commerce National Telecommunications and Informational Administration. The application must be submitted through Grants.gov in partnership with a local government in August 2021. Any required match will be provided by the Matanuska Telephone Association.

The Broadband Infrastructure Program makes grants on a competitive basis to partnerships between service providers and local governments. This funding will extend broadband availability to areas within the Matanuska-Susitna Borough that currently do not have access.

Additional legislation to accept and appropriate the funding and authorize the formal agreement with the Matanuska Telephone Association will be sent forward if the grant is received.