

# 505331 - Rural Dallas County

## Application Details

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<b>Funding Opportunity:</b>	498157-Invitation to Qualify (ITQ) Broadband Intervention Zones
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<b>Last Submitted By:</b>	

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### Organization Information

**Status\*:** Approved

**Name\*:** Mid-Iowa Planning Alliance

**Organization Type\*:** Non-Profit Organization

**DUNS:** ##-###-####

**Tax Id:**

**Unique Entity Identifier (UEI):**

**Organization Website:** <https://midiowaplanningalliance.com/>

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City State/Province Postal Code/Zip

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## Cover Sheet-General Information

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### *Cover Sheet-General Information*

#### Authorized Official

**Name\*:** Caleb Knutson

**Title\*:** Senior Planner

**Organization\*:** Mid-Iowa Planning Alliance  
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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\*:** Caleb Knutson

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**County(ies) Participating,  
Involved, or Affected by this  
Proposal\*:** Dallas 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\*:** 3rd - Rep Zach Nunn  
Congressional Map

**Iowa Senate District(s) Involved  
or Affected by this Proposal\*:** 12  
Iowa Senate Map

**Iowa House District(s) Involved  
or Affected by this Proposal\*:** 23  
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\*:** Other

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

### **Economic Development District**

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\*:** MIPA Cover Letter Rural Dallas Co.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\*:** Rural Earlham.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 rural south west portion of Dallas County, the Adams, and Union Townships.**

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\*:** 4

**Address at the center of the  
circle - Street Address \*:**

33132 Houston Trail,

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

Earlham

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

Iowa

**Address of the circle - zip code\*:** 50072

***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 business community of rural townships of Adams, Linn, and Union at face value might not seem reliant on quality stable high-speed internet but that is not the case. The agricultural community is becoming increasingly reliant on high-speed internet. Without reliable high-speed internet this large portion of the economy is put at a disadvantage. Which will slow down, if not stop the expansion, and growth of Iowa's largest sector of the economy. The agricultural community relies on getting information quickly similarly to every other sector.**

**Similarly for those in these rural townships, when the work model shifted from in person to fully remote, or hybrid. Residents need to have access to reliable high-speed internet so that they may stay in their jobs, and not have to relocate.**

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:**

**The families in these three rural townships are no different than any other families in the state of Iowa when schools decided not to return to in person learning in 2020. As they were scrambling to figure everything else out with the shutdown, the lack of quality high-speed internet was another stressor. Many had to get hotspots, up their cellular data caps, and still they burned through it. This didn't just adversely affect the students, but those employed by the school district. The reliance on internet was never so**

**prevalent, as this time. The academic success of students was dependent on if they had quality high speed internet.**

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 rural townships of Adams, Linn, and Union do not have a local hospital. They must drive to neighboring communities in the Des Moines metro to get quality healthcare services. They are reliant on having access to transportation to get to these vital services, and if they do not have transportation or can't get someone to drive them to their appointments then they are out of luck.**

**As the healthcare community is rapidly transitioning to telehealth services, the resident of Adams, Linn, and Union townships will be left behind. Putting them at a disadvantage just because they do not have internet access.**

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

**Testimonial :** scan\_steve\_kaster\_2023-03-23-10-33-32.pdf

**Community Support Letter :** Community Support Letters.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 letterhead or mailing address):**

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

Item	Description	Category	Supporting Documentation
1			
2			
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#### ***Barriers to Broadband***

##### **Barriers to Broadband**

##### **Installation:**

**Due to the rurality and population density of the south west areas of Dallas County, it is not the most cost effective endeavor for providers to expand in this area.**

**Optional Supporting Materials** ITQ - Barriers to Broadband Availability.docx  
**for Barriers to Broadband**

##### **Installation Narrative:**

## **Minority Impact Statement**

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

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

**No**

**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**

**Senior Planner Caleb Knutson**  
Title First Name Last Name