

# 505896 - Rhino Ridge Homeowner's Association and Neighborhood Application for Consideration in Broadband Grant Program - Broadband Intervention Zone Challenge

## 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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**Agency:****Organization Information**

**Status\*:** Approved  
**Name\*:** Rhino Ridge Home Owners Association  
**Organization Type\*:** Non-Profit Organization  
**DUNS:** ~~##-###-####~~  
**Tax Id:**  
**Unique Entity Identifier (UEI):**  
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***Cover Sheet-General Information*****Authorized Official**

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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\*: Todd Schmidt

Title:

Organization:

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City/State/Zip: Parnell Iowa 52325  
City State Zip

Telephone Number:

E-Mail:

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

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

Iowa Senate District(s) Involved 1  
or Affected by this Proposal\*: Iowa Senate Map

Iowa House District(s) Involved 1  
or Affected by this Proposal\*: 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\*: Community Group or Association

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

**Rhino Ridge Homeowner's Association and adjoining neighborhood. Also included in the radius are Coyote Run, Fox Run, and Whacker West Homeowner's Associations and adjoining neighbors.**

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\*: Rhino Ridge Homeowner Cover 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**                      **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 Iowa County, Highway 149 encompassing 3 housing developments of Rhino Ridge, Fox Run, Coyote Run, and Whacker West along with neighbors placed in between and adjacent to the Homeowners associations.**

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\*:**                      **3**

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

**2933 N Drive**

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

**Parnell**

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

**IA**

**Address of the circle - zip code\*:**    **52325**

***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 proposed Geographic area of concern houses multiple work from home individuals requiring internet access and services. Letters of support included in this packet identify several of those individuals including multiple professionals in the line of mental health, the state epidemiologist, as well as several businesses operating from the area. Access to apply for jobs from home locations would also support individuals rather than a 30 mile round trip to closest reliable service from a public facility.**

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:**

We have multiple families that were unable to support themselves during COVID exposing the lack of technology available for the area and requiring families to adjust schedules and take time to work with virtual schooling at various public facility locations or wifi parking lots nearly 20 miles away. Professional virtual teachers reside in the area as well as several families with students engaged in virtual schooling. This broadband access would further educational opportunities for families of the area as well as better support instructors of educational institutions living in the area.

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:**

We have several elderly individuals living within the community that are unable to use virtual monitoring devices due to lack of infrastructure support. This enhancement would enable them to utilize methods of virtual monitoring reducing the need for them to travel long distances exposing them to further harm. Additionally the state epidemiologist lives within the area as does a member of the US Army Corps of Engineers Command Surgeon's Behavioral Health Response Team. Timely response as well and assistance to others is key in behavioral health which we are limited by our current capabilities. Additionally, as timeliness is imperative for response, so is access. Virtual access to health services including behavioral and physical health is at this point intermittent at best due to the lack of services and misrepresentation that has been provided to the state thus far.

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

#### **Testimonial :**

**Community Support Letter :** Combined Letters of Support - Rhino Ridge and Neighbors.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
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#### ***Barriers to Broadband***

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#### **Installation:**

Barriers to Broadband really are distance. Vegetation in the surrounding area and topographic barriers via hills, roadways, and bridges are additional challenges for support. The area has multiple creek lines that are running through sides of the area so boring below would be necessary for any company to look at and take on the area.

#### **Optional Supporting Materials**

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

#### **Installation Narrative:**

# Minority Impact Statement

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## *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**

**Board Member Jonathan Wuebker**

Title

First Name Last Name