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409811 - Broadband Grant Program - Empower Rural Iowa - NOFA #006 - Final Application

415105 - Perry Rural Broadband Expansion Broadband Grant Program - Empower Rural Iowa

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Ext.

Program Area of Interest*

Broadband Grant Program - Empower Rural Iowa

Fax:

Agency

Organization Information

Organization Name:*

Minburn Telephone Company

Organization Type:*

For-Profit – Privately Held

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02-169-4450

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Cover Sheet-General Information**Authorized Official**

Name* Debra Lucht
Title* Chief Executive Officer/General Manager
Organization* Minburn Telephone Company
If you are an individual, please provide your First and Last Name.
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City State Zip

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Please enter the "Fiscal Officer" for your Organization.

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

Name* Tim Burns
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County(ies) Participating, Involved, or Affected by this Proposal* Boone County, Dallas County

Congressional District(s) Involved or Affected by this Proposal* 3rd - Rep Cindy Axne, 4th - Rep Randy Feenstra
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Iowa Senate District(s) Involved or Affected by this Proposal* 10, 24
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Iowa House District(s) Involved or Affected by this Proposal* 19, 20, 47
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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* Minburn Telephone Company

Doing Business As:

Physical Address

Street * 416 Chestnut Street
City* Minburn
State* IA
Zip* 50167

Mailing Address (used for warrants and/or payments)

Street or PO Box * 416 Chestnut Street
City* Minburn
State* IA
Zip Code* 50167

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?* Yes

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.*

Minburn Telephone Company (Minburn) determined the total eligible infrastructure costs to be \$5,869,000 for the Perry Rural Broadband Expansion. Minburn's Empower Rural Iowa Broadband grant request is 75%, \$4,401,750, of the total eligible infrastructure costs in the proposed area, with 25% being self-funded by Minburn.

Minburn is committed to working toward overall community enhancement that includes residents, businesses, and community anchor institutions within the rural areas of Boone and Dallas County. Access to high-speed broadband service should be available to every resident regardless of whether they live in town or out in the rural areas.

The locations included in Minburn's application would be too costly to build without grant funding assistance. Due to the rural nature and relatively low population density, this project would be difficult to justify without the financial assistance from the Empower Rural Iowa Broadband Grants Program. Therefore, the proposed Perry Rural Broadband Expansion will likely not move forward as presented without grant assistance.

Has construction on the project begun? * No

Project Status

Project Milestone	Estimated Completion date	Costs Incurred
Mainline and Drop Fiber	12/31/2023	\$4,793,000.00
Engineering	01/31/2023	\$766,000.00
FTTP Electronics	12/31/2023	\$310,000.00

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* NOFA 006 - Minburn - Demonstrated Experience - Perry Rural.pdf

References

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Community Support Letter

Community Support Letter [NOFA 006 - Minburn - Support Letters - Perry Rural.pdf](#)

Minority Impact Statement

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

Yes

Describe the positive impact expected from this project.

The proposed Perry Rural Broadband Expansion will positively impact minority persons by enhancing broadband speeds in unserved areas in the counties of Boone and Dallas.

Detail the rationale for the existence of the proposed program or policy.

According to the U.S. Census Bureau, Boone County has a 3.4% minority population while Dallas County has 9.8%. These populations of individuals within the grant area will benefit as a result of the fiber broadband infrastructure. The proposed project will eliminate any disadvantage resulting from lack of access to reliable, high-speed broadband.

Indicate the group(s) positively impacted.

Women, Persons with a Disability, African Americans, Latinos, Asians or Pacific Islanders, American Indians, Alaskan Native Americans

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

*	CEO/General Manager	Debra	Lucht
	Title	First Name	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.

Full Unredacted Copy* [NOFA 006 - Minburn - Core Application - Perry Rural.xlsm](#)

Public Redacted Copy

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)*

[NOFA 006 - Minburn - Exhibit F.pdf](#)**Request for Confidentiality or Form 22 - Exhibit G**

Form 22 (Public)*

[NOFA 006 - Minburn - Exhibit G.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		\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	0	\$0.00
Fiber/Copper	Mainline and Drop Fiber - Materials and Installation	\$4,496,000.00	\$297,000.00	\$4,793,000.00	75.0	\$3,594,750.00
OSP Engineering	Engineering	\$721,000.00	\$45,000.00	\$766,000.00	75.0	\$574,500.00
Design Engineering		\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	0	\$0.00
Construction Mgmt.		\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	0	\$0.00
Tower		\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	0	\$0.00
Antenna		\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	0	\$0.00
Boring		\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	0	\$0.00
Trenching		\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	0	\$0.00
Knifing		\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	0	\$0.00
Switching Equipment		\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	0	\$0.00
Routing Equipment		\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	0	\$0.00
Optical Equipment	FTTP Electronics	\$310,000.00	\$0.00	\$310,000.00	75.0	\$232,500.00
Customer Premise Equipment		\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	0	\$0.00
Other		\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	0	\$0.00
Totals		\$5,527,000.00	\$342,000.00	\$5,869,000.00		\$4,401,750.00

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