

# 503906 - Mahaska County Broadband Intervention Application

## Application Details

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<b>Funding Opportunity:</b>	498157-Invitation to Qualify (ITQ) Broadband Intervention Zones
<b>Funding Opportunity Due Date:</b>	Mar 31, 2023 5:00 PM
<b>Program Area:</b>	ITQ - Broadband Intervention Zones
<b>Status:</b>	Submitted
<b>Stage:</b>	Final Application
<b>Initial Submit Date:</b>	Mar 31, 2023 8:15 AM
<b>Initially Submitted By:</b>	tom flaherty
<b>Last Submit Date:</b>	
<b>Last Submitted By:</b>	

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## Organization Information

**Status\*:** Approved

**Name\*:** Mahaska County

**Organization Type\*:** County Government

**DUNS:** 73-477-184  
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**Tax Id:**

**Unique Entity Identifier (UEI):**

**Organization Website:**

**Address\*:**

City Iowa Postal Code/Zip  
State/Province

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**Benefactor:**

**Vendor Number / ID:**

## Cover Sheet-General Information

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### *Cover Sheet-General Information*

### Authorized Official

**Name\*:** Tom flaherty

**Title\*:** Economic Development Director

**Organization\*:** Mahaska County  
If you are an individual, please provide your First and Last Name.

**Address\*:** 106 S 1st St

**City/State/Zip\*:** Oskaloosa Iowa 52577  
City State Zip

**Telephone Number\*:** 563-940-3651

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### Fiscal Officer/Agent

Please enter the "Fiscal Officer" for your Organization.

If you are an individual, please provide your First and Last Name.

**Name\*:** Teri Rogers

**Title:** Mahaska County Auditor

**Organization:** Mahaska, county, of

**Address:** 106 S 1st St

**City/State/Zip:** Oskaloosa Iowa 52577  
City State Zip

**Telephone Number:** 641-673-7148

**E-Mail:** rogers@mahaskacountyia.gov

**County(ies) Participating,  
Involved, or Affected by this  
Proposal\*:** Mahaska County

To find your district, click on the "Congressional Map" link. On the left hand side of the page, click on the drop-down list and click on "State of Iowa". Then, enter an address for the county/ies you serve in the Search bar. Click "Enter." This will provide you with your Congressional District, Iowa Senate District and Iowa House District.

**Congressional District(s)  
Involved or Affected by this  
Proposal\*:** 1st - Rep. Mariannette Miller-Meeks  
Congressional Map

**Iowa Senate District(s) Involved  
or Affected by this Proposal\*:** 19,44  
Iowa Senate Map

**Iowa House District(s) Involved  
or Affected by this Proposal\*:** 37,88  
Iowa House Map

## Invitation To Qualify Application Exhibits

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### *Required Forms and Submissions*

Please indicate the community applicant type that best fits from this list.

**Community Applicant Type\*:** County

**If Community Applicant Type is  
"Other", please add additional  
information here. :**

This section of the Iowa Grants system requires the Applicant to upload a cover letter as a Word doc or pdf on the Applicant's letterhead to provide a high-level overview of the Application describing your community's Broadband need in the area and the community's interest in obtaining programmatic funding in the Geographic Area of Concern. The Cover Letter is not scored.

**Cover Letter\*:** Cedar letter of support MG.doc

The Applicant must upload a spreadsheet of locations obtained from the Broadband Availability Map. The system will allow you to download the locations as a CSV formatted spreadsheet. The Eligible Service Locations Spreadsheet must then be uploaded by the Community Applicant to the Iowa Grants system.

Note: Reference the "Geographic Area of Concern and Data Export/Import Instructions," labeled "Exhibit D," for instructions regarding how to properly complete this aspect of the Application.

**Eligible Service Locations****2623 325th St ITQ Eligible Locations.csv****Spreadsheet\*:**

Generally describe the area identified with the Geographic Area of Concern Selection Tool. Example: Rural Adams County, Poweshiek County Highway 6 Corridor, etc.

