

## April 3, 2025 Q-Life Board Meeting

### Administration & Project Updates

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- **Business Update**
  - The planning process is going well and now includes some specific vendors and configuration plans. We are gathering the pieces of the puzzle.
- **BEAD Update**
  - The prequalification applications have closed. Oregon Broadband Office will post a full list of prequalified agencies once all applications are processed.
- **USDA Grant Update**
  - USDA has granted our release of funds but has not publicly announced the grant. We are now working with the USDA team to secure funds against the work that has already been done and is approved under this grant as written (feasibility and business planning).
- **MCEDD & BAT Update**
  - First re-vamped Broadband Action Team meeting was held on March 31st.
- **PUD Services Agreement Update**
  - Q-Life and NWCPUD are fine-tuning the services agreement process. Further services agreement proposals will be brought to the Q-Life board for feedback.

### Aristo Technical Management Report

As QLIFE is focused on expansion of services, Aristo Networks has made efforts to keep up with the additional workload.

Aristo Networks brought on new employee Andrew Allen to focus full-time on QLIFE's expansion efforts. Andrew brings with him an extensive background in telecommunications construction. Additionally, Aristo Networks has brought in Brian Adams (Aristo Networks partner), and Jeff Vandermoss to help out with delinquent projects, such as patch cables at City Hall and damaged fiber by public works. Efforts are being made to prepare for a new quicker-paced environment as QLIFE pursues its BEAD ambitions.