



March 12, 2018

To: Metropolitan Policy Committee (Cable Commission)

From: Anne Davies

Re: MPC 7: PEG Grant Program

Under the current cable franchise agreement that Eugene, Springfield and Lane County have with Comcast, Comcast provides an annual payment of \$50,000 for distribution to users of the PEG (Public, Educational, Government) broadcast channels.

The MPC has set up a grant solicitation process to distribute these funds. In 2013, the MPC decided to postpone further distributions in order to build up a reserve to cover projected costs of installing a signal collection system (cameras and routers and fiber) in the new Eugene City Hall. Since 2013, that reserve has accumulated the necessary amount to cover the estimated costs (\$150,000) for City Hall. There is currently the full \$50,000 available to distribute, and staff has initiated the solicitation process to accept grant applications.

All potential applicants have been notified of the opportunity for funding. The deadline for submittal of those requests is April 4, 2018. Staff will review the applications and, based on criteria previously adopted by the MPC, make a recommended ranking of the applications at the May 3, 2018 MPC meeting.