

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

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Contact:

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To the ConnectME Authority,

The Town of Mapleton, Maine, is seeking funding from ConnectME to provide high speed internet service to the unserved area of Pleasant Hill RD in Mapleton, Aroostook County

#### BACKGROUND

The Town of Mapleton 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 5,597' of aerial construction with 13 new homes passed. The average density for this project is 10.4 HPM with a cost per passing of \$1,653.27. Please Note: Proposed extension will be from the existing cable system in Mapleton into the Pleasant lane Subdivision.

#### 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 Mapleton. 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 15Mbs downstream and 1Mbs upstream speeds as standard service. (Lower levels of service will be available as well as up to 50Mbs downstream and 5Mbs upstream speeds with the current Ultimate Internet plan).

**TOTAL AMOUNT OF FUNDING REQUESTED:**

Homes passed:	<u>13</u>
Mileage	<u>1.06</u>
Estimated total cost of project:	<u>\$ 18,186.00</u>
Time Warner Contribution:	<u>\$ 9,750.00</u>
<b><u>Estimated Grant amount requested:</u></b>	<b><u>\$ 8,436.00</u></b>

Funding for the project will come from the ConnectME Authority with Time Warner Cable providing approximately 53.61% (\$9,750.00) of the actual project cost. The Town of Mapleton 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,



Jon R. Frederick, Town Manager  
Town of Mapleton