

Danville Mutual Telephone Company

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Empower Rural Iowa Broadband Grant Application

Supporting Letters and Documentation



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Office of the Chief Information Officer of the State of Iowa
Hoover State Office Building, Level B
1305 E. Walnut Street
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RE: Empower Rural Iowa – Broadband Grant Program

Dear Chief Information Officer Annette Dunn and Review Committee:

I would like to express my full support of the Empower Rural Iowa Broadband Grant application for Danville Mutual Telephone. Danville Mutual's broadband plan for portions of rural Danville would address the lack of adequate broadband Internet access and connectivity in the area. Due to Danville Mutual's long and successful history of providing state-of-the-art broadband service at modern speeds to other rural communities and their strong reputation for customer service and community commitment, I am confident in their capability to enhance broadband service for the residents of rural Danville.

As an underserved area with limited modern Internet services, residents of rural Danville are faced with many challenges, such as limited medical resources and distance barriers between patients, physicians, and facilities. Because of the rural nature of the area, students do not receive equitable broadband resources as compared to those in more urban areas. Rural students may lack the opportunity for research, distance learning, video, and other tools that advanced broadband can deliver.

With funding assistance from the Empower Rural Iowa Broadband Grant program, Danville Mutual's proposed expansion will enable the residents of rural Danville to overcome geographical distances, empower them through information, and bring the world to their fingertips. Additionally, I feel strongly that this project will enable greater collaboration and teamwork between community service centers, public safety offices, county offices, and municipal offices.

I respectfully ask you to consider Danville Mutual's proposal for their fiber project in rural Danville. It is extremely important that state broadband grant funding be obtained to provide much needed broadband service to this area.

Sincerely,
Thomas A Greene

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Thomas A. Greene".

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