

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

Item	Description	Category	Supporting Documentation
1	Lee County Cash	Cash	<a href="#">Lee Co Support Letter_Signed.pdf</a>
2	Lee County Cash	Public-Private Partnerships	<a href="#">SIREPA SUPPORT LETTER_ALL ITQ_03232023.docx</a>
3		Cash	<a href="#">LEE CO 1 ITQ_COUNTY CASH SIREPA_03232023.pdf</a>
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March 24, 2023  
Iowa OCIO  
Des Moines, IA

RE: Lee County ITQ

Please accept this letter of support and demonstration of need for all Lee County ITQ submittals. The Southeast Iowa Regional and Economic Port Authority fully support broadband investment for unserved and underserved areas of Lee County.

Large, private companies have largely not invested in rural Lee County broadband service. Lack of investment has resulted in rural Lee County having fewer overall opportunities to connect with modern broadband infrastructure. The limited availability therefore limits rural Lee County residents' ability to connect with healthcare, education, economic, and other resources made possible by broadband connection.

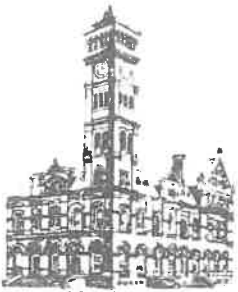
We are very pleased to discuss the public-private partnership between the Southeast Iowa Regional and Economic Port Authority and Danville Mutual Telephone Company to expand broadband in Lee County now and into the future.

The agreement formed a private-public partnership to work together over the foreseeable future to expand broadband availability in Lee County by leveraging the ARPA funds for direct connectivity improvements and leveraging grants.

Broadband investment is critical to future economic development and quality of life in the Keokuk, rural Keokuk and total area of Lee County. Broadband is simply indispensable and required in our daily working, school, and personal lives.

The OCIO's work is appreciated and needed in Keokuk and Lee County, and we look forward to working with you to expand broadband connections in Lee County into the future.

Sincerely,



Keokuk

**Lee County, Iowa  
Board of Supervisors**  
Fort Madison • Keokuk



Fort Madison

March 23, 2023

Iowa OCIO

Des Moines, IA

RE: Lee County ITQ

Please accept this letter of support and demonstration of need for all Lee County ITQ submittals. Essentially, the entire unincorporated area of Lee County has a need for standard broadband services. This is evidenced by the Iowa OCIO broadband map of underserved and unserved areas.

Large, private companies have not invested in rural Lee County broadband service. Lack of investment has resulted in rural Lee County having fewer overall opportunities to connect with modern broadband infrastructure. The limited availability therefore limits rural Lee County residents' ability to connect with healthcare, education, economic, and other resources made possible by broadband connection.

Lee County has committed 30% (\$1.9 million) of its ARPA allocation to expanding broadband in the county. The commitment was made to the Southeast Iowa Regional and Economic Port Authority (SIREPA) which entered into agreement with Danville Mutual Telephone Company (Danville).

The agreement formed a private-public partnership to work together over the foreseeable future to expand broadband availability in Lee County by leveraging the ARPA funds for direct connectivity improvements and leveraging grants.

Lee County invests in economic development to secure and diversify its economic and job base. Broadband investment is included in economic development because it is simply indispensable and required in our daily working, school, and personal lives.

The OCIO's work is appreciated and needed in Lee County, and we look forward to working with you to expand broadband connections in Lee County into the future.

Sincerely,



Garry Seyb, Chairman



March 23, 2023

Iowa OCIO  
Des Moines, IA

RE: County Funds Letter

Dear Iowa OCIO:

SIREPA has engaged with Lee County Board of Supervisors to expand broadband in Lee County. The letter of the agreement is to cooperate in a NOFO 6 Iowa OCIO project that will implement new fiber backbone and services to underserved addresses in Lee County.

The spirit of the agreement is to create a long-term revenues utilizing a portion of the net new customer revenue streams to go back to SIREPA as future grant match for more broadband projects.

The support amounts to 30% of their ARPA funds, or \$1.9 million, to SIREPA for use in expanding broadband in Lee County.

Sincerely,

***Mike Norris***

Mike Norris  
Administrator