

507238 - South East Independence

Application Details

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Program Area: ITQ - Broadband Intervention Zones
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Stage: Final Application

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Organization Information

Status*: Approved

Name*: Buchanan County Economic Development Commission

Organization Type*: Non-Profit Organization

DUNS: 04-257--5535
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Tax Id:

Unique Entity Identifier (UEI):

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Cover Sheet-General Information

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Title*: Executive Director

Organization*: Buchanan County Economic Development Commission
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**County(ies) Participating,
Involved, or Affected by this
Proposal*:** Buchanan 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*:** 2nd - Rep Ashley Hinson
Congressional Map

**Iowa Senate District(s) Involved
or Affected by this Proposal*:** 34
Iowa Senate Map

**Iowa House District(s) Involved
or Affected by this Proposal*:** 67
Iowa House Map

Invitation To Qualify Application Exhibits

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. :**

Buchanan County Economic Development Commission

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*: Cover Letter SE Independence.docx

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.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*:**

This location covers an area south of Hwy 20 in Buchanan County, southeast of Independence, and encompasses eligible locations on and around approximately 232nd Street.

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*: 1

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

2394 232nd Street

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

Independence

Address of the circle - State*:

Iowa

Address of the circle - zip code*: 50644

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:

Working from home is basically non-existent in this area. As noted in Letters of Support, residents are unable to work from home and must travel into town for work whereas if high-speed broadband was available, they could remote into work and quickly take care of issues. This also pertains to travelling during inclement weather and taking unnecessary safety risks because of poor broadband speeds.

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:

As noted in Letters of Support, students struggle mightily to study from home without good broadband service. One letter of support is a parent who laments that their college son comes ?home?, but stays mainly with friends in town so he has access to quality broadband to study over the weekend.

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:

One Letter of Support notes that the local hospital has lost a 3rd party vendor for a dialysis unit within the hospital confines. Therefore the hospital will invest in dialysis machines who communicate via broadband

for home users, and high-speed quality broadband is necessary for patients to use the dialysis machines in a home environment.

Community Support Letters

Testimonial : Lackovich LOS.pdf

Community Support Letter : LOS-Board of Supervisors - SE Indee.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): Rummel EBTC Grant Support Letter-signed.pdf

Optional Forms and Submissions - Community Broadband Capital

ItemDescription		Category	Supporting Documentation
1	The Buchanan County Board of Supervisors has committed labor from road graders as a public-private p	Existing city/county-owned infrastructure available to providers	LOS-Board of Supervisors - SE Indee.pdf
2			Community Broadband Capital.docx
3			
4			
5			

Barriers to Broadband

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Installation:

The area in this application is geographically limited by a creek on the east side which prohibited East Buchanan Telephone Cooperative from deploying copper cable to the area in the 1990s. North of the area is the boundary of Highway 20, with creek bottoms throughout the area which limits wireless providers. These 11 locations are extremely hopeful that the OCIO creates a Broadband Intervention Zone. With prices of mainline fiber cable doubling from 2021 to 2023, government funds are essential to deploying reliable high-speed broadband within the area.

Optional Supporting Materials Map Diagram.jpg

for Barriers to Broadband

Installation Narrative:

Minority Impact Statement

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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**

Executive Director Lisa Kremer
Title First Name Last Name