

# CHIKAMING TOWNSHIP

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Friday, February 10<sup>th</sup>, 2023

TO: Berrien County Broadband Internet Task Force

FROM: Chikaming Township

RE: Realizing Opportunity with Broadband Infrastructure Networks (ROBIN) Application – Local

Dear BCBIT Members;

At a meeting of the Chikaming Township Board of Trustees on Thursday, February 9<sup>th</sup>, a review of the correspondence sent on February 9<sup>th</sup>, 2023 from your committee was heard by the Trustees and its content discussed.

This correspondence reaffirms Chikaming Township's commitment to expanding broadband services to its residents relative to the Township's application to the Berrien County American Rescue Plan Broadband Proposal. The financial commitment in the amount of \$200,000 in matching funds from Chikaming Township is also reaffirmed in support of the ISP ROBIN applications.

Chikaming Township thanks the task force and Berrien County leadership for pursuing this joint effort on behalf of all residents of Berrien County.

Should you have any questions or need any additional information from me, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'David A. Bunte', with a long horizontal line extending to the right.

David A. Bunte – Supervisor - Chikaming Township

**ChikamingTownship  
County of Berrien, State of Michigan  
Resolution #02-23-23**

**Resolution of Support for Internet Service Provider Application for Funds from  
the State of Michigan's Realizing Opportunities with Broadband Infrastructure  
Networks (ROBIN) Grant Program**

**WHEREAS**, the Berrien County Broadband Internet Task Force's studies have demonstrated that areas within Chikaming Township do not meet the FCC's definition of broadband services (minimum fixed 25 mbps download/3 mbps upload); and

**WHEREAS**, in early 2022, Governor Whitmer and the Michigan Legislature passed the Building Michigan Together Plan. The plan includes \$250.6 million to expand high-speed internet service to unserved locations in the state through the ROBIN Grant Program; and

**WHEREAS**, Internet Service Providers (ISPs) may desire to apply for funding from the ROBIN Grant Program to expand Broadband service into ChikamingTownship; and

**WHEREAS**, there is strong support among ChikamingTownship residents for improved broadband services; and

**WHEREAS**, ChikamingTownship is in receipt of approximately \$200,000 in American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funds; and

**WHEREAS**, one of the approved uses of the funds is to invest in broadband in underserved and unserved areas;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that Chikaming Township supports ISPs desires to apply for ROBIN funds and will offer a maximum financial commitment of \$200,000 \*\*\* as a local contribution to be used to offset costs of constructing and building fiber Broadband services in Chikaming Township. (\*\*\*) Provided ISP is awarded ROBIN funding, the actual amount of local funding will be based upon the following formula: number of Municipality parcels the ISP provides fiber service to utilizing ROBIN funds over the current unserved parcels (currently 482 per the Berrien County BCBIT Dashboard divided by the maximum funding commitment of \$200,000.)

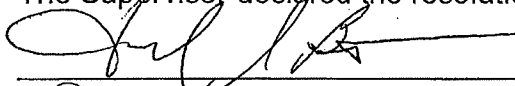
The foregoing resolution offered by Board Member:     Rettig    

Second offered by Board Member:     Bunte

Upon roll call vote the following voted "Yes": Rettig, Bunte, Dudiak

"No": None

The Supervisor declared the resolution adopted.

  
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Paula Dudrak, Township Clerk

Date: February 23, 2023