

**Memorandum**

To: Mayor Keil and City Council Members  
Steve Parker, City Manager

From: Jacki Gross, Library Director



Copy To: Shane McDaniel, IT Director

Subject: Interlocal Participation Agreement

Date: February 18, 2020

Attached is the "Interlocal Participation Agreement in the ESC 20 Fiber Consortium" between the Education Service Center, Region 20 and the Seguin Public Library." The Texas State Library and Archives Commission (TSLAC) is partnering with ESC-20 (Education Service Center, Region 20) to support significant broadband improvements in the Region 20 service area which will directly benefit the Seguin Public Library. The ESC 20 Fiber Consortium will use federal E-rate funds to construct and implement a large-scale dark fiber network that will provide high speed internet connectivity to participating schools and public libraries in Region 20. Using funds appropriated from the Texas State Legislature, TSLAC will pay the one-time special construction costs to connect our library to this network.

With our current E-rate discount, the library pays \$247.33 per month for a 200 megabytes per second fiber Internet connection. Our contract with Spectrum expires on June 30, 2020 so this monthly cost could increase. By joining the ESC 20 Fiber Consortium, the library will have access to 10 gigabytes per second fiber speeds on a private network that ESC 20 will maintain at a fixed price of \$170.00 per month for four years. This cost includes installation, equipment, maintenance and ISP services. Also, we will not need to apply for annual E-rate discounts since ESC-20 will handle the entire E-rate process on behalf of the consortium.

Our participation in the Fiber 20 Consortium will enable us to provide library users with significantly greater bandwidth speeds at a lower monthly cost to the City. Staff recommends approval of the attached Interlocal Participation Agreement.