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To the Office of the Chief Information Officer,

The City of Ida Grove, Iowa submits this application in response to the OCIO Invitation to Qualify for a Broadband Intervention Zone.

While Ida Grove shows being served and ineligible on the geographic area of concern selection tool, the services that are provided, are not adequate to facilitate the needs to perform daily duties in our community. The internet providers that are available are currently utilizing the same fiber line to service the area. Unfortunately, when 1 provider goes down, the others usually follow suit. This same fiber line that these providers share, was once mistakenly cut, and took down the entire community. We may be a small rural area, but we have multiple businesses relying on adequate internet services perform daily tasks such as the hospital, Sheriff's Office/Communications Center, City Hall, banks, and our schools. Internet providers advertise internet speeds that the consumers do not obtain.

With the ever-evolving need for internet to complete daily tasks, broadband is critical to our community's economic growth. Being in a rural community, having adequate internet is crucial for our healthcare system, law enforcement offices, as well as the local city government offices. We hope that Ida Grove will be considered an intervention zone for the next broadband grant program.

Respectfully,

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