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365549 - Empower Rural Iowa Emergency Broadband Expansion Program (NOFA #003)

367634 - Grand Mound Cooperative Telephone Association's Fixed Wireless Rural Broadband Expansion Project
Broadband Grant Program - Empower Rural Iowa

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Applicant Information

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Program Area of Interest* Broadband Grant Program - Empower Rural Iowa
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Organization Information

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Organization Type:* Other
DUNS: 00-282-1031
Organization Website: www.gmtel.net
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Cover Sheet-General Information

Authorized Official

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Title* General Manager
Organization* Grand Mound Cooperative Telephone Association
If you are an individual, please provide your First and Last Name.
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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*	Travis Ballou		
Title	General Manager		
Organization	Grand Mound Cooperative Telephone Association		
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County(ies) Participating, Involved, or Affected by this Proposal*	Clinton County		
Congressional District(s) Involved or Affected by this Proposal*	2nd - Rep David Loebsack (D) Congressional Map		
Iowa Senate District(s) Involved or Affected by this Proposal*	49 District Map		
Iowa House District(s) Involved or Affected by this Proposal*	97, 98 District Map		

Business Organization - NOFA #003

Business Legal Name*	Grand Mound Cooperative Telephone Association
Mailing Address	
Street *	705 Clinton St
City*	Grand Mound
State*	IA
Zip*	52751
Alternate Mailing Address (used for warrants and/or payments)	
Alternate Street	
Alternate City	
Alternate State	
Alternate Zip	

Additional Information

* [Grand Mound Organizational Information.pdf](#)

Is the Applicant a Communications Service Provider as defined by Iowa Code chapter 8B, including but not limited to private sector carriers, local governments, utilities, and other entities that provide or intend to provide Broadband service.

Communication Service Provider* Yes

Executive Project Summary NOFA #003

This section requires an Applicant to summarize, at a high level, its proposed Project, including but not limited to the geographic area in which the Project will occur, the primary deployment model (e.g., wireline versus wireless), and a general overview of how Applicant has/will comply with the terms, conditions, and requirements of this NOFA #3. Please explain why CARES Act funds are necessary for the Project to proceed and how the Project will or will not proceed if the requested funds are not ultimately Awarded. Finally, please explain the current status of the Project, including the phase it is in, such as pre-planning, planning, or that building has commenced.

Executive Project Summary* [Executive Summary - Grand Mound.pdf](#)

The section requires Applicant to affirm whether or not CARES Act funds are necessary for the Project to proceed.

Are CARES Act Funds necessary for the Project to proceed?* Yes

This section requires an Applicant to describe how the Project will or will not proceed if CARES Act funds requested are not ultimately awarded.

Describe how the Project will or will not proceed if CARES Act funds requested While Grand Mound's project is "shovel ready", the current COVID-19 pandemic

are not ultimately awarded.*

has caused Grand Mound to delay construction due to market conditions. The ability to obtain grant funding for the project will allow Grand Mound to start construction on an accelerated timeline. This accelerated timeline will provide broadband connectivity for the public services, public safety, telehealth, telework, and distance learning capabilities that are urgently needed by residents of the proposed serving area due to the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic.

Applicant certifies project completion dates as follows (select N/A if the Application does not include an Infrastructure component). For infrastructure projects, first 50% completion must be on or before December 30, 2020. The remaining 50% must be completed no later than July 1, 2021.

Infrastructure Completion Date Certification*

Yes

Applicant certifies project completion dates as follows (select N/A if the Application does not include an Adoption component). For adoption projects, completion date must be on or before December 1, 2020.

Adoption Project Date Certification*

Not Applicable

Infrastructure Projects must be completed as soon as possible, but by no later than the deadlines set forth in Section 1.3 (Project Period/Contract Term). Applicants must certify that no portion of the proposed Infrastructure Project has already commenced construction or build out and that no portion of the proposed Infrastructure Project is related to existing Broadband expansion commitments or expenses that have been or will be reimbursed under any federal program or been awarded funding from. If your Project contains no Infrastructure Projects as defined in NOFA Section 1.1.1, answer N/A.

Certification that Infrastructure Project conforms with the statement above.*

Yes

For Projects with an adoption component, Applicant certifies that reasonable efforts will be taken to ensure Broadband subscription discounts are only made to Non-Adopters who meet the criteria set forth in NOFA #003 Section 1.4.8.1 and 1.4.8.2 concerning participation in the Lifeline Program and otherwise reasonably lack the ability to adopt 25/3 broadband without a subscription discount in connection with the COVID-19 public health disaster emergency.

