

## FY 18 Budget Amendment Request Form

**Date:** 03/14/18

**Department:** Information Services

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**Explanation of need for budget amendment:** The Virginia Department of Housing and Community Development (DHCD) awarded \$978,559 to four localities as part of its Virginia Telecommunications Initiative (VATI) to provide last-mile broadband services to unserved areas of the state. Spotsylvania County, along with its project partner Comcast, was one of the four localities, being awarded a total of \$167,260 in state funds to provide last-mile broadband service along Towles Mill Road. The objective of the VATI program is to provide financial assistance to supplement construction costs by private sector broadband service providers, in partnership with local units of government, to extend service to areas that presently are unserved. The grant program defines unserved as an area where broadband service is not available from a wire line or wireless facilities-based provider at advertised speeds equal to or less than 10 Mbps download/1 Mbps upload.

The Department of Information Services and Comcast have partnered for the VATI award, with Comcast providing the construction and Spotsylvania County managing the grant requirements. Information Services and Comcast have formalized their partnership on this project with a Memorandum of Understanding, which has been reviewed by the County Attorney's Office and will be executed upon the Board's acceptance of the grant award.

The VATI program requires a minimum match of 20% of total project costs, which Comcast will meet by providing \$200,503, or 55% of the total project cost. No local funding is required from Spotsylvania County, but will provide only in-kind services through use of personnel time associated with the project.

All grant funded work must be completed by December 31, 2018. After the grant award period expires, there will be no on-going costs for Spotsylvania County.

**Reminder:** Agenda item summary must be attached if BOS approval is required.

### **Expenditure accounts affected:**

310-9120-803-80-01 (GP1814)	\$167,260	State/Capital Outlay
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### **Revenue accounts affected:**

310-0000-324-04-99	\$167,260	State Grant Revenue
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Note: If amendment is between expenditure accounts only, net impact must be zero.

*Board of Supervisors Agenda, April 10, 2018, Acceptance and Budget Adjustment for the Virginia Department of Housing and Community Development's 2018 Virginia Telecommunication Initiative Grant Award and Acceptance of the Comcast Memorandum of Understanding*

### Recommendations

**Budget:** ☒ recommended ☐ not-recommended

**Explanation if not recommended:**

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**County Admin:** ☒ recommended ☐ not-recommended

**Explanation if not recommended:**

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**Finance Committee:** ☒ recommended ☐ not-recommended

**Explanation if not recommended:**

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