

# 505870 - Webster County ITQ

## 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 10:08 AM

**Initially Submitted By:** Shirley Helgevold

**Last Submit Date:**

**Last Submitted By:**

## Contact Information

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### Primary Contact Information

**Active User\*:** Yes

**Type:** External Reviewer

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First Name                      Last Name

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**Agency:**

### Organization Information

**Status\*:** Approved

**Name\*:** MIDAS Council of Governments

**Organization Type\*:** Councils of Government

**DUNS:** 06-808-5237  
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**Tax Id:**

**Unique Entity Identifier (UEI):** PFJDVZAFPQM3

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**Vendor Number / ID:**

## Cover Sheet-General Information

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### *Cover Sheet-General Information*

#### Authorized Official

**Name\*:** Niki Conrad

**Title\*:** Chairperson

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

**Address\*:** 701 Central Avenue

City/State/Zip\*: Fort Dodge Iowa 50501  
City State Zip

**Telephone Number\*:** 515-571-7175

**E-Mail\*:** niki.conrad@webstercountya.org

#### Fiscal Officer/Agent

Please enter the "Fiscal Officer" for your Organization.  
If you are an individual, please provide your First and Last Name.

**Name\*:** Doreen Pliner

**Title:** Auditor

**Organization:** Webster County

**Address:** 701 Central Avenue

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City State Zip

**Telephone Number:** 515-573-7175

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**County(ies) Participating,  
Involved, or Affected by this  
Proposal\*:** Webster 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\*:** 4th - Rep Randy Feenstra  
Congressional Map

**Iowa Senate District(s) Involved  
or Affected by this Proposal\*:** 4  
Iowa Senate Map

**Iowa House District(s) Involved  
or Affected by this Proposal\*:** 7,8  
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\*:** ITQ\_Webster-County\_signed letter.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 - 2164 180th St.xlsx

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 area in central and north Webster County, Iowa.**

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 \*:**

**2164 180th St**

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

**Fort Dodge**

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

**IA**

**Address of the circle - zip code\*:** 50501

***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:**

**With more people being allowed to work from home or having the option of a hybrid work scenario, good broadband with adequate speeds is essential. For those that commute to work in Fort Dodge and want to reside in rural and scenic areas of the community, working from home is a massive part of their quality of life. Broadband significantly impacts online businesses as more consumers are shopping online. One resident with a small business in the identified area says broadband significantly affects her small business based out of her home. Another resident notes with their current broadband; they cannot download the software needed to keep their computer system up-to-date.**

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:**

**While many area high schools offer 1:1 computers to students, we have learned during COVID that the students and teachers in the identified geographic area need better internet access to connect their computers. Also, while the local community college offers online educational opportunities, those residents in the specified area need more broadband to take advantage of these virtual learning opportunities. The Iowa Broadband Map v.5 identifies the North Central Consortium School in rural Fort Dodge as an underserved location.**

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.

## Community Support Letters

## Optional Forms and Submissions - Community Broadband Capital

## Minority Impact Statement

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

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

**Yes**

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

**Project will facility bringing broadband services to rural areas of Webster County which may serve low income.**

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

**Providing access to high speed internet to all areas of Webster County is a priority for the County**

**Indicate the group(s) positively impacted.:** **African Americans,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.\*:**

**No**

**Chairperson Niki**

**Conrad**

Title

First Name Last Name