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RE: Request for Clarification - Broadband Grant Program (NOFA #003) - Application #367823

1 message

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Wed, Aug 19, 2020 at 6:17 PM

Hello –

When preparing our application, we talked with a number residents and then also had our engineering team “walk-out” the area to determine which areas we intended to build were “Partially served” (meaning a portion of residents had access to 25/3 Broadband) and which areas were “Not served” (meaning none of the residents had access to 25/3 Broadband). Based upon that “walk-out” we noted the following for the HSBs located in the 4 census blocks listed in our application

- 191130005003040 – Partially served
- 191130005003049 – Partially served
- 191130001003000 – Not served
- 191130001003003 – Not served

When filling out the application we further noted the number of HSBs listed within the census block which automatically populated did not necessarily agree with our “walk-out”. As such, when completing the section for “Total Number of HSB’s (i.e., Broadband Units) New Service Will Be Available To”, we employed the following methodology:

- If Census block was Partially served – We listed the number of addresses our “walk-out” confirmed did not have access to 25/3 service
 - By way of example, Census Block 191130005003040 had 6 addresses that we confirmed did not have access to 25/3 service so that is what we listed
- If Census block was Not served – We listed 100% of the addresses that automatically populated in the form.
 - By way of example, Census Block 191130001003000 had 27 addresses that automatically populated and so we listed 27 addresses. In this case, we had only identified 22 HSB’s in the entire census block and we would plan to serve all 22. We could not substantiate the 27 that automatically populated but felt that we should list 100% to demonstrate that we could serve the entire census block.

In order to clear the confusion, I’ve listed below the number of HSB’s that we have been able to visually substantiate do not have access to 25/3 service and that ImOn would be able to service should the grant be awarded.

- 191130005003040 – 6
- 191130005003049 – 9
- 191130001003000 – 22 (100% of HSBs in that census block as identified during our walkout)

- 2 of 4 191130001003003 – 12 (100% of HSBs in that census block as identified during our walkout) Control Number 367823

I hope the above explanation clears up any confusion regarding our application. If any additional information is requested, please let me know.

Thanks,

Jake

From: matt.behrens@iowa.gov <matt.behrens@iowa.gov> **On Behalf Of** Grants, OCIO
Sent: Tuesday, August 18, 2020 5:53 PM
To: Jake Ryan <jake.ryan@imon.net>; Patrice Carroll <Patrice.Carroll@ImOn.net>
Subject: Request for Clarification - Broadband Grant Program (NOFA #003) - Application #367823

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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.
- 2.
3. PLEASE CONFIRM that
4. **ALL**
5. 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
6. facilitates 25/3 Broadband or faster service to those broadband units
- 7.

OR

- 2.
- 3.
4. PLEASE CONFIRM the number of broadband units in your project area that
5. **ARE**
6. **UNSERVED**
7. 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
- 8.

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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