

## Board of County Commissioners Agenda Request



Requested Meeting Date: April 12, 2022

Title of Item: Congressionally Directed Spending (CDS) Grant- Approval to submit Action Requested: Direction Requested **REGULAR AGENDA** Approve/Deny Motion Discussion Item CONSENT AGENDA Adopt Resolution (attach draft) Hold Public Hearing\* INFORMATION ONLY \*provide copy of hearing notice that was published Submitted by: Department: Mark Jeffers Administration Presenter (Name and Title): Estimated Time Needed: Mark Jeffers, Economic Development Coordinator 10 minutes Summary of Issue: The Senate Appropriations Committee will be accepting requests from senators for congressionally directed spending (CDS) items for the Fiscal Year (FY) 2023 appropriations process. The Office of Senator Klobuchar has opened the application period for Minnesota-based projects for FY 2023. Project submission deadline is April 13, 2022. The Aitkin County staff has two applications for consideration to submit. Economic Development staff has worked with local Internet Service Providers to identify additional areas to improve Broadband service in Aitkin County. The estimated cost of the project is over 12 million. This project will serve over 1200 residences. A collaborative project between Community Corrections, Health and Human Services, Jail & Sheriff's Office to provide transitional services and support to clients with substance use and/or mental health needs. Programming would provide a concentrated effort to make the transition from in-custody to the community. The program would benefit the communities by supporting some of our most high risk or high needs clients with better opportunities to be successful in our communities which, in turn, makes our communities safer. Final applications will be available for review prior to the Board meeting on April 12, 2022. The applications are preliminary funding asks and not a full application at this time. Alternatives, Options, Effects on Others/Comments: Recommended Action/Motion: Staff requests a motion to approve to submit applications for the Congressionally Directed Spending item for FY 2023. Financial Impact: Yes Is there a cost associated with this request? What is the total cost, with tax and shipping? \$ Is this budgeted? No Please Explain: