

Legislation Text

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Residential and Community Spaces Wired and Wireless Internet Services

Action:

- A. Approve the use of Coronavirus State and Local Fiscal Recovery Funds for Residential and Community Spaces Wired and Wireless Internet Services,**
- B. Authorize the City Manager to negotiate and execute a contract with Spectrum Southeast for Residential and Community Spaces Wired and Wireless Internet Services for an initial term of two years, and**
- C. Authorize the City Manager to renew the contract for up to one, one-year term with possible price adjustments and to amend the contract consistent with the purpose for which the contract was approved.**

Staff Resource(s):

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Explanation

- On March 11, 2021, in response to the COVID-19 public health emergency, Congress enacted the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021, which included the Coronavirus State and Local Fiscal Recovery Fund. This funding can be used to support a wide range of community investments.
- This contract will provide high-speed internet services to a variety of residential dwellings and community sites including approximately 5,200 households, 15 community sites, and one city-owned learning lab.
- Census data shows that approximately 67,000 households in Charlotte lack a high-speed internet connection; 12,000 of these households fall within the city's Corridors of Opportunity.
- This lack of high-speed internet connection further exacerbates barriers to economic mobility and community resilience.
- This contract bridges a gap in affordable internet options and improves staff's ability to connect households to the Affordable Connectivity Program (ACP) offered by the Federal Government.
- On September 20, 2022, the city issued a Request for Proposals (RFP); three responses were received.
- The company selected best meets the city's needs in terms of qualifications, experience, cost, and responsiveness to RFP requirements.
- Annual aggregate expenditures are estimated to be \$1,600,000.

Charlotte Business INclusion

Per Charlotte Business INclusion Policy: Part C: Section 2.1(a) The city shall not establish Subcontracting Goals for Contracts where (a) there are no subcontracting opportunities identified for the Contract; or (b) there are no MBEs or SBEs certified to perform the scopes of work that the city regards as realistic opportunities for subcontracting.

This contract meets the provisions of (a) - No subcontracting opportunities.

Fiscal Note

Funding: American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) Funds