

*Optional Forms and Submissions - Community Broadband Capital*

Item	Description	Category	Supporting Documentation
1	Financial Assurances - \$10,000	Cash	<a href="#">Resolution of Financial Assurances.pdf</a>
2	Expedite permitting process with no application fees	Simplified permitting processes	<a href="#">Letter from Board of Supervisors.pdf</a>
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March 28, 2023

The Butler County Board of Supervisors is committed to the Invitation to Quality (ITQ) process to provide rural broadband services to those underserved areas within Butler County and possibly offset residential connection costs.

For example, on February 15, 2022, the Board of Supervisors signed a resolution to award a local telephone company, Dumont Telephone, \$200,000.00 to be used to make necessary investments in broadband infrastructure aimed at unserved or underserved area in Butler County. At that time it was noted there were an estimated 869 rural residents in Butler County without access to broadband.

Most recently, on March 21, 2023, the Board of Supervisors signed a resolution to match future broadband development with \$10,000.00 in local funds to once again be used to make the necessary investments needed to provide rural broadband services to those underserved areas in the Geographic Area of Concern provided in the ITQ. The Board is specifically interested in assisting residents by offsetting some initial residential connection costs that could potentially deter residents from receiving broadband services.

In addition, Butler County does not charge permit application fees and is willing to expedite the permitting process with projects related to broadband services.

The Board of Supervisors recognizes sufficient broadband connections would ensure our unserved and underserved residents the ability to work from home, ensure students can participate in school or college, and provide the opportunity to use telehealth options.

Sincerely,

Greg Barnett  
Chairperson, Butler County Board of Supervisors  
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**RESOLUTION NUMBER 1064-2023****A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF BUTLER COUNTY, IOWA GRANTING THE OFFICE OF THE CHIEF INFORMATION OFFICER CERTAIN FINANCIAL ASSURANCES IN CONJUNCTION WITH THE INVITATION TO QUALIFY APPLICATION.**

WHEREAS, the County of Butler, Iowa is submitting an Invitation to Qualify Application to support broadband development within the community;

WHEREAS, the County will match future broadband development with \$10,000 in local funds if selected;

WHEREAS, the Invitation to Qualify could potentially lead to Federal BEAD (Broadband, Equity, Access, and Deployment Program) funding;

WHEREAS, this project was identified as part of previous community discussion and identification of Broadband Intervention Zones;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Supervisors of Butler County, Iowa that \$10,000 of local funding is herewith committed toward broadband development if selected.

Passed and adopted this 21<sup>st</sup> day of March, 2023.

  
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Chairperson

ATTEST:

  
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County Auditor