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Legislation Text

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Adopt City Council Resolution Approving Professional Services Agreement for the Preparation of a Preliminary Engineering Report (35%) to Establish Municipal Broadband Utility Serving Fort Bragg and Authorizing City Manager To Execute Contract (Amount Not to Exceed \$38,000; Account No. 110-4130-0319)

The City of Fort Bragg is pursuing establishing a city-owned Broadband Utility that provides fast, reliable, and affordable connectivity to all households and businesses in the city. The proposed broadband project includes the construction of a fiber-to-the-premise network utilizing underground conduit and fiber installation, with speeds up to 10Gbps. In September 2021, Council directed staff to: 1) invest resources in grant opportunities; 2) work out operating details with Mendocino Community Network (MCN); and 3) contract out for detailed design and entitlement work.

Staff has initiated meetings with MCN to serve as the service provider and is currently pursuing construction funding. The subject 35% Preliminary Engineering Report (PER) would be utilized in a US Department of Commerce Economic Development Administration (EDA) application for construction dollars.