

**PUBLIC UTILITY DISTRICT NO.1
OF
JEFFERSON COUNTY**

RESOLUTION NO. 2021-018

A Resolution of the Board of Commissioners of Public Utility District (JPUD) No. 1 of Jefferson County, Washington, authorizing submission of project information to the Washington State Broadband Office (WSBO), and committing resources to the project.

WHEREAS, JPUD is planning to extend a high-speed broadband fiberoptic network through the communities of Quilcene, Discovery Bay and Gardiner in Jefferson County, Washington; and

WHEREAS, the proposed area is both unserved and underserved in broadband infrastructure; and

WHEREAS, JPUD is seeking funding support to extend the broadband fiberoptic network through application to the National Telecommunications and Information Administration (NTIA), United States Department of Commerce through its NTIA-Broadband-Infrastructure-Program-21, and

WHEREAS, the NTIA grant requires, among other things, that the application be a “covered partnership” as further defined in the Notice of Funding Opportunity, and a “covered partnership” includes a State and a provider of fixed broadband, and

WHEREAS, JPUD qualifies as a provider of fixed broadband with the passage of SB 5383 and HB 1336 authorizing Public Utility Districts to provide wholesale and retail Internet Services, and JPUD intends to extend its fixed broadband service to an “Eligible Service Area” as defined in the Notice of Funding Opportunity to provide Qualifying Broadband Service; and

WHEREAS The WSBO will serve as a central coordinating body to apply on behalf of Washington State for the NTIA grant opportunity and has solicited project information from eligible project partners who wish to join the WSBO application on behalf of Washington State for NTIA broadband infrastructure funding; and

WHEREAS The WSBO has issued a Request for Information and will serve as a central coordinating body to apply on behalf of Washington State for the NTIA grant opportunity and is initially soliciting project information from eligible project partners who wish to join the WSBO application on behalf of Washington State for NTIA broadband infrastructure funding; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Commissioners of Public Utility District No. 1 of Jefferson County, that staff is hereby authorized to respond to WSBO's Request for Information and commit resources necessary to serve as a provider for fixed broadband for the proposed project in the unserved and underserved communities of the communities of Quilcene, Discovery Bay and Gardiner in Jefferson County, Washington

ADOPTED at a regular meeting of the Board of Commissioners of Public Utility District No. 1 of Jefferson County, this 6th day of July 2021.

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