



Town of China
Tax Increment Finance (TIF) Committee
Application for Funding 2024

This form is a request for funding of public money from the Town of China’s Tax Increment Financing (TIF) Committee. Please fill out completely and as accurately as you can. If you have questions about how to complete the form, contact the TIF Chair or the town manager.

Requesting organization: China Broadband Committee

Contact person: Robert F. O'Connor Phone: 207-445-4140

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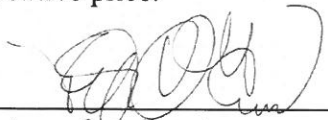
1. Amount requested: \$10,000.for MB // Plus 3rd of 10 payments \$30,000./yr (TIF C.9)
Please provide a detailed description/budget for the project. Please attach a narrative, if needed.

This is the continuation of work by Mission Broadband (MB) consultants on improving broadband services in China including the current “Connect the Ready” Maine Connectivity Authority (MCA) grant (cohort 2 was submitted in September 2023.) If not approved, we will apply in the next grant round with help from MB. If approved, the grant has funds to cover the project oversight by MB. Expected Grant award announcement in early February 2024.

The TIF C.9 section is for payments of \$30,000 per year over 10 years toward the expected project by Unitel/Direct Communications to build out the whole town with fiber optic broadband for all who want this service in China. This is year 3 of 10 for these funds.

2. Purpose of request – mission/project description.
 - *What are you trying to fix/improve?*
 - *How does this request result in improved economic development or enhance the town?*
 We are working to improve internet access for all people living in the town of China. We currently have ARPA funds of \$70,000 approved in November 2022 and have applied for a Connect the Ready Grant from (MCA)(Cohort2 September 2023). Unitel/Direct Communications is the Grantee. This will be a benefit in the areas of telemedicine, education, at home, work and other business applications, buying and selling, social connections, gaming and entertainment. We want to assure that citizens have fast upload and download speeds,capacity, and a low latency signal (fast round trip times) at competitive prices.
3. *Where is the project located?* When we meet in person for our Broadband Meetings. We meet in the Portable classroom near the Town Office plus ZOOM conferencing.

How will the TIF Committee know if you are successful? We are successful when everyone in town who wants broadband can get it at a reasonable and competitive price.



 Signature of applicant

22 Jan 2024
 Date

Please provide applicable items from the following list:

1. Maps
2. Estimates of materials, building(s) designs and plot plans
3. Estimates of paid labor and volunteer labor
4. Estimates of services to be purchased/contracted
5. Estimates of equipment to be purchased
6. Estimated project start date:
7. Estimated project completion date:

If your application is successful and the China Select Board awards you a grant, you are responsible for using the funds as described in your application. A TIF Committee member will be assigned as your personal liaison. He or she will answer questions about the TIF program, inspect your project at agreed upon intervals and make progress reports to the TIF Committee. Any changes to your approved plan must be submitted to your liaison, who may at his or her discretion bring them to full committee for review. Significant changes could lead to amendment or withdrawal of grant.

 Please note you may be required to provide multiple bids/quotes with this application by the Select Board and/or the TIF Committee.

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Control Number (FY Year + Sequence i.e. 2023-10):

Date Application received by the town: 1/30/24

Date Presented to TIF Committee: 2/5/24

Project Category: C.1/C.9 (see Exhibit E, China Second Amended TIF Program)

Date Approved by TIF Committee for recommendation to Select Board: 2/5/24 \$10,000⁰⁰ C.1
\$30,000⁰⁰ C.9

Date Presented to Select Board: 2/26/24

Date Approved by Select Board: 2/26/24

Liaison assigned to project: JAMIE PITNEY

Grant amount not to exceed \$40,000⁰⁰ to be disbursed from \$10,000⁰⁰ C.1
\$30,000⁰⁰ C.9 Project Cost Sub-Account (see Exhibit K, China Second Amended TIF Program)

Once project is complete – did this project meet the stated objectives: