



Mendocino County

Legislation Text

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To: Board of Supervisors

From: Cultural Services Agency

Meeting Date: June 7, 2022

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Item Type: Consent Agenda

Time Allocated for Item: N/A

Agenda Title:

Approval of Standard Services Agreement with Columbia Telecommunications Corporation (CTC) in the Amount of Approximately \$2,550 for Circuit Deployment Fee and Approximate Recurring Charges up to \$63,960 Annually to Provide Data Circuits Through Corporation for Education and Network Initiatives in California (CENIC) High-speed Broadband Network, California Research and Education Network (CalREN), and California Teleconnect Fund (CTF) to County Library Sites Authorization Effective on July 1, 2022; and Approval of Termination of Previous BOS Agreement 20-098

Recommended Action/Motion:

Approve Standard Services Agreement with Columbia Telecommunications Corporation (CTC) in the amount of approximately \$2,550 for circuit deployment fee and approximate recurring charges up to \$63,960 annually to provide data circuits through Corporation for Education and Network Initiatives in California (CENIC) high-speed broadband network, California Research and Education Network (CalREN), and California Teleconnect Fund (CTF) to County Library sites with authorization Effective on July 1, 2022; approve termination of previous BOS agreement 20-098; and authorize chair to sign same.

Previous Board/Board Committee Actions:

Letters of Agency to confirm participation in the CENIC high-speed broadband public libraries project administered by the Califa Group approved on October 1, 2019: agenda item 4i; and approval of Standard Services Agreement 20-098 on July 14, 2020: agenda item 4f.

Summary of Request:

The California non-profit organization, CENIC, aims to ensure that all California residents have access to high-speed networks at their public libraries and educational institutions, and has connected most public libraries and major educational institutions in the State to the network. The CENIC network consortium applies for E-rate as well as CTF discounts on behalf of the participating libraries.

The Columbia Telecommunications Corporation (CTC) has taken over administration of the quarterly billing for high-speed networks that were obtained by CENIC RFPs issued through a Letter of Agency. The CTC Agreement provides for a bandwidth of 1 Gbps at Library branches in Ukiah, Fort Bragg, Willits, Point Arena, Laytonville, and 500 Mbps in Covelo. The first 12-18 months' charges are paid in full by the Library before the E-rate discounts start to be applied. At that time, the annual cost is expected to be \$3,071.

The Library is playing a vital role in providing high-speed broadband access to residents in our rural locations, and during times of emergencies and outages may be the only connections available to the community.

Alternative Action/Motion:

Provide alternate direction to staff.

Does This Item Support the General Plan? Yes

Supervisory District: All

vote requirement: Majority

Supplemental Information Available Online At: <https://cenic.org/about>

Fiscal Details:

source of funding: Library Budget Unit 6110

current f/y cost: \$63,960

annual recurring cost: \$61,410 to \$3,071

budget clarification: Charges will overlap fiscal years and most will be reimbursed at a future date.

budgeted in current f/y: Yes

if no, please describe:

revenue agreement: N/A

Agreement/Resolution/Ordinance Approved by County Counsel: Yes

CEO Liaison: Cherie Johnson, Deputy CEO

CEO Review: Yes

CEO Comments:

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Executed By: Atlas Pearson, Deputy Clerk II

Date: June 13, 2022

Final Status: Approved

Executed Item Type: Agreement **Number:** 22-133

