

507564 - Chickasaw County ITQ Application Basset Area

Application Details

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 3:23 PM

Initially Submitted By: Matthew Kuhn

Last Submit Date:

Last Submitted By:

Contact Information

Primary Contact Information

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Agency:

Organization Information

Status*: Approved

Name*: Chickasaw County

Organization Type*: County Government Control Number 507564

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

Tax Id:

Unique Entity Identifier (UEI):

Organization Website:

Address*: PO Box 311

City: New Hampton Iowa **50659-**
State/Province: City **Postal Code/Zip**

Phone*: 641-394-2100 Ext. ###-###-####

Fax: ###-###-####

Benefactor:

Vendor Number / ID:

Cover Sheet-General Information

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Authorized Official

Name*: Matthew Kuhn

Title*: Chickasaw County Board Chair

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

Address*: 8 East Prospect Street

City/State/Zip*: New Hampton Iowa 50659
City: **State:** **Zip:**

Telephone Number*: 641-394-3121

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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*: Matthew Kuhn

Title:

Organization:

Address:

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City/State/Zip:

City **Iowa** Zip
State

Telephone Number:

E-Mail:

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

Chickasaw 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*:**

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Iowa Senate Map

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

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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*:

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*:

Bassett 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*:**

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*:**

North Western Rural Chickasaw County

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*:

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Address at the center of the circle

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- Street Address *:

111 South Main Street

Address of the center of the circle

- City*:

Bassett

Address of the circle - State*:

Iowa

Address of the circle - zip code*: 50645

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:

To expand the workforce in rural Iowa, many businesses had offered remote work from home type opportunities to prospective employees. This has opened up the ability for residents in Bassett, Iowa and Chickasaw Township to obtain higher paying jobs in their field of expertise. However, without reliable internet access, such work arrangements are not feasible. Communities that have broadband support have better economic relationships with employers and in turn, a better all-around community culture for citizens.

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:

The shutdown of schools in 2020 was a true test of resiliency in the educational system. Charles City Schools were able to move into a virtual learning environment. However, it was discovered that a significant number of families did not have internet access and mobile internet hotspots were deployed to those families. Due to the topography of Bassett, the cellular data was limited and highly unreliable. By having broadband access in the community, this would make future disruptions to the school system less noticeable and give the ability to switch over into a virtual classroom with minimal impact.

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:

Bassett is located between Charles City and New Hampton. Being in a rural setting, healthcare access is limited for lower income households and highly reliant on reliable transportation. Broadband internet access would provide citizens with access to tele-health services for mental health and specialty appointments.

Community Support Letters

Testimonial :

Community Support Letter : Letters of 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.

Optional Forms and Submissions - Community Broadband Capital

Item	Description	Category	Supporting Documentation
1	Chickasaw County Funding Support	Cash	March 27 2023 Meeting Minutes Draft.docx
2			
3			
4			
5			

Barriers to Broadband

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Installation:

Bassett is located along the Western ridge of Chickasaw County, near the edge of the Cedar River Valley in Northeast Iowa. Bassett has a 150 foot elevation drop from the county seat that is located 11 miles to the East, noting that there is a noticeable topographical drop off into the community of Bassett. Being in an extremely rural area the technological needs of the community are often overlooked. The topography often creates barriers to technology and communication devices. A county study showed over a 70% deficient in the ability to use public safety radios and cellular devices due to the shape of the river valley. It is believed that broadband access would assist in boosting these capabilities to the area and provide a better and safer community for the citizenry.

Bassett has been identified as an area within Chickasaw County that has a higher than average poverty level. Twenty-five percent of the community has been identified as living under the poverty level compared to 6.2% of the population in the county. This disparity appears to be attributed to the limited employment opportunities and subpar housing in community.

**Optional Supporting Materials for
Barriers to Broadband Installation**

Narrative:

Minority Impact Statement

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

Describe the positive impact
expected from this project.:

Minority persons would be positively impacted by receiving enhanced internet services at their homes.

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

This program was proposed to help outlying areas to receive enhanced internet services at their homes.

Indicate the group(s) positively impacted.:

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African Americans,American Indians,Asians or Pacific Islanders,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.*:

Yes

Chickasaw County Board Chair Matthew Kuhn

Title

First Name Last Name