

# 504154 - Lee County Broadband Expansion 1

## Application Details

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**Funding Opportunity:** 498157-Invitation to Qualify (ITQ) Broadband Intervention Zones

**Funding Opportunity Due Date:** Mar 31, 2023 5:00 PM

**Program Area:** ITQ - Broadband Intervention Zones

**Status:** Submitted

**Stage:** Final Application

  

**Initial Submit Date:** Mar 31, 2023 1:13 PM

**Initially Submitted By:** MIKE NORRIS

**Last Submit Date:**

**Last Submitted By:**

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**Organization Type\*:** Regional Planning Commission

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## Cover Sheet-General Information

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**County(ies) Participating,  
Involved, or Affected by this  
Proposal\*:** **Lee 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\*:** **50**  
Iowa Senate Map

**Iowa House District(s) Involved  
or Affected by this Proposal\*:** **100**  
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\*:** **Council of Government**

**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\*:** **LEE CO 1 ITQ\_SEIRPC\_03232023.pdf**

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  
Spreadsheet\*:** **ITQ Eligible Locations\_ITQ 1.csv**

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\*:**

**The circle covers the NE 1/3 of Lee County, Iowa. The geography is bounded at the east and south by the Mississippi River, to the north by the Skunk River, and the City of West Point is at the west. Landforms are floodplain and rolling hills.**

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 \*:**

**1853 303rd Ave**

**Address of the center of the  
circle - City\*:**

**Fort Madison**

**Address of the circle - State\*:**

**IA**

**Address of the circle - zip code\*:** 52627

***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:**

**Northeast Lee County is in an interesting commute-shed making travel to Burlington, Fort Madison, and Keokuk, very easy for job opportunities.**

**The area's high concentration of underserved locations make it likely that better broadband connections will increase the chances for education, job searches, and skill-building opportunities.**

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:**

**Online education opportunities are available for K-12, post secondary, graduate, and skill-building curriculums. Northeast Lee County is missing out on many of these opportunities from their lack of broadband connection.**

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:**

Lee County is annually among the worst 10 percent of all Iowa counties in health factors and health outcomes. Greater connectivity will result in additional chances and options for residents to monitor their health, connect to telehealth, and other healthcare options, to increase the county's health factors and outcomes.

### ***Community Support Letters***

Testimonial :

Community Support Letter :            Lee Co Support Letter\_Signed.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            COMMUNITY SUPPORT LETTERS\_SUP KEDC FMP.pdf  
letterhead or mailing address):

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

Item	Description	Category	Supporting Documentation
1	Port Authority/Private Provider Agreement	Public-Private Partnerships	LEE CO 1 ITQ_PRIVATE PUBLIC_03232023.pdf
2	County Contribution	Cash	LEE CO 1 ITQ_COUNTY CASH_03232023.pdf
3	County Contribution	Cash	Lee Co Support Letter_Signed.pdf
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### ***Barriers to Broadband***

Barriers to Broadband

Installation:

The rural nature of northeast Lee County makes economic broadband expansion difficult since the customer base is not densely grouped together. The disparate locations increase cost, as all rural areas experience.

Optional Supporting Materials  
for Barriers to Broadband

Installation Narrative:

## **Minority Impact Statement**

### ***Minority Impact Statement***

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

Describe the positive impact  
expected from this project.:

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

**Indicate the group(s) positively impacted.:**

**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**

**Executive Director Mike      Norris**  
Title                      First Name Last Name