



WIRELESS INTERNET REBATE PROGRAM

DECISION TO PROCEED

WIRELESS INTERNET REBATE PROGRAM (WIRP)

- Program Overview
- Goals
- Recommendation

WIRP OVERVIEW

- Satellite Internet Rebate Trial concluded Q1, 2024
 - Poor program participation
 - Participants had positive feedback about the application process and the new Satellite services
- Demand for wireless internet service continues
- New program extends offer based on demonstrated need

WIRP GOALS

- To remove the barrier to entry for qualified residents
- Extend original trial offering to all County residents that can provide
 - proof of CIRA speed tests under 50 Mbps Upload / 10 Mbps Download or
 - declared inability to establish wired connection
- Communicate WIRP through additional channels to improve uptake
- Increase data collection through CIRA speed tests
 - Provides additional information for future strategic broadband planning

WIRP RECOMMENDATION

- Reinstatement rebate for wireless internet service
 - Council will be apprised of demand surges
 - Budget and program end date may be adjusted
- Move \$103,000 from restricted surplus universal broadband budget to TDS operating project