



**BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
ARCHULETA COUNTY, COLORADO**

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Via Email to Advance CBO@state.co.us
Colorado Broadband Office
Advance - CPF Grant Program
Governor's Office of Information Technology
1575 Sherman Street
Denver CO 80203

RE: Advance Colorado Capital Project Fund Grant Application

Dear Sir or Madam:

The Board of County Commissioners of Archuleta County is providing this non-exclusive letter for Visionary Broadband as part of the Advance Colorado Capital Project Fund grant application.

The proposed project will bring gigabit Fiber-To-The-Premises (FTTX) services to more than 1,000 locations in Archuleta County near Lake Hatcher, Eagle's Loft Circle, and Trails Boulevard. In addition to the homes and businesses connected by the project, the building will benefit the Pagosa Fire Protection District, numerous Pagosa Area Water and Sanitation District facilities, and other communications infrastructure such as cell towers.

The 33-mile project will be supported by a high-capacity fiber backhaul link to Durango, where it takes two geographically diverse routes to the Denver data center. When the fiber over Wolf Creek Pass goes live in 2024, the build will connect to an independent eastbound circuit to ensure true geographic redundancy for the Pagosa Springs area. Eligibility rules established by the Colorado Broadband Office for the Capital Projects Fund program determined project addresses. Visionary plans to apply for funding through future grant programs to further enhance fiber broadband service in the Pagosa Springs area.

We believe this is a needed project to help bridge the digital divide in the Archuleta County area and align with the State of Colorado's Broadband objectives, including enhancing educational, economic, and healthcare access and supporting digital inclusion.

This letter was approved by the Board of County Commissioners of Archuleta County on the 19th day of September, 2023.

Thank you for your time, consideration, and ongoing commitment to empowering communities through access to broadband.

Sincerely,

Ronnie Maez
Chairman