

AGENDA ITEM SUBMITTAL

Otero County Commission

Submitted by: Amy Barela, Commissioner

Meeting date: Thursday, May 18, 2023

Subject:	Request approval of Otero County letter of support to the Penasco Valley Cooperative (PVT) for broadband grant application.
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Research/Background:

Expansion of broadband internet access is a priority of the federal government and the State of New Mexico. In a county like Otero County the need to expand high speed internet to rural, remote, and underserved communities is especially pronounced. Penasco Valley Telephone Cooperative (PVT) provides telecommunication and internet services to some of the most remote and rural parts of Otero County. PVT is planning to implement Fiber to the Home internet in their service areas. PVT is pursuing grant funding to facilitate their ability to accomplish this task. A letter of support from Otero County will enhance the strength of PVT's grant application.

Fiscal Impact/Funding Sources:

Staff/Department Recommended Actions:

County Attorney Review (*if needed*):

Supporting Documents/Attachments/Links

PVT Support Letter