

**Galien Township
County of Berrien, State of Michigan
Resolution 2023-08**

**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 all of Galien Township's current internet service providers 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 (ISP's) may desire to apply for funding from the ROBIN Grant Program to expand Broadband service into Galien Township; and

WHEREAS, there is strong support among Galien Township residents for improved broadband services that was identified in the Township's 2021 Master Plan survey; and

WHEREAS, Galien Township is in receipt of approximately \$92,712 in American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funds; and

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

WHEREAS, Galien Township currently has 479 unserved parcels (per the Berrien County BCBIT Dashboard);

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that Galien Township supports ISP's desire to apply for ROBIN funds to help deploy broadband services to the currently unserved parcels within the Township and will offer a maximum financial commitment of \$100,000 allocated at a rate of \$205 per new parcel served as a local contribution to be used to offset costs of constructing and building Fiber to the Home Broadband services in Galien Township.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the funding is subject to final Galien Township Board approval with each ISP who successfully received ROBIN funding.

The foregoing resolution offered by Board Member K. Truhn

Second offered by Board Member M. Kinne

Upon roll call vote the following voted "Yes": MK, TR, JR, KT, JM

"No": Ø

The Supervisor declared the resolution adopted.

Jennifer Richter
Jennifer Richter, Township Clerk

Date: 3-4-2023