

City/County Telecommunications Commission

RESOLUTION 2023 – 05

Regarding Recommendations to Award PEG Capital Support Funds to Designated Access Providers TV ETC and CVTV

Section 1. Findings

- 1.1 Under the terms of the cable television franchise agreements between the City of Vancouver (“City”), Clark County (“County”) and Comcast of Washington V, LLC (“Comcast”) adopted June 2013, funding is available to support Public, Educational and Governmental (“PEG”) Access capital costs and monthly transport costs by public users related to the Institutional Network (“iNET”).
- 1.2 As stated in Section 9.9 “Support for Access Capital Costs” of the franchise, “During the term of this Agreement, Grantee (Comcast) shall provide for a maximum of one dollar (\$1.00) per month, per Residential Subscriber (the “Capital Contribution”) for Public, Educational and Governmental (“PEG”) Access capital.
- 1.3 The City/County Telecommunications Commission (“Commission”) is authorized under Section 5.19.300 of the Vancouver Municipal Code and under Clark County Code 36.12.160 to administer Ordinances and any Franchise granted pursuant to the implementation of Franchise compliance procedures.
- 1.4 The Commission’s authorized duties, pursuant to the codes mentioned in Section 1.3 of this Resolution, include “To have primary responsibility for advising the City and County regarding public, educational and governmental access programming including the development of processes for the selection of designated access providers, and for evaluating their performance, for assigning and designating access channels, for allocating access funds and for making written reports and recommendations to the City and County Councils.”
- 1.5 The Commission Chair appointed a subcommittee of the Commission to review applications from Designated Access Providers and present recommendations to the Commission, which if approved by the Commission, are forwarded to the Vancouver City Council and Clark County Council for review and action.
- 1.6 The Vancouver Educational Telecommunications Consortium (“TV ETC”), the Designated Access Provider for Education and Clark/Vancouver Television (“CVTV”), the Designated Access Provider for Government submitted applications to the Commission for PEG Capital Support Fund consideration.
- 1.7 Grant applications were reviewed by the PEG Committee in concert with outside experts who reviewed the applications from a technical perspective. The PEG Committee found no concerns or issues with the applications; so therefore, forego the need to meet with the PEG providers to discuss their applications.

- 1.8 The Committee presented their recommendations and findings to the Commission in the **Recommendations for the 2024 PEG Capital Support Grants** (Exhibit A) exhibit attached hereto. Estimated funds available for distribution in 2024 are approximately \$600,000.00. The Commission reviewed and approved the recommendations and findings of the PEG Committee as outlined in the report.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED:

Section 2.

- 2.1 The Commission recommends, barring any substantial issues raised by the City and County governing boards, and upon signing the required PEG Capital Grant agreements, that TV ETC and CVTV be awarded PEG Capital Support Funds as follows:

Applicant	Total Amount Requested	Total Amount Funded
TV ETC	\$381,657.83	\$381,657.83
CVTV	\$64,656.00	\$64,656.00
Total PEG Grant Funds	\$446,313.83	\$446,313.83

The City/County Telecommunications Commission, through this Resolution, adopts the findings and recommendations contained herein and as outlined in Exhibit A: **Recommendations for the 2024 PEG Capital Support Grants**

- 2.2 The Commission directs staff to forward this Resolution and finalized copies of the **Recommendations for the 2024 PEG Capital Support Grants** to the Vancouver City Council and the Clark County Council, as well as to the applicants.
- 2.3 The Commission recommends that the Vancouver City Council and Clark County Council award funds to TV ETC and CVTV as outlined in this Resolution.

Approved (Date): December 6, 2023



Paul Dicker, Chair, City/County Telecommunications Commission

EXHIBIT "A" - Recommendations for the 2023 PEG Capital Support Grants