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Town of Blue Hill, Maine  
ConnectME Grant Request/ Pre-application Letter

February 8, 2013

ConnectME Authority  
Phillip Lindley, Executive Director  
Statehouse Station 78  
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To the ConnectME Authority,

The Town of Blue Hill Maine, is seeking funding from ConnectME to provide high speed internet service to the unserved area of Turkey Farm Rd, Salt Pond/172, and Parker Point Rd, in Blue Hill, Hancock County

## **BACKGROUND**

The Town of Blue Hill currently receives high speed internet service from Time Warner Cable. Included in this pre-application letter is a description of the proposed expansion area with an estimated cost of the project by Time Warner Cable as the primary service provider.

The residents of the proposed grant area have expressed an urgent need for high speed internet access.

## **THE AREA TO BE SERVED BY THIS GRANT**

The requested ConnectME Grant will allow for 45,461' of aerial construction with 101 new homes past. The average density for this project is 11.7 HPM with a cost per passing of \$2,237.15.

## **COMMUNICATIONS WITH EXISTING BROADBAND SERVICE PROVIDERS**

The Town has chosen Time Warner Cable as the primary and preferred provider for this project. Time Warner currently serves much of the Town of Blue Hill. Expansion by Time Warner into this area will also allow households another option for cable television and digital telephone service.

## **DESCRIPTION OF THE PROPOSED PROJECT**

Time Warner will use their hybrid fiber/coax system, utilizing DOCSIS cable modem technology providing 15Mbps downstream and 1Mbps upstream speeds as standard service. (Lower levels of service will be available as well as up to 50Mbps downstream and 5Mbps upstream speeds with the current Ultimate Internet plan).

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**TOTAL AMOUNT OF FUNDING REQUESTED:**

Homes passed: 101

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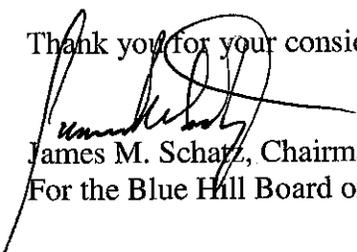
Estimated total cost of project: \$ 225,952.00  
Time Warner Contribution: \$ 101,000.00  
**Estimated Grant amount requested: \$ 124,952.00**

Funding for the project will come from the ConnectME Authority with Time Warner Cable providing approximately 44.7% (\$101,000.00) of the actual project cost. The Town of Blue Hill will not provide funding for the project. The project is expected to be completed within the 12 month period required by the ConnectME Authority.

**PUBLIC PRIVATE PARTNERSHIPS AND COMMUNITY SUPPORT**

This project has the strong support of the Board of Selectmen and the grant area residents. Letters of support will be provided with our final grant application

Thank you for your consideration,

  
James M. Scharz, Chairman  
For the Blue Hill Board of Selectmen