



**Board of Commissioners Agenda Request Form**

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Department/Agency: Pathfinder Broadband

Submitted By: Whelan Smith

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Date of Board of Commissioners Meeting to consider this item: 2.18.25  
(Must be submitted by **Wednesday, 11:00 a.m.** prior to Monday meeting)

Topic: Letter of Support for BEAD grant

Description (short summary of topic): \_\_\_\_\_

Pathfinder Broadband intends to provide fiber optic and fixed wireless internet service to unserved and underserved residents of Garfield County along the 1-70 and Hwy 82 corridors.

Name(s) of presenters: Michael Scarpitti, Whelan Smith

Requested Board Actions (if funding is requested, specify amount): Signatures on Letter of Support

**PLEASE PROVIDE:** **Six (6) paper copies and one (1) E-mail copy** of all documentation to support the agenda request to **Vola Mercer**, email: [vmercerc@garfield-county.com](mailto:vmercerc@garfield-county.com) or mail to 108 8<sup>th</sup> Street, #101, Glenwood Springs, CO 81601, no later than Wednesday, 11 a.m. prior to the Monday meeting. Failure to provide backup material timely and as requested may result in removal or continuance of your agenda item at the County's discretion.

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Colorado Broadband Office  
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Governor’s Office of Information Technology  
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***Re: Community Letter of Support for Pathfinder Broadband***

Dear Colorado Broadband Office,

Garfield County is providing this non-exclusive letter of support for Pathfinder Broadband as part of the Advance Colorado BEAD Project Fund grant application. Pathfinder Broadband intends to provide fiber and fixed wireless internet service to unserved and underserved residents and businesses of Garfield County along the I-70 corridor including areas of Silt, New Castle, Rifle, Rulison, Parachute, Missouri Heights and Spring Valley. Pathfinder intends to leverage existing infrastructure and relationships with City, County, and public partnerships to deliver new build fiber and fixed wireless to all areas within the aforementioned geographic zone that meet the requirements for BEAD funding. Pathfinder will offer speed packages up to 1Gbps / 1Gbps. Each subscriber serviced by Pathfinder will have a network access layer over subscription rate of 10:1 or less.

Pathfinder believes this project is essential to help bridge the digital divide in Western Slope Colorado communities and that it aligns with the State of Colorado’s Broadband objectives, including enhancing educational, economic, health care access and support digital inclusion.

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

Sincerely,

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Tom Jankovsky, Chair

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**Subject: Community Letter of Support for Pathfinder Broadband Ashcroft Extension**

**To Whom It May Concern:**

Pitkin County is providing this, non-exclusive letter of support for Pathfinder Broadband as part of the Advance Colorado BEAD Project Fund grant application.

Pathfinder Broadband intends to provide fiber internet service to unserved and underserved residents and businesses of Pitkin County including Lower River Road, Snowmass Creek and Shield O . geographic areas. Pathfinder intends to leverage existing infrastructure and relationships with City, County, and Public partnerships to deliver new build fiber to all areas within the aforementioned areas that meet the requirements for BEAD funding. Pathfinder will offer speed packages up to 1Gbps / 1Gbps (Actual speeds of 940Mbps download / 940Mbps upload after network overhead). Each subscriber serviced by Pathfinder will have a network access layer oversubscription rate of 10:1 or less.

We believe this project is essential to help bridge the digital divide in the aforementioned communities and aligns with the State of Colorado's Broadband objectives, including enhancing educational, economic, health care access and support digital inclusion.

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

This letter was approved by Pitkin County Board of Commissioners on September 11, 2024

Sincerely,

Greg Poschman  
Chair, Board of Pitkin County Commissioners  
September 11, 2024





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To Whom It May Concern:

Eagle County is providing this non-exclusive letter of support for Pathfinder Broadband as part of the Advance Colorado BEAD Project Fund grant application.

Pathfinder Broadband intends to provide fiber internet service to unserved and underserved residents and businesses of Eagle County along the Colorado Highway 82 corridor including areas of Basalt and Missouri Heights. Pathfinder intends to leverage existing infrastructure and relationships with City, County, and Public partnerships to deliver new build fiber to all areas within the aforementioned geographic zone that meet the requirements for BEAD funding. Pathfinder will offer speed packages up to 1Gbps / 1Gbps. Each subscriber serviced by Pathfinder will have a network access layer oversubscription rate of 10:1 or less.

Pathfinder believes this project is essential to help bridge the digital divide in Western Slope Colorado communities and that it aligns with the State of Colorado's Broadband objectives, including enhancing educational, economic, health care access and support digital inclusion.

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

Sincerely,

Matt Scherr  
Chair

Jeanne McQueeney  
Commissioner

Kathy Chandler-Henry  
Commissioner







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To Whom it may Concern,

On behalf of Network Infrastructure Construction Company, DBA “NICX”, I am pleased to provide this Letter of Support for Pathfinder’s Broadband Equity, Access, and Deployment (BEAD) grant application. We commend Pathfinder’s efforts to expand high-speed broadband and improve connectivity for underserved communities, aligning with our shared mission to enhance digital infrastructure and access.

As a Colorado-based, woman-owned small business, NICX has extensive experience in rural middle-mile fiber construction, turnkey deployment of fixed wireless, microwave, and cellular towers, and Fiber-to-the-Home (FTTH) infrastructure development. Our expertise includes designing and building the aerial fiber backbone necessary to connect remote, high-mountain communities such as Glenwood Springs to Aspen and Boulder to Nederland—critical infrastructure that enhances broadband access in geographically challenging regions.

To ensure the successful deployment of Pathfinder’s broadband initiatives, NICX is prepared to provide a range of critical services as needed, including:

- **Materials Staging and Distribution:** With our established supply chain and warehousing capabilities, we are prepared to source, stage, and distribute essential materials—including fiber optic cables, conduit, enclosures, and wireless equipment—to keep deployment efforts efficient and uninterrupted.
- **Engineering and Design Support:** Our team of experienced broadband engineers and network designers is ready to assist in network planning, route optimization, and structural engineering, ensuring a scalable and future-proof network.
- **Deployment and Construction Assistance:** As needed, our field teams are equipped to provide on-the-ground expertise in middle-mile and last-mile fiber construction, tower installation, and microwave backhaul integration.
- **Ongoing Maintenance and Support:** NICX stands ready to support the long-term sustainability of Pathfinder’s broadband infrastructure by offering technical assistance, troubleshooting, and maintenance services to ensure network reliability.



Beyond traditional wireline infrastructure deployment, NICX has a strong track record of delivering fixed wireless and through Small and Macro Cell, WAP and DNode installations, allowing broadband services to reach areas where traditional fiber builds may be challenging. Our Wireless construction expertise further reinforces our ability to support high-speed connectivity in both rural and urban environments.

As a proud Telecommunications Apprenticeship Partner, NICX is committed to broadband workforce development efforts in Colorado. We actively support the Colorado Telecom Technical College in its mission to train the next generation of broadband professionals, ensuring a skilled workforce is available to build and maintain the networks of the future.

We strongly support Pathfinder's efforts to expand broadband access and stand ready to assist in whatever capacity is necessary to ensure the success of this initiative. Please do not hesitate to reach out if additional information is needed.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Scott Wendland".

**Scott Wendland**  
President  
Network Infrastructure Construction Company

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