



Public Safety Committee

411 Main Street
Catskill, N.Y. 12414

Special Committee Meeting
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Monday, May 19, 2014

6:00 PM

Caucus Room 468

Call to Order

Proposed Agenda Item

1. Authorizing Submission Of Fiscal Year 2014 Consolidated Funding Application
Broadband Partnership

Adjournment



Authorizing Submission Of Fiscal Year 2014 Consolidated Funding Application Broadband Partnership

WHEREAS, New York State has announced the availability of broadband funding through the 2014 Regional Economic Development Council Consolidated Funding Application (CFA) Initiative; and

WHEREAS, the Greene County Department of Economic Development, Tourism & Planning has identified broadband as a priority in furtherance of the County's Telecommunications Plan and its public safety and economic development objectives; and

WHEREAS, Broadband is vital to the economic vitality of Greene County. The advantages of Broadband Internet Access go beyond economic development and jobs. Having access to Internet content and applications improve quality of life of the communities by making educational resources readily available, strengthening Public Safety, and providing better access to modern medicine and Rural Healthcare services. Internet helps families, friends and businesses communicate efficiently and provides a virtually unlimited resource for entertainment media; and

WHEREAS, Greene County has been requested to join and support a broadband CFA application by Hudson Valley Wireless to the Capital Region Economic Development Council; and

WHEREAS, it is the intent of Greene County to join and support the broadband CFA grant application to the Capital Region Economic Development Council in partnership with Hudson Valley Wireless;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Director of the Department of Economic Development, Tourism and Planning is authorized to make an application in partnership with Hudson Valley Wireless for a Broadband Consolidated Funding Application with the State of New York; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the Chairman is authorized to execute a service and use agreement with Hudson Valley Wireless commensurate with the submission of the joint application; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the Chairman is authorized to execute, as necessary, a state/federal contract for financial assistance, subject to review and approval as to form by the Greene County Attorney, and to execute all additional assurances and forms as required by the state/federal government.

ATTACHMENTS:

- May 19, 2014 Broadband Resolution Backup from Warren Hart (PDF)

MEMORANDUM

TO: Kevin Lewis, Acting Chairman
 William Lawrence, Chairperson, Public Safety Committee
 Shaun Groden, County Administrator

FROM: Warren Hart, Director

DATE: May 13, 2014

SUBJECT: Round 4 of the NYS Regional Economic Development Funding Applications (CFA);
 Infrastructure Strategic Planning and Market New York

New York State recently launched Round IV of the Regional Economic Development Council (REDC) initiative, officially kicking off the 2014 competition for up to \$750 million in state economic development resources. The Consolidated Funding Application (CFA) opened to applicants on **May 1, 2014, enabling businesses, municipalities, not-for-profits and the public** to begin applying for assistance from dozens of state funding programs, through a single application, for job-creating and community development projects.

Round IV of the REDC initiative will award up to \$750 million in state funding and tax incentives. To continue to motivate investment opportunities and job creation, the REDCs will compete for up to \$150 million in capital funds and \$70 million in Excelsior Tax Credits for projects and activities identified by the Councils as priorities in their regions. Additionally, up to \$530 million from state agency programs will be awarded through the CFA process. Applications are due on **June 16, 2014.**

The competition this year will focus on:

- Implementation of regional strategic economic development plans;
- Performance in encouraging economic growth through job creation and investment; and
- Identification of global marketing and export strategies

New aspects of the REDC competition in 2014 include:

- Global NY;
- Promote Veterans' Participation in the Workforce;
- Support NY Rising Community Reconstruction Plan Projects (**Prattsville and Windham are NY Rising Eligible**); and
- Distressed Communities

business model that would meet the criteria of the grant as well as serve the growing needs of the residents of the Greene County. During the course of our planning, it became apparent that a broadband deployment plan would also provide significant benefits for the County's emergency services interoperable radio communications project.

Hudson Valley Wireless is prepared to submit a CFA application to the REDC in partnership with Greene County. Greene County's participation in the application will be to allow Hudson Valley Wireless to site Point to Point Microwave and Point to Multi-Point fixed wireless equipment on our county owned assets, structures and towers with an offset of improved broadband coverage, and microwave backhaul as well as radio equipment co-location opportunities for public safety communications.

Direct and indirect benefits to the County would include, among others:

- 1) Increased fixed wireless broadband coverage for unserved and underserved areas of Greene County, resulting in an increase in the quality of life for Greene County residents as well as an increase in economic development opportunities and job creation by providing service in areas otherwise not accessible; and
- 2) Increased public safety communication and opportunities to co-locate future public safety radio equipment on the towers identified and utilized by the broadband service provider resulting in a significant cost savings and cost avoided for Greene County residents for future expansion of the public safety radio communications system; and
- 3) An influx of capital from the State of New York for the build-out of a system that would otherwise not be financially viable to serve residents in low population or hard to reach areas of the County.