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Subject: Comments for Igiugig Village

Thank you for hosting the webinar that I was able to attend on Friday the 12th of February. We do have the following concerns and requests in the determination of the use of the funds available.

1. The match to funding is of concern as a small village. We have big dreams and hopes of becoming an ISP in our region but matching funds can be a challenge as an organization with small subsidiaries and most of our additional funding is tied up with commitments to complete specific grant projects and goals. Lynn Malerba spoke about the no-match concern today.
2. The phases that we anticipate are also of concern when it comes to planning. We are hoping to find additional funding for the planning process because this is such a technical field and we anticipate that through the planning process we require more time to plan and thus results in the need for funding for correct planning to occur.
3. Funding for a portion of broadband related operational expenses is another concern. We may need to pay for 2 years of backhaul up front so if we can utilize a portion of the funding for operational related expenses directly tied to the connectivity of our community and region, it would be of a direct benefit to the tribe.

Thank you for accepting my comments on behalf of the Village of Igiugig.

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