

2.2.3. Executive Project Summary. *This form 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, wireless, mobile), the Infrastructure Completion Date and Adoption Completion Date of the Project, as applicable, and a general overview of how Applicant has/will comply with the terms, conditions, and requirements of this NOFA. Additionally, Applicants must explain why CARES Act Funds are necessary for the Project to proceed. Finally, Applicants must explain the current status of the Project, including the phase it is in, such as pre-planning, planning, or that building has commenced.*

Project Summary

Over the years, ImOn has received numerous requests from rural neighborhoods and communities to build into their areas. However, given the lack of home density in these areas, these builds have never made financial sense. Although these homes are not located in a TSA and are listed as “served”, we have surveyed various residents and noted there are a significant number of units within the selected census blocks that do not have access to 25/3 broadband service. The only broadband option for these households is via a wireless provider, but the residents have noted that such service is typically not very reliable (e.g. will go out during a storm) and the speeds max out well below the 25/3 threshold noted in the NOFA. As such, the infrastructure portion of this grant provides ImOn with a unique opportunity to extend our fiber infrastructure and serve these residents.

*See attached letter from the Bannockburn Development to ImOn

How will ImOn comply with the terms, conditions, and requirements of this NOFA

Upon the issuance of this NOFA, ImOn began the engineering and design work to 1) Determine cost estimates for the application and 2) Ensure ImOn can meet the deadlines and project milestones listed in the grant. ImOn has not commenced construction and will not do so unless awarded this grant (see Why CARES Act Funds are necessary below). That said, ImOn is confident it can meet the December 30, 2020 and July 1, 2021 deadlines and comply with all other terms, conditions and requirements of this NOFA.

Why are CARES Act Funds necessary for the Project to proceed?

ImOn has looked at this area in the past and it proved not to be economically viable. Unfortunately, without this funding, building to these customers simply does not make economic sense. As a result, if we are not awarded these funds, this Project would not proceed and the associated benefits to these citizens would not be realized.

Current Status

ImOn is ready to begin construction activities upon being awarded the funds.