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RE: Request for Clarification - Broadband Grant Program (NOFA #003) - Application #367634

1 message

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Wed, Aug 19, 2020 at 2:00 PM

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

Good afternoon,

As part of the steps Grand Mound Cooperative Telephone Association (Grand Mound) 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 and information available, only those census blocks that are not receiving broadband service at 25M/3M to the best of our knowledge were included in the application. Grand Mound's application is including 447 broadband units within Targeted Service Areas (TSA) and does not include any broadband units within non-TSA areas. All of the broadband units are unserved.

Grand Mound confirms that based on our knowledge of the total service area, the units included in the 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, Grand Mound also confirms they will build out a Fixed Wireless network, whereby all 447 units will have access to broadband at speeds of at least 25M/3M.

Thank you,

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From: matt.behrens@iowa.gov <matt.behrens@iowa.gov> **On Behalf Of** Grants, OCIO
Sent: Tuesday, August 18, 2020 5:57 PM
To: tballou@gmcta.coop
Subject: Request for Clarification - Broadband Grant Program (NOFA #003) - Application #367634

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: ##	##	##	##	##	##	##	##	##	##	##

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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