Adoption Certification*

Not Applicable

Demonstrated Experience NOFA #003

This section requires information about Applicant's demonstrated experience in provisioning Broadband across the State of Iowa. Applicant shall include relevant information about their experience that has prepared them to deploy their Project, such as, for example, community partnerships and services; number of years in business; number of years of experience providing the types of services sought by this NOFA #003; if the Applicant is a relatively new provider/market entrant, an explanation of the benefits, if any, of being a newer provider/market entrant; the level of technical experience in providing the types of services sought by this NOFA #003; or any other information that would aid the Office in assessing whether Applicant is a Responsible Applicant.

Demonstrated Experience*

[Grand Mound Demonstrated Experience - 8.3.2020.pdf](#)

References

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Minority Impact Statement

Question # 1

1. The proposed grant programs or policies could have a disproportionate or unique POSITIVE IMPACT on minority persons. *

Yes

If YES, describe the positive impact expected from this project

The proposed Fixed Wireless Rural Broadband Expansion Project will positively impact minority persons by enhancing broadband speeds in unserved areas of Clinton County.

Indicate the group(s) positively impacted.

Women, Person/s with a Disability, Blacks, Latinos, Asians, Pacific Islanders, American Indians, Alaskan Native Americans

Question # 2

2. The proposed grant project programs or policies could have a

No

disproportionate or unique **NEGATIVE IMPACT** on minority persons. *

If YES, describe the negative impact expected from this project.

If YES, present the rationale for the existence of the proposed program or policy.

If YES, provide evidence of consultation with representatives of the minority groups impacted.

Indicate the group(s) negatively impacted.

Question # 3

3. The proposed grant project programs or policies are **NOT EXPECTED TO HAVE A DISPROPORTIONATE OR UNIQUE IMPACT** on minority persons. *

No

If YES, present the rationale for determining no impact.

Certification

I hereby certify that the information on this form is complete and accurate, to the best of my knowledge.*

Yes

Name of Person Submitting Certification. *

Travis Ballou

Title of Person Submitting Certification*

General Manager

Broadband Grants Core Application CARES Version - Exhibits B, B.1,C, C.1, and D

Applicant requests that the contents of their application remain confidential in whole or in part, pursuant to Section 1.25 of the NOFA #003.

DISCLAIMER: An applicant requesting confidential treatment of portions of an application must attach a redacted public copy of the application. If the applicant fails to attach a redacted public copy pursuant to Section 1.25.1.5 of the NOFA #003, the Office shall be relieved from any responsibility for maintaining the confidentiality of the application pursuant to 1.25.4 of the NOFA #003.

NOTE: Applicants are **ONLY** required to submit a Public Redacted Copy IF they are requesting confidential treatment with respect to an aspect of their Application. Further, the mere fact that an Applicant submits a Public Redacted Copy (or otherwise requests confidential treatment) does not ensure the aspects of the Application that are redacted (or for which confidential treatment is otherwise sought) will be treated as confidential; the Office will only afford confidential treatment to the extent requests comply with the terms, conditions, and requirements of the NOFA #003.

Full Unredacted Copy* [Grand Mound - Broadband_Grants_Core_Application_NOFA003 20200731.xlsm](#)

Core Application Forms Exhibits B-D
(Public Redacted Copy)

Note: If you need additional space to answer any of the below questions, please upload supplemental materials to the appropriate section of the Iowa Grants System ("Overflow Materials").

Exhibit C Overflow Materials

Exhibit C.1 Overflow Materials

In addition, in connection with any of the following factors, Applicants may provide evidence of need in support of their Project by uploading materials through the Iowa Grants System, which materials demonstrate how communities, households, businesses, schools, or hospitals are hindered in their ability to respond to the challenges of COVID-19 due to a lack of at least 25/3 Broadband ("Supplemental Materials of Need"). Such evidence, by way of example only, may include letters signed and endorsed by community officials, including but not limited to the mayor, city administrator, county supervisor, superintendent, hospital administrator, etc.

