

CITY OF GRAND JUNCTION, COLORADO  
RESOLUTION NO. 66-22

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO SUBMIT A GRANT  
REQUEST TO THE COLORADO DEPARTMENT OF LOCAL AFFAIRS' (DOLA)  
ENERGY AND MINERAL IMPACT ASSISTANCE PROGRAM FOR A CARRIER  
NEUTRAL LOCATION PROJECT

RECITALS.

The City of Grand Junction recognizes the importance of advancing the development of middle mile telecommunications networks. The goal of middle mile upgrades is to increase the capacity, reduce cost and improve the reliability of internet and data services for all homes, businesses, and government entities.


The City of Grand Junction is partnering with the Colorado Broadband Office, regional governments and local internet service providers and with the construction of a Carrier Neutral Location (CNL) in Grand Junction will assist in bringing abundant high quality, resilient, cost-effective broadband to the City of Grand Junction.


A CNL is a communication facility that houses telecommunications equipment, offers wholesale broadband service at reasonable rates on a carrier-neutral basis and where "middle mile" telecommunications networks (e.g., long haul) meets "last mile" service delivery (e.g., local broadband services provided by local internet service providers). This is a middle mile broadband project that advances the US federal government's Internet for All initiative.

The total project is \$500,000 and the grant request to DOLA is for \$250,000.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT** the City Council of the City of Grand Junction does hereby authorize the City Manager to submit a \$250,000 grant request in accordance with and pursuant to the recitals stated above to the Department of Local Affairs' Energy and Mineral Impact Assistance Program for a Carrier Neutral Location Project.

Dated this 17<sup>th</sup> day of August, 2022.

  
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Anna Stout  
President of the Council

ATTEST:  
  
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Amy Phillips  
City Clerk

