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RE: Request for Clarification - Broadband Grant Program (NOFA #003) - Application #368407

1 message

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To: "Grants, OCIO" <ociogrants@iowa.gov>, "jbyrnes@osage.net" <jbyrnes@osage.net>

The only service **ALL** these units can receive would be via the Osage Municipal Utilities wireless system. Our highest package on that system is 10/1. One thing to consider with this area is that it located along the Cedar River. The topography and vegetation is very diverse and makes it impossible for many of these units along the river to receive any wireless signal at all. Mitchell County owns a very small hydroelectric damn on the Cedar River and utilize a satellite signal to monitor that damn as we can not serve them with our wireless system. They are very nervous about that satellite signal as they depend on that for remote monitoring and it not always the most reliable system for them given their location.

Thanks for your questions.

Respectfully,

Josh Byrnes

From: matt.behrens@iowa.gov <matt.behrens@iowa.gov> **On Behalf Of** Grants, OCIO**Sent:** Tuesday, August 18, 2020 5:42 PM**To:** jbyrnes@osage.net**Subject:** Request for Clarification - Broadband Grant Program (NOFA #003) - Application #368407

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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