

WHY

Internet connectivity is increasingly becoming a modern necessity. As such, the State of Michigan announced grants to applicants with the goal being to improve internet accessibility in areas that are unserved or underserved currently. As the use of Internet-connected technologies continues to grow, it will be increasingly important for both residents and businesses to have access to high-speed, reliable Internet connectivity. If Springcom and Springport Telephone Company are awarded the grant, the money gained will be invested in improving Internet connectivity for businesses and residents within the Village of Springport and the Duck Lake area. Your letter of support will have a big impact on the grant process.

WHERE

Send completed letters to Springcom/Springport Telephone Co. at the address below, or email them to janet@springcom.com

Springcom, PO BOX 208, Springport, MI 49284

WHO

Address letters to (but do not send to): Michigan DTMB (Department of Technology, Management and Budget) DTMB WILL NOT ACCEPT INDIVIDUAL LETTERS AND THEY WILL BE DISREGARDED. THEY MUST BE SUBMITTED WITH THE GRANT APPLICATION.

WHAT

We recommend using the following as talking points when writing a letter of support:

- How better Internet connectivity would positively impact your quality of life
- How internet availability and quality affects your property value
- How internet connectivity (or lack thereof) has affected your education or professional opportunities

Specific anecdotes would be helpful.

WHEN

Letters of support need to be received by Springcom/Springport Telephone C. by December 28, 2020 in order to be submitted as part of the grant process.

For additional information regarding the DTMB grant,

https://www.michigan.gov/dtmb/0,5552,7-358-82547_56345_91154---,00.html

