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RE: Request for Clarification - Broadband Grant Program (NOFA #003) - Application #367309

1 message

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Thu, Aug 20, 2020 at 6:15 PM

To: "Grants, OCIO" <ociogrants@iowa.gov>

Cc: Kristy Szabo <Kristy.Szabo@vantagepnt.com>, Tim Fencil <tfencl@danvilletelco.net>

Good afternoon,

As part of the steps Danville Mutual Telephone Company (Danville) took in identifying the areas to include in its application to the OCIO for broadband grant funding, a review of the maps available was completed. In addition, based on our understanding of the area, we initially only included those census blocks that are not receiving broadband service at 25M/3M to the best of our knowledge, in the application. Due to the short timeline to pull the application together, Danville continued to conduct due diligence on the project area after the grant application was submitted. At the time of application submission, it was Danville's understanding that MediaCom had a presence in portions of the area; however, the service claimed versus being delivered was overstated. Upon further review and some speed tests, it was determined that a portion of the Danville application was in fact served. As a result of this, Danville has revised the Core Application, please see attached. On the revised application, Exhibit B has been updated to remove the census blocks that are not unserved. In addition, Exhibit D has been updated to adjust the project budget to remove the costs to build out the removed census blocks. Danville still has the intention of building out to these areas as part of its total project; however, it will fund the cost of the build outside the scope of the broadband grant request.

Danville's revised application does include 311 broadband units within Targeted Service Areas (TSA) and 376 broadband units that fall within non-TSA areas, all of which are, to the best of its knowledge, information and belief, qualified as "unserved," meaning such units are unable to receive broadband at speeds of 25M/3M or greater. are unserved. The revised project budget is reflecting a total project cost of \$6,613,350 with \$3,306,675 being request from the OCIO for grant funds. The adjusted broadband unit totals reflect a reduction of 385 units and a reduction in total project cost of \$876,500 and a reduction in its grant request of \$438,250.

Danville confirms that based on our additional due diligence and knowledge of the total grant service area, the units included in the updated project service area are unserved, meaning unable to receive broadband at speeds of 25M/3M or greater. Should the OCIO award this application grant funds, Danville also confirms they will build out a Fiber-to-the-Home network, whereby all units will have access to broadband at speeds up to 1Gig.

Danville respectfully requests the OCIO continue to review and take in to consideration its revised application when awarding projects grant funds.

Sincerely,

Timothy J. Fencel

General Manager & CEO

Danville Mutual Telephone Company

From: matt.behrens@iowa.gov <matt.behrens@iowa.gov> **On Behalf Of** Grants, OCIO

Sent: Tuesday, August 18, 2020 6:00 PM

To: Timothy Fencel <tfencel@danvilleteleco.net>

Subject: Request for Clarification - Broadband Grant Program (NOFA #003) - Application #367309

Dear Applicant,

Thank you for submitting a grant application to the State of Iowa Broadband Grants Program - Empower Rural Iowa Initiative (NOFA #003). The Office of the Chief Information Officer (OCIO) requests the following clarification concerning the contents of your application.

Notice of Funding Availability #003 (Section 2.2.6.1.1.3.) requires Applicants to certify “that each of the unserved Broadband Units in the form of Homes, Businesses, and Schools located within Census Blocks forming the basis of the Project that will be Facilitated with 25/3 Broadband or 100/20 Broadband, as applicable, as a result of the Project **DO NOT currently have 25/3 Broadband service available, meaning no other known Communications Services Provider currently Facilitates 25/3 Broadband or greater to the Broadband Unit.**”

Accordingly, your Application identified the total number of broadband units (homes, schools, and businesses) to which new service will be available in Exhibit B (*See “Total Units” column identified under Total Number of HSB’s (i.e. Broadband Units) New Service Will Be Available To as highlighted in yellow in the table below*). As part of your Application you also certified that all broadband units that will be Facilitated with 25/3 Broadband or 100/20 Broadband, as applicable, as a result of your Project DO NOT currently have 25/3 Broadband service available, meaning no other known Communications Services Provider currently Facilitates 25/3 Broadband or greater to the Broadband Unit.

Project Area				Total Number of HSB's (i.e., Broadband Units) in Project Area				Total Number of HSB's (i.e., Broadband Units) New Service Will Be Available To			
Census Block #	TSA Status	County	Sq. Miles	H	S	B	Total Units	H	S	B	Total Units
##	Yes: ## No: ##	##	##	##	##	##	##	##	##	##	##

As part of its evaluation of Applications, the Office is issuing this request for clarification to confirm one of the following pieces of information: **(PLEASE CHOOSE ONE)**

1. PLEASE CONFIRM that **ALL** broadband units identified in Exhibit B of your Core Application as broadband units to which "New Service Will Be Available To" are not currently served by 25/3 Broadband service currently, meaning that no other known Communication Service Provider currently facilitates 25/3 Broadband or faster service to those broadband units

OR

2. PLEASE CONFIRM the number of broadband units in your project area that **ARE UNSERVED** by 25/3 Broadband service, meaning that no other known Communication Service Provider currently facilitates 25/3 Broadband or faster service to those broadband units

You are asked to confirm this information by responding to this e-mail and identifying the total number of broadband units in your project that **ARE CURRENTLY UNSERVED** by 25/3 Broadband Service, meaning that no other known Communication Service Provider currently Facilitates 25/3 Broadband or faster service by responding to this e-mail and identifying the total number of broadband units that meet this criteria.

Your response may include additional information or justifications to support your clarification if needed.

Please provide the above-requested clarification(s) by **Thursday, August 20, 2020 at 11:59 PM CST**. Please email your response to ociogrants@iowa.gov. Pursuant to [Notice of Funding Availability #003](#) (section 1.16.11.) an application may be disqualified or rejected when an Applicant fails to respond to the Office's request for information, documents, or references.

Please let us know if you have any questions about this request for clarification.

Sincerely,
Office of the Chief Information Officer



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