



Mendocino County

Legislation Text

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To: Board of Supervisors

From: Cultural Services Agency

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Item Type: Consent Agenda

Time Allocated for Item: N/A

Agenda Title:

Approval of Letters of Agency to Confirm Participation in the High-Speed Broadband Public Libraries Project Through the Corporation for Education Network Initiatives in California (CENIC) and the California State Library, and Confirm Participation in the California Teleconnect Fund (CTF) Program Run by the California Public Utility Commission (CPUC) and Administered by Califa Group

Recommended Action/Motion:

Approve letters of agency to confirm participation through Califa in the High-Speed Broadband Public Libraries Project through the Corporation for Education Network Initiatives in California (CENIC) and the California State Library, and confirm participation in the California Teleconnect Fund (CTF) program run by the California Public Utility Commission (CPUC) and administered by Califa Group; and authorize Chair to sign same.

Previous Board/Board Committee Actions:

Letter of Agency to participate in CENIC approved by the Board of Supervisors on Oct. 21, 2014: agenda item 8 (a).

Summary of Request:

Mendocino County Library would like to participate in the High-Speed Broadband for California Public Libraries project to potentially join the California Research and Education Network (CalREN) which connects the vast majority of research, education institutions, and libraries in the state. The letters of agency allow the CENIC consortium, a 501©(3) non-profit organization, to include the library as an Associate in this year's RFP to improve connectivity, and to allow participation in the California Teleconnect Fund program discounts run by the California Public Utility Commission (CPUC).

Participating in the RFP does not commit the library to any proposals. After CENIC has received quotes from broadband providers, the Califa Group will assemble a proposal and present it to us for consideration. If the library chooses to participate in the proposals, the library will select bandwidth use and upgrade contracts; CENIC will provide annual procurement and handle all Category 1 E-rate filing and processes on behalf of the Library for fiscal years 2020/21, 2021/22, and 2022/23. The first year invoices are paid by the Library with substantial reimbursements starting at least nine months after the connection, and continue for as long as the program is available and the Library participates.

Alternative Action/Motion:

Provide alternate direction to staff.

Supervisory District: All

vote requirement: Majority

Supplemental Information Available Online At: <https://califa.org/broadband-project>

Fiscal Details:

source of funding: Federal/State programs

current f/y cost: N/A

annual recurring cost: N/A

budgeted in current f/y: N/A

if no, please describe:

revenue agreement: N/A

budget clarification: No effect unless contracts are chosen

Agreement/Resolution/Ordinance Approved by County Counsel: Yes

CEO Liaison: Sarah Dukett, Deputy CEO

CEO Review: Choose an item.

CEO Comments:

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Executed By: Lindsey Dunham, Deputy Clerk I

Date: October 4, 2019

Final Status: **Approved**

