

**A RESOLUTION
2021-12**



**City of Berlin
NEW HAMPSHIRE**

In the Year of Our Lord Two Thousand Twenty-One

A RESOLUTION authorizing an application to the USDA Rural Business Development Grant Program for up to \$30,000.00 for technical assistance to determine the scope and feasibility of making broadband more accessible and providing more choices to residents in Berlin.

Resolved by the City Council of the City of Berlin as Follows:

Whereas, there is grant money available from the USDA Rural Business Development fund; and

Whereas, there are many benefits to increasing access to broadband and fiber to the premise to improve the economic opportunities of Berlin; and

Whereas, this work is in the early stages of formation and there is a need to collect data and work collaboratively with the County in the development of a vision, goals and objectives to guide future work; and

Whereas, if it is found to be feasible to bring more providers, add more connections, make broadband more competitive and affordable, it would benefit every sector and every family in the community; and

Whereas, the City is in need of more ways to attract and retain commercial development; and

Whereas, access to broadband in today's world is just as necessary as any other utility and there is a need to work to make it more available and more affordable.

Now Therefore Be It Resolved by the City Council of the City of Berlin as Follows:

That, the City Manager is authorized to apply for a USDA Rural Business Development Grant of up to \$30,000.00 for technical assistance to determine the scope and feasibility of making broadband more accessible and providing more choices to residents in Berlin; and the City Manager is authorized to execute any documents which may be necessary to effectuate the USDA contract.

Be it further resolved that upon approval, the City Manager is authorized to receive said grant and the grant proceeds are hereby appropriated for the purpose of the grant. All grant proceeds shall be deposited with the City Treasurer and that any additional use of these funds beyond the scope of work as listed in the application shall require prior approval of the City Council.

This Resolution shall be in full force and effect from and after passage.

PASSED: _____
Date

APPROVED: _____
Honorable Paul Grenier, Mayor

ATTEST: _____
Shelli Fortin, City Clerk