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

368117 - South Central Communications, Inc. Federal CARES Broadband Adoption Project
Broadband Grant Program - Empower Rural Iowa

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Applicant Information

Project Officer

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Fax: Agency

Organization Information

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Organization Type:* Private
DUNS:
Organization Website: www.grm.net
Address: 1001 Kentucky Street

City Princeton Missouri 64673
Phone: 660-748-3231
Fax: Benefactor Vendor Number

Cover Sheet-General Information

Authorized Official

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Please enter the "Fiscal Officer" for your Organization.

If you are an individual, please provide your First and Last Name.

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County(ies) Participating, Involved, or Affected by this Proposal* Clarke County, Madison County, Union County, Wayne County
Congressional District(s) Involved or Affected by this Proposal* 2nd - Rep David Loebsack (D), 3rd - Rep Cindy Axne (D)
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Iowa Senate District(s) Involved or Affected by this Proposal* 11, 13, 14
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Iowa House District(s) Involved or Affected by this Proposal* 21, 25, 27
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Business Organization - NOFA #003

Business Legal Name* South Central Communications, Inc.

Mailing Address

Street * 1001 Kentucky Street
City* Princeton
State* MO
Zip* 64673

Alternate Mailing Address (used for warrants and/or payments)

Alternate Street
 Alternate City
 Alternate State
 Alternate Zip

Additional Information

* [SCC 2.2.2 Business Organization.docx](#)

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* [SCC 2.2.3 Executive Project Summary.docx](#)

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 The project will not proceed if the requested funds are not awarded. SCC

are not ultimately awarded.*

Networks cannot provide free service for the amounts of time that would be funded by this grant application. SCC Networks has made a commitment to complement and enhance the grant project. New customers with a Kindergarten through college student in the household, who sign up for service in August and September, will receive an additional two months of free Broadband service. Non-student households will receive an additional one month of free Broadband service. This promotion will proceed with or without the grant award. However, Non-Adopters will most likely feel they cannot afford the service after the free one or two months, and the grant award will be required to entice them to sign up for Broadband service. The free months of service promotion has been implemented and advertised. The grant program has been planned and is ready to implement in coordination with the free months of service promotion, should the grant funds be awarded.

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*

Not Applicable

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*

Yes

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.*

Not Applicable

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*

Yes

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*

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References

Name

Telephone Number

Name

Telephone Number

Name

Telephone Number

Minority Impact Statement

Question # 1

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

No

If YES, describe the positive impact expected from this project

Indicate the group(s) positively impacted.

Question # 2

2. The proposed grant project programs or policies could have a disproportionate or unique **NEGATIVE IMPACT** on minority persons. *

No

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. *

Yes

If YES, present the rationale for determining no impact.

The grant funds will be made available equally to all groups, and so will not have a disproportionate or unique positive or negative impact on minority persons.

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. *

Jennifer Neff

Title of Person Submitting Certification*

Director of HR and Marketing

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* [SCC Broadband_Grants_Core_Application_NOFA003.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

Supplemental Materials of Need 3B.1.2 [letters of support.pdf](#)

Broadband Grants Program Grant Agreement - Exhibit E

Exceptions to Broadband Grants
Program Grant Agreement*

[SCC Exhibit E with signature page.pdf](#)

Certification, Authorization, and Release of Information-Exhibit F

Certification/Acknowledgements &
Authorization to Release Information
Letter*

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Form 22 - Exhibit G

Form 22 (Public)*

[SCC Exhibit G - Signed.pdf](#)

Prior Funding Statement-Exhibit L

Prior Funding Statement- Exhibit L *

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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		\$0.00	0	\$0.00
OSP Engineering		\$0.00	0	\$0.00
Design Engineering		\$0.00	0	\$0.00
Construction Mgmt.		\$0.00	0	\$0.00
Tower		\$0.00	0	\$0.00
Antenna		\$0.00	0	\$0.00
Boring		\$0.00	0	\$0.00
Trenching		\$0.00	0	\$0.00
Knifing		\$0.00	0	\$0.00
Aerial Deployment/Make Ready		\$0.00	0	\$0.00
Outside Plant		\$0.00	0	\$0.00
Switching Equipment		\$0.00	0	\$0.00
Routing Equipment		\$0.00	0	\$0.00
Optical Equipment		\$0.00	0	\$0.00
Customer Premise Equipment		\$0.00	0	\$0.00
Other		\$0.00	0	\$0.00
	Totals	\$0.00		\$0.00

Adoption Project

School District	Number of Adopters	Amount
East Union	20	\$10,000.00
Interstate 35	6	\$3,000.00
Murray	23	\$11,500.00
Wayne	20	\$10,000.00
Winterset	11	\$5,500.00

Total Application Request

Total Application Request \$40,000.00

Request for Taxpayer Identification Number and Certification

Name (as shown on your income tax return) South Central Communications, Inc.

Business name, if different from above DBA SCC Networks

Check appropriate box:

Individual/Sole proprietor

C Corporation

Yes

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.)

1001 Kentucky Street

City

Princeton

Missouri

64673

State

Zip

List account number(s) here (optional)

Requester's name and address
(optional)**Part 1 - Taxpayer Identification number (TIN)**

Social Security #

Employer Identification #

431734899

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*

Jennifer Neff

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*

08/05/2020

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