

RESOLUTION NO. 2025-R-190

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LAREDO, TEXAS RATIFYING AUTHORIZATION OF THE CITY MANAGER TO ENTER INTO AN MOU WITH FIBER2GO CORPORATION TO JOIN THE SOUTH TEXAS BROADBAND COALITION AND SUBMIT A GRANT APPLICATION TO THE TEXAS BROADBAND DEVELOPMENT OFFICE FOR THE 2025 BROADBAND EQUITY, ACCESS, AND DEPLOYMENT (BEAD) GRANT PROGRAM IN THE AMOUNT OF \$13,174,729 FOR DESIGN, DEPLOYMENT, AND ACTIVATION OF BROADBAND INFRASTRUCTURE TO UNSERVED AND UNDERSERVED COMMUNITIES IN THE CITY. GRANT PROGRAM REQUIRES LOCAL MATCH NOT TO EXCEED \$3,293,683, OR 25% OF TOTAL PROJECT COSTS. A MATCH WAIVER FOR POTENTIAL PARTIAL OR TOTAL WAIVER OF THE FEDERAL MATCH REQUIREMENT WILL BE SUBMITTED AT THE TIME OF APPLICATION. IF REQUIRED, LOCAL MATCH IS SUBJECT TO BUDGET AVAILABILITY.

WHEREAS, the Texas Broadband Development Office has announced, and made available funds for the BEAD Program grant for the 2025 fiscal year that will provide access to high-speed broadband access to unserved and underserved communities in the city of Laredo; and

WHEREAS, the *City Council of the City of Laredo* acknowledges and expresses its sincere and cordial intention to apply for the aforementioned funding opportunity whose implementation date cannot begin until funding is approved, and that the project will be managed in partnership with Fiber2Go Corporation who will serve as the Technical Lead; and

WHEREAS, the *City Council of the City of Laredo* finds it in the best interest of the citizens of the City of Laredo, Texas to authorize the City Manager to enter into an MOU with Fiber2Go Corporation to join the South Texas Broadband Coalition and formally apply and submit an application for the aforementioned Grant through the *City of Laredo's Economic Development Department*.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LAREDO, TEXAS THAT:

SECTION 1. Ratifying authorization of the City Manager to enter into an MOU with Fiber2Go Corporation to join the South Texas Broadband Coalition and submit a grant application to the Texas Broadband Development Office for the 2025 Broadband Equity, Access, and Deployment (BEAD) grant program for design, deployment, and activation of broadband infrastructure to unserved and underserved communities in the city.

SECTION 2. This Resolution shall take effect immediately upon passage.

**PASSED BY THE CITY COUNCIL AND APPROVED BY THE MAYOR ON THIS ____ DAY
OF _____ 2025.**

**DR. VICTOR D. TREVINO
MAYOR**

ATTEST:

**MARIO I. MALDONADO, JR.
CITY SECRETARY**

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

**DOANH “ZONE” T. NGUYEN
CITY ATTORNEY**