

Executive Project Summary for River Valley Telecommunications Coop

River Valley Telecommunications Coop has purposely selected upon all the requests by all locations of our Cares Act fund filing to provide these locations with the service they so much have needed before and during the current Pandemic. The Forest Ridge School and their shelter for housing for their students away from school has far surpassed the current services. The school and shelter require higher broadband for school use for nearly 40 students as well as office administration staff with security and monitoring they need each day. These young adults are located to this facility and shelter after many social or family issues in their young lives trying to find the proper path. The School Executive Director is in support of our Cares Act Grant to help support Forest Ridge School. AEA is also located in a separate office building at this location that also requests higher broadband speeds for the work that they do from this location on a weekly basis.

The Estherville Airport is another under served location which has also outgrown their broadband available service. Even though this is a small airport with minimum traffic their request for higher broadband is needed for security reasons as well as their normal day to day operations and service work. This location also has ILCC (Iowa Lakes Community College) Aviation Classroom located at the airport. With nearly 20 students now enrolling in this course and growing each year. These students need higher speed broadband for the classroom work as well as submitting/uploading their work back to the school's server back onto the Estherville Campus. Iowa Lakes Community College President is in support of River Valley Telecommunications Coop and their Cares Act funding opportunity.

ILCC (Iowa Lakes Community College) Farm location and new classroom being currently constructed with grand opening late this year with need high broadband service. River Valley Telecommunications Coop is a strong supporter of ILCC. With this new location Farm Ag student can and will have hands on experiences with livestock and general farming work. They will also have a classroom to go into to discuss and review what they have learn from their hands-on experience. The Cares Act Grant will be beneficial to help support a project such as this.

Graettinger and Wallingford Fire Departments are also in need of this grant to help offset higher speeds and cost that they cannot take on with out our help. They would also benefit from this grant.

Graettinger and Wallingford Post Offices is a blessing that we even still have them. Without the support of River Valley Telecommunications Coop and working with them to control their operational costs they might not even be in our communities. River Valley Telecommunications Coop with the help of the Cars Act will provide them their much-needed broadband.

UDMO (Upper Des Moines Opportunity helps needy families and outreach for school supplies, head start, children and adult care food program, housing assistance and so much more. With nearly 20+ employees and multiple other locations around the state their communication is priority. River Valley with support of the Cares Act Grant can support them and their needs into the future. With the Pandemic more families are all in need of the services they provide, and we can help them continue to provide their services needed in a timely manner.

Day Break Foods is a family owned, family operated egg production and handling and storage are key factors. This plant with over 40+ employees is critical to today's food chain and continue education at this facility to keep our food supply as safe as they are required. They also have monthly education classes to continue to educate current and new employees to be at their best. They are also requesting more broadband for the needs. They also have security and multiple other locations for uploading data and reports each day. USDA inspector also has a location in their office with their own broadband needs as well that can be beneficial.

Regardless of if this project is not funded in support of River Valley Telecommunications Coop Cares Act application we will continue to move forward with these projects because we feel they are important and beneficial to these businesses that have requested us to help them with their needs. This project and all location will be built off River Valleys Telecommunications Coop current fiber transport network that has been constructed over the years with their own near these locations. We would have the materials and supplies to have most of this completed by requested yearend. We would be providing broadband speeds to all locations of this project much higher with fiber than wireless can achieve for these locations with upload speeds they so long have needed and would be their end result if approved for their speeds into the future.