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414162 - Van Buren Telephone Company, Inc. Birmingham Exchange FTTH
Broadband Grant Program - Empower Rural Iowa

Status: Submitted**Submitted Date:** 07/27/2021 2:57 PM**Submitted By:** Monte Jay Hagge**Applicant Information****Primary Contact:****AnA User Id**

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State/Province52565
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PhoneExt.**Program Area of Interest***

Broadband Grant Program - Empower Rural Iowa

Fax:

319-293-7151

Agency**Organization Information****Organization Name:***

Van Buren Telephone Company, Inc.

Organization Type:*

For-Profit – Privately Held

DUNS:

00-684-1084

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Cover Sheet-General Information**Authorized Official**

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County(ies) Participating, Involved, or Affected by this Proposal* Jefferson County, Van Buren County
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Business Organization - NOFA #006

Please list the business legal name as it is used by federal and state taxing agencies, banks, and for other legal purposes.

Business Legal Name* Van Buren Telephone Company, Inc.

Doing Business As:

Physical Address

Street * 617 First Street
City* Keosauqua
State* IA
Zip* 52565

Mailing Address (used for warrants and/or payments)

Street or PO Box * PO Box 430
City* Keosauqua
State* IA
Zip Code* 52565

Applicant Business Structure

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

Identification of whether the Applicant is a subsidiary of one or more parent companies.

Are you a subsidiary of one or more parent companies?* No

Executive Project Summary NOFA #006

The section requires Applicant to affirm whether or not state funds are necessary for the Project to proceed.

Are state funds necessary for the project to proceed?* No

This section requires an Applicant to describe how the Project will or will not proceed if State funds requested are not ultimately awarded.

Describe how the Project will or will not proceed if state funds requested are not ultimately awarded.*

The Board of Directors and Management have discussed the details of the plan to convert this exchange to fiber to the home. The final decision to proceed will occur at the September 2021 board meeting. Receiving this grant would ensure that Van Buren Telephone would begin construction in the spring of 2022 with project completion by the end of the year.

Has construction on the project begun?* No

Project Status**Project Milestone**

Completion deadline and total project cost

Estimated Completion date

11/18/2022

Costs Incurred

\$1,520,005.48

Demonstrated Experience NOFA #006

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; history of organization; number of years in business; number of years of experience providing the types of services sought by this NOFA #006; 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 #006.

Demonstrated Experience* [Demonstrated Experience Van Buren Telephone Company v3.pdf](#)

References

Name	Richard Nichols - President, First IA State Bank
Telephone Number	319-293-3794
Name	Joy Padget - Manager, Hotel Manning
Telephone Number	319-293-3232
Name	Chris McEntee - CIO, Van Buren County Hospital
Telephone Number	319-293-8710

Community Support Letter

Community Support Letter [Hawkeye Letters of Support.pdf](#)

Minority Impact Statement

Does the proposed grant program or policy have a disproportionate or unique **positive impact** on minority persons? *

No

Could the proposed grant program or policy have a disproportionate or unique **negative impact** on minority persons? *

No

I hereby certify the information above is complete and accurate to the best of my knowledge.*

Yes

* General Manager Title Monte First Name Hagge Last Name

Broadband Grants Core Application - Exhibits B, C, D, and D.1

Applicant requests that the contents of their application remain confidential in whole or in part, pursuant to Section 2.2.6.6. and 7.18 of the NOFA #006.

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 7.18.1 of the NOFA #006, the Office shall be relieved from any responsibility for maintaining the confidentiality of the application pursuant to 7.18.4 of the NOFA #006.

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 #006, and solely to the extent permitted by Iowa Code Chapter 22 and the Office's corresponding fair information practices rules available at 129 IAC 2.

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Public Redacted Copy [VBTC Certification Letter IA Grant.pdf](#)

Optional Upload: A letter from a professional engineer certifying that the proposed Project design will be capable of simultaneously Facilitating 100/100 Broadband or 100/20 Broadband, as applicable, to the Total Broadband Units Facilitated as represented in Applicant's proposed Project.

Professional Engineer Project Certification Letter

Broadband Grants Program Grant Agreement - Exhibit E

Have you read and do you accept the terms and conditions set forth in the grant agreement (Exhibit E)?*

Yes

Certification, Authorization, and Release of Information - Exhibit F

Certification Letter (Public)* [Exhibit F Van Buren Telephone Co Inc.pdf](#)

Request for Confidentiality or Form 22 - Exhibit G

Form 22 (Public)* [Exhibit G Van Buren Telephone Co Inc.pdf](#)

Project Budget

Category	Description	Total Estimated Cost \$ (Exhibit D)	Total Estimated Cost \$ (Exhibit D1)	Total Estimated Project Budget (D+D1)	Requested Grant Support %(enter percentage here)	Grant Request (Est. Cost * Request %)
Conduit	Included Below	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	0	\$0.00
Fiber/Copper	Overall mainline fiber cost per foot (fiber,	\$1,050,280.00	\$0.00	\$1,050,280.00	40.0	\$420,112.00

5 of 5		boring, peds, splicing, etc)			Control Number 414162	
OSP Engineering	Included Below	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	0	\$0.00
Design Engineering	Included Below	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	0	\$0.00
Construction Mgmt.	All engineering estimated at 12% of project cost	\$162,857.73	\$0.00	\$162,857.73	40.0	\$65,143.09
Tower	N/A	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	0	\$0.00
Antenna	N/A	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	0	\$0.00
Boring	Included in Fiber/Copper and Trenching	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	0	\$0.00
Trenching	Overall drop fiber cost per foot (fiber, boring, peds, splicing, etc)	\$191,520.00	\$0.00	\$191,520.00	40.0	\$76,608.00
Knifing	N/A	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	0	\$0.00
Switching Equipment	Calix E7 OLT equipment	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	0	\$0.00
Routing Equipment	N/A	\$21,000.00	\$0.00	\$21,000.00	40.0	\$8,400.00
Optical Equipment	Calix ONT Equipment	\$23,625.00	\$0.00	\$23,625.00	40.0	\$9,450.00
Customer Premise Equipment	ONT install, inside wire, cutover	\$47,097.75	\$0.00	\$47,097.75	40.0	\$18,839.10
Other	ONT install, inside wire, cutover	\$23,625.00	\$0.00	\$23,625.00	40.0	\$9,450.00
Totals		\$1,520,005.48	\$0.00	\$1,520,005.48		\$608,002.19

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