

COMPANY LETTERHEAD

February 26, 2021

USDA Rural Development – VT/NH
87 State St., Ste. 324
Montpelier, VT 05602

RE: Support for Northwest Communications Union District's (NWCUD) USDA Rural Business Development Grant Program

To USDA Rural Development – VT/NH

[Insert Company Name] (strongly) supports Northwest Communication's Union District's (NWCUD) Rural Business Development Grant (RBDG) application. USDA RBDG funding will be used to hire a consultant to support the implementation of the 2021 NWCUD Broadband Feasibility Study and Business Plan. There are many areas within the Franklin and Grand Isle Counties that the District serves that are unserved or underserved by broadband services. The grant would provide funding to help with the next phase of creating a reliable high-speed open access broadband network for those areas with the added benefit of strengthening the economy of Northwestern Vermont.

[insert company information here including type of business, number of employees, etc. Please refer to the talking points to create your example. Provide a clear statement of how many full or part-time jobs would be created or saved through access to affordable broadband. Example language:
Having reliable, affordable broadband service would enable my company to expand my workforce base by creating 3 new full-time and 1 new part-time job by allowing employees to telework. Our current office lacks adequate office space for expansion. Currently there are 10 full-time and 2 part-time employees are unable to work due to lack of broadband services in the area. Telework reduces overhead costs, etc. My company has 3 employees who are on leave due to lack of available broadband services for work and may be unemployed soon. These jobs would not be lost if there was reliable broadband service.

Reliable broadband services will enable the District to support (company name). This funding will aid the NWCUD in the implementation of the business plan and feasibility study for broadband that will ultimately support businesses, employees and communities with broadband access that is achievable and affordable, and an infrastructure that is available and dependable that will strengthen the rural economy.

Please feel free to contact me with any additional questions or concerns regarding this project.

Sincerely,

Name and Title