

RVBAT Meeting - April 03, 2024

Attendees:

Grace Hochhalter	A Greater Applegate
Lucas Turpin	Oregon State University
Keith Gunberg	Hunter Communications
Rick Dyer	Jackson County
Carrie Turney Ross	Jackson County Library Services
Ann Marie Alfrey	Rogue Valley Council of Governments
Ryan Barber	Althea/T-mobile
Parvaneh Scoggin	Jackson County Library Services
Natalie Mettler	Ashland Parks and Recreation - Senior Services Division
Jason Whyte	Jackson County Library Services
Eric Molinsky	Jackson County Library District
Seth Thompson	Business Oregon
Chrsitina Berger	American Connection Corps
Mark Decker	Jackson County

Meeting Purpose:

Monthly meeting of the Rogue Valley Broadband Action Team to discuss updates on broadband projects and initiatives in the region.

Key Takeaways

- The BDP application window is now open, submissions due April 25th
- Community digital literacy classes are underway and showing strong demand, especially among seniors
- Interest in tracking/centralizing info on local digital skills training opportunities
- Business Oregon seeking input on regional BDP plans and interest in developing consortium application

Topics:

Introductions

- Attendees introduced themselves and their roles. New members welcomed.

Agenda Review

- BDP application info recently released, goal to discuss local broadband projects.

Community Digital Literacy Classes

- Alea held first class for seniors on digital safety, saw high demand. Will reach out to other groups.
- Library has robust digital literacy classes at branches and other locations like senior centers. Focused on skills training.
- Tracking attendance data to showcase impact.

Centralized Tracking of Local Training

- Idea proposed to track all digital skills training opportunities in the region centrally to show breadth of activities.
- Could be hosted on county website. BAT team could collaborate on repository.

BDP Applications & Regional Planning

- Deadline is before next meeting, so email collaboration needed on regional priorities and consortium opportunities.
- Business Oregon seeking input on Southern Oregon's plans and priorities.

Next Steps:

- Email collaboration on regional BDP priorities and applications
- Share info on digital literacy class attendance and impact
- Explore centralized tracking of local digital skills training opportunities