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Bringing High-Speed Fiber Internet to Box Elder County Residents Beehive Broadband and Box Elder County partner up to bring fiber internet to new communities

LAKE POINT, Utah (July 20, 2022) — Beehive Broadband is excited to partner with the Utah Broadband Center and Box Elder County to bring fiber internet — for the first time — to nine new communities. Fiber-optic internet is the latest technology offering faster speeds, greater bandwidth and better reliability.

By means of a competitive grant program, Box Elder County Government and Beehive Broadband were awarded \$5,856,443 in grant funds, to be combined with \$5,117,895 in matching funds. The funds will be used to connect high-speed fiber networks in a number of Northern Utah communities. These locations include Bear River City, Elwood, Howell, Mantua, Willard and the unincorporated areas of Bothwell, Penrose, Thatcher and South Willard. When the projects are completed, fast fiber-based internet will be available to over 3000 new locations, including homes, businesses, farms, ranches, community anchor institutions and other public facilities.

"This is a momentous project. New high-speed internet will open educational, business, employment, healthcare, cultural and entertainment opportunities for thousands of people," says Cameron Francis, CEO of Beehive Broadband. "It has taken a lot of effort and help from so many organizations. On behalf of everyone at Beehive Broadband, we want to give a heartfelt thanks to Bear River Association of Governments, Box Elder County Commissioners, Community Development Block Grant, the Utah State Broadband Grant Committee, and the CARES Act."

"Beehive has served half of Box Elder County for many years," says Cameron Francis. "Including Brigham City, Perry, Tremonton, Lucin, Lynn, Grouse Creek, Rosette, Park Valley, Snowville and others. Expanding into these additional nine communities is a natural step in the growth of our service." Four weeks ago Beehive Broadband began construction in Bothwell, the first of the nine communities. Construction in Bothwell started early due to deadlines associated with portions of the grant funding. The other eight communities are in the engineering and design phase with additional construction beginning this fall.

For more information on this project, visit the <u>official website</u> or contact us at <u>mckenna@relicagency.com</u>.

About Beehive Broadband: Beehive Broadband is an internet provider that has been serving communities in Utah and Nevada for almost 60 years. Starting with the first hand-built long-distance line, Beehive Broadband continues to focus on providing quality service at affordable rates. It offers fiber-optic internet, digital voice and BEEtv with hundreds of channels to choose from. Learn how to become a part of the Beehive at <u>beehive.net</u> or talk to one of our specialists at (844) 390-3310.

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