

**CURRY COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS AGENDA ITEM ROUTING SLIP (ARS)**  
**PART I – SUBMITTING DEPARTMENT: RETURN TO [BOC\\_OFFICE@CO.CURRY.OR.US](mailto:BOC_OFFICE@CO.CURRY.OR.US)**

**AGENDA ITEM TITLE: COOS, CURRY, DOUGLAS RURAL OREGON BROADBAND WORKSHOP. MADDOCK-HUGHES, HAGA, RECANZONE, EPLEY, FRANELL, DUVALL – CURRY ASSISTING WITH A REGIONAL BROADBAND ACTION TEAM – Commissioner Boice**

**TIMELY FILED** Yes  No  **Curry County Board of Commissioners**

**AGENDA DATE:** September 21, 2022, **DEPARTMENT:**

**Curry County Strategic Plan -**

1. Financial Stability  2. Economic Development  3. Quality of Life   
4. Public Trust  5. Infrastructure

**TIME NEEDED:** 30 - 40 Minutes

**RECOMMENDED AGENDA CATEGORY**

**ACTION ITEM - WORKSHOP 2:00**

**MEMO ATTACHED** Yes  No

**CONTACT PERSON:** [COMMISSIONER BOICE](#) **TODAY'S DATE:** September 19, 2022

## **BRIEF BACKGROUND**

Broadband Action Teams are an important tool in Oregon for communities that want to address the broadband gaps that exist for their residents. Broadband Action Teams are made of up public, private and non-profit stakeholders who are dedicated to closing the access and affordability gap. Currently, Broadband Action Teams represent 22/36 counties in Oregon. They have been instrumental in providing support around funding applications, advocating at the State level for policies that benefit rural and frontier communities, bringing partnerships together for middle and last mile projects, and ensuring a direct flow of communication between the Oregon Broadband Office and the communities they represent. Broadband Action

Oregon has upwards of \$750M that will be coming down through the state from the federal government, starting in late 2022. Communities who have established Broadband Action Teams will be better positioned to apply for and be awarded these funds.

Most Broadband Action Teams are led by local Economic Development Districts. CCD Business Development Council is currently in discussion with various stakeholders to start a team for our region.

This workshop is an opportunity to talk through the funding opportunities coming up, what a Broadband Action Team can do for Curry county, and realistic next steps.

CCD Business Development Council, Sequoia Consulting, and Joe Franell (former Oregon Broadband Advisory Council Chair, and President of Blue Mountain Networks), will present information for the council to consider.