**General Description of the  
geographic area of the circle\*:****Rural Southeast Mahaska County, Cedar**

Write down the radius distance used to create your circle. The instructions for how to identify the radius can be found in Exhibit D Geographic Area of Concern Selection Tool and Data Export/Import Instructions ("Selection Tool").

**Radius of the circle\*:** 8**Address at the center of the  
circle - Street Address \*:****2623 325th St****Address of the center of the  
circle - City\*:****Cedar****Address of the circle - State\*:****Iowa****Address of the circle - zip code\*:** 52543***Optional Forms and Submissions - Work, Education, and Health Monitoring***

This sub-factor takes into consideration whether Broadband investments in the proposed Geographic Area of Concern will help to facilitate community members engagement in employment, search for employment, and/or develop the requisite skills and knowledge to become employed (e.g., participate in career counseling programs, workforce training programs, as well as gain access to internet websites to search for and apply to jobs).

**Work:**

**The currentl lack of reliable broadband does not allow for individuals to work from home. Inconsistent bandwidths coupled with lower latency does not allow for a reliable connection to work with.**

This subfactor takes into consideration whether Broadband investments in the proposed Geographic Area of Concern will help facilitate educational activities. Such education activities may be to acquire knowledge and/or skills, undertaken as part of a person's participation in school, an academic program, extracurricular program, social-emotional development program for students or youths, internship, or professional development program, or in another educational environment.

**Education:**

**Any type of education is difficult, if not impossible, to complete with the current poor service levels in rural Mahaska County.**

This subfactor takes into consideration whether Broadband investments in the proposed Geographic Area of Concern will help facilitate health monitoring services to monitor an individual's health, including with respect to either physical or behavioral health.

**Health Monitoring:**

**The poor service in rural Mahaska County does not allow for reliable telehealth visits or the use of the latest technology to monitor health concerns from home.**

***Community Support Letters***

**Testimonial :**

**Community Support Letter :**                    **Letter of Support Oskaloosa Schools.pdf**

This Community Support upload does not have to be on letterhead or have a mailing address within the Geographic Area of Concern. The author must demonstrate that there is a community tie-in or relationship to the Geographic Area of Concern.

**Community Support Letter (no                    MC Letter for Broadband Request - Penn.pdf**  
**letterhead or mailing address):**

***Optional Forms and Submissions - Community Broadband Capital***

Item	Description	Category	Supporting Documentation
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***Barriers to Broadband***

**Barriers to Broadband**

**Installation:**

**Optional Supporting Materials                    Barriers to Broadband Mahaska County.docx**  
**for Barriers to Broadband**  
**Installation Narrative:**

## **Minority Impact Statement**

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***Minority Impact Statement***

**Does the proposed grant                    Yes**  
**program or policy have a**  
**disproportionate or unique**  
**positive impact on minority**  
**persons? \*:**

**Describe the positive impact**  
**expected from this project.:**

**One of the lessons learned from the outbreak of COVID-19 was the significant gap between families with access to broadband and those without. Providing access to broadband for all residents of Mahaska County, regardless of their status, will provide equal access to broadband for all residents of Mahaska including minority groups.**

**Detail the rationale for the**  
**existence of the proposed**  
**program or policy.:**

**Broadband is quickly becoming an essential utility. By providing broadband to all residents of Mahaska County will ensure equal access to this essential utility service.**

Indicate the group(s) positively impacted.:

African Americans,Alaskan Native Americans,American Indians,Asians or Pacific Islanders,Latinos,Persons with a Disability,Women

Could the proposed grant program or policy have a disproportionate or unique negative impact on minority persons? \*: No

Describe the negative impact expected from this project.:

Detail the rationale for the existence of the proposed program or policy. :

Indicate the group(s) negatively impacted.:

Explain how you provided consultation with representatives of the minority groups impacted.:

I hereby certify the information above is complete and accurate to the best of my knowledge.\*: Yes

Economic Development Director Thomas Flaherty

Title

First Name Last Name