

Miles Communications LLC is proposing a project in Northeast and East Central Clinton County Iowa. This is a rural area in between Miles Cooperative Telephone Association's current ILEC area and the City of Clinton. All census blocks in this proposed project are included in the Iowa Targeted Service Areas Map as underserved areas. Miles Communications LLC would like to branch off Miles Cooperative Telephone Association's ILEC area with a fiber optic service to help these areas achieve a quality broadband service. Miles Communications LLC would install underground fiber optic cable to every premises within the proposed area. This would be done with a local construction crew that is already committed to the job and with the employees of Miles Communications LLC. With this team and their experience of deploying over 90 miles of fiber for Miles Cooperative Telephone Association, Miles Communications LLC will be able to deploy this fiber in a timely manner and meet the requirements for this project.

Underground construction can be costly due to terrain, rock, etc. Miles Communications LLC would require the requested funds to be able to complete this project. Without the NOFA #004 funds, Miles Communications LLC could not justify deploying the proposed fiber optic project and maintain their current service area for future upgrades. The current explosion in bandwidth usage requires frequent upgrades to keep up with the changing technology. These funds would ensure the fiber was deployed properly and with equipment built for the future increases in bandwidth. This would be a network built for the future! We would like this project to be able to come to fruition but without the financial assistance from the NOFA #004 Grant, Miles Communications LLC would not be able to fully fund this project. Our company is committed to serving the underserved areas and we understand that the purpose of this grant money is to accomplish that goal. We would like to continue serving as many rural customers as possible to provide reliable high-speed broadband service especially during these trying times.