



# CITY OF FLAGSTAFF

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Arizona Commerce Authority  
100 N 7th Ave #400  
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Dear Director Bhowmick and BEAD Evaluation Committee,

I am very pleased to offer my endorsement of Wecom Fiber's Broadband Equity, Access, and Deployment (BEAD) grant proposal.

In 2024, the City released an RSOQ in order to accomplish two primary goals: 1. Build a municipal fiber network to connect municipal facilities and infrastructure and; 2. Bring broadband to our community. This would include both within our municipal boundary as well as the broader community. This supports the goals of a multi-agency collaborative working group including the City of Flagstaff, Coconino County, Northern Arizona University, Coconino Community College, City of Page and Flagstaff Unified School District.

In October 2024, the Flagstaff City Council voted unanimously to award Wecom the contract. This included a \$2 million grant that will fund a portion of Wecom's design and construction of a fiber municipal network connecting an estimated nine miles of Flagstaff.

After this award, Wecom has demonstrated professionalism and an ability to collaborate and communicate effectively with City staff.

Further, per the requirements of the RSOQ to show plans beyond Flagstaff municipal boundaries, Wecom has shared their vision for connecting all remaining unserved and underserved locations in Coconino County as part of the BEAD program. We have been impressed with Wecom's thorough preparation and close work with Coconino County on this plan. Coconino County issued an RFP in early 2024 to select its official BEAD partner. The Coconino Board of Supervisors voted unanimously to approve that recommendation.

Thank you for your consideration of this feedback and your exceptional work to expand broadband connectivity in northern Arizona.

Sincerely,

Becky Daggett,  
Mayor, City of Flagstaff, on behalf of the Flagstaff City Council