

## Supplementary Budget – Briefing Note

## 2018 Budget

One page brief per request

**Briefing Note required for:****-items >\$50,000****-changes in FTE**

Dept	Division	Business Unit	Item	Base Supp	Amount	FTE Impact
FBIS	ITS	13903	Initial Investment - Year 4 of 5 - SWIFT/WOWC : Project initiation. Recommended being funded from the Strategic Development Reserve # 17266	S	\$100,000	0
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**Background:**

-Briefly provide why this is a request  
(eg. Based on 3 year history)

Previously approved (Year 1 of 5 -- now in year 4 of 5)

As part of Western Ontario Warden's Caucus (WOWC), the Southwestern Integrated Fiber Technology (SWIFT) project is a group of 16 local governments in Southwestern Ontario who's one goal is "to bring affordable high speed internet to everyone in SW Ontario". Those who are participating in this project, will be asked to contribute \$16M for a ultra-high speed broadband infrastructure build.(A regional area network (RAN)). Demands for fiber connections are increasing exponentially due to technology use increasing by a majority of businesses and citizens. The SWIFT goal is to provide internet connectivity which is equitably affordable and accessible to users regardless of population density. The SWIFT regional area network design will provide fiber optic coverage to all groups who participate in the project. The goal is to create an integrated and unified network of existing and new fiber optic construction where all providers may fairly compete and to provide access to users (2,960,941). Municipality's participation in this Regional Area Network project requires specific contributions as listed below. SWIFT Inc. has been created. Funding of \$180 million (Federal/Provincail funding) has been approved for SWIFT initiative. Municipality of Chatham-Kent is a member of SWIFT.

**Comment:**

- provide any further details if required, impact to user fees, etc  
(eg. Gross expenses, any revenues, subsidies, etc.)