



**City of Conway, Arkansas
Resolution No. R-21-41**

A RESOLUTION EXPRESSING THE WILLINESS OF THE CITY OF CONWAY TO APPLY FOR THE RURAL BROADBAND I.D. EXPENSES TRUST FUND GRANT OPPORTUNITY WITH CONWAY CORPORATION

WHEREAS, The State of Arkansas recently introduced a funding opportunity for Rural Broadband. This grant is funded by the State of Arkansas but managed through UAMS Institute for Digital Health and Innovation; and

WHEREAS, the grant will provide funds to local entities to cover costs for broadband due-diligence business studies; and

WHEREAS, these studies will allow grantees to prepare for federal grant and loan applications for broadband development programs; and

WHEREAS, this grant will help provide a consultant to conduct broadband needs assessments in three certain areas outside of Conway City Limits. These areas were identified based on the inaccessibility to Broadband and Conway Corporation's ability to readily serve the areas; and

WHEREAS, the maximum grant allowed is \$75,000, and does not require a match.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF CONWAY, ARKANSAS THAT:

Section 1. City of Conway will partner with Conway Corporation to apply for the Rural Broadband Grant.

Section 2. If awarded, Conway Corporation will be a subrecipient of this award and responsible for ensuring the use of award is eligible.

Section 3. Conway Mayor Bart Castleberry is hereby authorized and directed to execute all appropriate agreements and contracts necessary to expedite the above stated project, if awarded.

THIS RESOLUTION adopted this 25th of May 2021.

Approved:

Mayor Bart Castleberry

Attest:

**Michael O. Garrett
City Clerk/Treasurer**