

# 506369 - Baxter OCIO Application

## 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 30, 2023 10:28 AM

**Initially Submitted By:** Katie Wilson

**Last Submit Date:**

**Last Submitted By:**

## Contact Information

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### Primary Contact Information

**Active User\*:** Yes

**Type:** External User

**First Name\*:** Katie      Middle Name Wilson  
First Name      Last Name

**Title:** ,City Clerk

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P.O. Box 415  
  
Baxter Iowa      50028  
City      State/Province Postal Code/Zip

**Phone\*:** 641-227-3220 Ext.  
Phone  
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**Fax:** ###-###-####

**Agency:**

### Organization Information

**Status\*:** Approved

**Name\*:** Baxter, City of

**Organization Type\*:** City Government

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

**Tax Id:**

**Unique Entity Identifier (UEI):**

**Organization Website:**

**Address\*:** 203 S Main St

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City State/Province Postal Code/Zip  
(641) 227-3120 Ext.  
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**Benefactor:**

**Vendor Number / ID:**

## Cover Sheet-General Information

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### *Cover Sheet-General Information*

#### Authorized Official

**Name\*:** Bryan DeJong

**Title\*:** Mayor

**Organization\*:** City of Baxter  
If you are an individual, please provide your First and Last Name.

**Address\*:** 203 S Main Street

**City/State/Zip\*:** Baxter Iowa 50028  
City State Zip

**Telephone Number\*:** 641-227-3120

**E-Mail\*:** bdejong@baxter-iowa.com

#### Fiscal Officer/Agent

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

**Name\*:** Katie Wilson

**Title:** City Clerk

**Organization:** City of Baxter

**Address:** 203 S Main Street  
P.O. Box 415

**City/State/Zip:** Baxter Iowa 50028  
City State Zip

**Telephone Number:** 641-227-3120

**E-Mail:** city@baxter-iowa.com

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

**Iowa House District(s) Involved  
or Affected by this Proposal\*:** 38  
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\*:** City

**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\*:** Baxter 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  
Spreadsheet\*:** Baxter ITQ Eligible Locations.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 City of Baxter located in the rural Northwest portion of Jasper County, the Independence Township which is the community of Baxter, 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\*:** 2

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

**401 S. Main Street**

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

**Baxter**

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

**IA**

**Address of the circle - zip code\*:** 50028

***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 Baxter is no exception in needing reliable high-speed internet. Without it, the Baxter business community will fall behind in an ever more globalizing economy. This hinders the expansion of local business, and overall hinders the local economic growth.**

**This does not include those that live in the area, that have moved from the typical commute to work to the fully remote or hybrid work style. The Lieutenant Governor Greg has stated a goal of Iowa becoming the friendliest work from home state in the nation, Baxter is situated to take advantage of this. With the great school district, low cost of living, and access to many great outdoor amenities. This cannot happen without quality broadband access though.**

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:**

**Baxter was in the same position as the rest of the state, and country were in after Spring Break 2022, when students didn't return. The major difference is that many in the Baxter community school district did not have access to quality high speed internet. This just didn't affect the students in the district, but the teachers, administrators, and families. Baxter lacked the internet infrastructure required for the students and families to complete their studies stress free. In many households the internet use was based off a triage mode, what family members had the most pressing need. Lack of quality internet infrastructure is the direct cause of family stress during the shutdown. This rolled over to the college students that were forced to return home. Where they no longer had the reliable internet access they once had in their dorms, or college living.**

**Even post shutdown how education is now done is in the hybrid mode. Students at every level now need quality internet access to perform well in school.**

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:**

**Baxter does not have a local hospital, and the local clinic closed 5 years ago. Which is not convenient for many of the residents. In order to access proper healthcare, a good portion of the residents must drive at least 20 minutes to the next closest community, Newton, with an emergency room. Or if they prefer a community with more variety of healthcare offerings they must drive to Des Moines, to receive the healthcare they need. If the residents cannot shoulder the financial burden of commuting to one of the other hospitals or clinics, then they are unfortunately out of luck.**

**As telehealth services continue to evolve and expand the community, residents of Baxter are potentially putting themselves and others at a great disadvantage due to the fact they cannot access the simplest of healthcare services. This is not even including the critical health services, that are performing living saving services.**

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

**Testimonial :** **Baxter Letters of Support.pdf**

**Community Support Letter :** **Baxter Community Support.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):** **Manship - Letter of Support.pdf**

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

Item	Description	Category	Supporting Documentation
1		Rights of way made available for Broadband buildout	
2		Simplified permitting processes	
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#### ***Barriers to Broadband***

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

##### **Installation:**

**The biggest barrier to broadband for Baxter is our density. Because we have such low density, the cost of installing and expanding is much too high for our providers.**

**Optional Supporting Materials** **Baxter Community ITQ.pdf**

**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**

**City Clerk Katie Wilson**  
Title First Name Last Name