Supplemental Materials of Need 3A.1.2 [Grand Mound - Support Letters.pdf](#)

Supplemental Materials of Need 3B.1.2

Broadband Grants Program Grant Agreement - Exhibit E

Exceptions to Broadband Grants
Program Grant Agreement*

[Grand Mound - Exhibit E - Grant Agreement.pdf](#)

Certification, Authorization, and Release of Information-Exhibit F

Certification/Acknowledgements &
Authorization to Release Information
Letter*

[Grand Mound - Exhibit F - Release of Information.pdf](#)

Form 22 - Exhibit G

Form 22 (Public)*

[Grand Mound - Exhibit G - Request for Confidentiality..pdf](#)**Prior Funding Statement-Exhibit L**

Prior Funding Statement- Exhibit L *

[Grand Mound - Exhibit L - Prior Funding Statement.pdf](#)**Project Budget**

Category	Description	Total Estimated Cost \$ (Exhibit D)	Requested Grant Support % (up to 50%)	Grant Request (Est. Cost * Request %)
Conduit		\$0.00	0	\$0.00
Fiber/Copper	Buried fiber to support wireless site backhaul	\$28,500.00	35.0	\$9,975.00
OSP Engineering		\$0.00	0	\$0.00
Design Engineering	Wireless engineering	\$31,000.00	35.0	\$10,850.00
Construction Mgmt.	Tower crew labor wireless equipment installation	\$49,000.00	35.0	\$17,150.00
Tower	Wireless tower misc. (cabling, surge protection, cabinet)	\$34,914.90	35.0	\$12,220.22
Antenna	Wireless Radios, Antennas, Misc. electronics, etc.	\$147,357.59	35.0	\$51,575.16
Boring	Boring - fiber to support wireless site backhaul	\$101,520.00	35.0	\$35,532.00
Trenching		\$0.00	0	\$0.00
Knifing	Knifing - fiber to support wireless site backhaul	\$46,710.00	35.0	\$16,348.50
Aerial Deployment/Make Ready		\$0.00	0	\$0.00
Outside Plant		\$0.00	0	\$0.00
Switching Equipment	Wireless switching equipment	\$3,000.00	35.0	\$1,050.00
Routing Equipment	Wireless routing equipment	\$99,491.00	35.0	\$34,821.85
Optical Equipment	Fiber components (hand holes, splice case, markers)	\$26,061.00	35.0	\$9,121.35
Customer Premise Equipment	Wireless CPE devices and accessories	\$13,087.00	35.0	\$4,580.45
Other	Wireless traffic shaping platform & misc.	\$89,170.00	35.0	\$31,209.50
Totals		\$669,811.49		\$234,434.03

Adoption Project

School District	Number of Adopters	Amount
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Total Application Request

Total Application Request	\$234,434.03
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Request for Taxpayer Identification Number and Certification

Name (as shown on your income tax return)

Business name, if different from above

Check appropriate box:

Individual/Sole proprietor

C Corporation

S Corporation

Partnership

Trust/Estate

Limited liability company

Enter the tax classification (C=corporation, S=S corporation, P=partnership)

Other

See instructions provided in the link at the top of this form

Other Description**Exemptions**

See instructions in the link provided at the top of this form.

Exempt payee**Exempt payee code (if any)****Exemption from FATCA reporting code
(if any)****Address (number, street, and apt. or
suite no.)****City**

Iowa

State

Zip

List account number(s) here (optional)**Requester's name and address
(optional)****Part 1 - Taxpayer Identification number (TIN)****Social Security #****Employer Identification #** 420652325**PART 2 - Certification**

Under penalties of perjury, I certify that:

1. The number shown on this form is my correct taxpayer identification number (or I am waiting for a number to be issued to me), and
2. I am not subject to backup withholding because: (a) I am exempt from backup withholding, or (b) I have not been notified by the Internal Revenue Service (IRS) that I am subject to backup withholding as a result of a failure to report all interest or dividends, or (c) the IRS has notified me that I am no longer subject to backup withholding, and
3. I am a U.S. citizen or other U.S. person (defined below), and
4. The FATCA code(s) entered on this form (if any) indicating that I am exempt from FATCA reporting is correct.

Signature of U.S. person*

Travis Ballou

You must select yes to item 2 below (backup withholding) if you have been notified by the IRS that you are currently subject to backup withholding because you have failed to report all interest and dividends on your tax return. For real estate transactions, item 2 does not apply. For mortgage interest paid, acquisition or abandonment of secured property, cancellation of debt, contributions to an individual retirement arrangement (IRA), and generally, payments other than interest and dividends, you are not required to sign the certification, but you must provide your correct TIN. See the instructions provided in the link at the top of this form.

2. Backup Withholding*

No

Date Signed*

08/04/2020

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