

RESOLUTION NO. 2009-07-026R

A RESOLUTION SUPPORTING THE SUBMITTAL OF A GRANT REQUEST IN  
PARTNERSHIP WITH THE CITY OF CHAMPAIGN  
AND THE UNIVERSITY OF ILLINOIS  
FOR THE URBANA-CHAMPAIGN BIG BROADBAND (UC2B) PROJECT

WHEREAS, the City of Urbana is committed to the expansion of broadband capabilities to the community and has demonstrated this commitment through its support of the projects and programs of the C-U Cable and Telecommunications Commission; and

WHEREAS, the United States government is promoting the expansion of broadband capabilities to certain areas through a local grants program under the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act; and

WHEREAS, the Urbana-Champaign Big Broadband (UC2B) Project has been formed in a collaborative effort of the City of Urbana, City of Champaign, and the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign to prepare a grant application to pursue development of broadband capabilities, including the construction of infrastructure for the larger community, the installation "fiber to the home" capabilities for underserved areas, and associated public education and training efforts; and

WHEREAS, successful participation in this grant program would benefit the City of Urbana and its residents and the larger community by providing for improved Internet access and capabilities and resulting in improvements in the lives of residents and in the overall economic development potential of the area; and

WHEREAS, participation in the Urbana-Champaign Big Broadband project is consistent with the goals and policies of the City of Urbana; and

WHEREAS, the Urbana City Council desires to express its support for the grant application to be submitted by the Urbana Champaign Big Broadband Project.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that we, the members of the City Council of the City of Urbana; do hereby endorse the "Urbana Champaign Big Broadband Project" and will work to ensure compliance with the grant requirements, including the City's equitable share of the local match required by the granting agencies in the form of both financial commitment and in-kind services in an amount up to but not to exceed \$567,000; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this resolution, duly adopted, shall be sent to the granting agency as evidence of City of Urbana support of the grant application.

PASSED by the City Council this \_\_\_\_\_ day of August, 2009

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Phyllis D. Clark, City Clerk

APPROVED by the Mayor this \_\_\_\_\_ day of August, 2009

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Laurel Lunt Prussing, Mayor