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## Application

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

#### 415135 - Dorchester Rural FTTP

#### Broadband Grant Program - Empower Rural Iowa

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Middle Name

VanMinsel

Last Name

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**City\***

Spring Grove

City

Minnesota

State/Province

55974

Postal Code/Zip

**Phone:\***

507-498-3456

Phone

Ext.

**Program Area of Interest\***

Broadband Grant Program - Empower Rural Iowa

**Fax:****Agency**

#### Organization Information

**Organization Name:\***

Spring Grove Communications

**Organization Type:\***

Other

**DUNS:****Organization Website:**

www.yourlocal.coop

**Address:**

166 West Main Street

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**Benefactor****Vendor Number**

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**Title\*** GM/Chief Executive Officer  
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**Fiscal Officer/Agent**

*Please enter the "Fiscal Officer" for your Organization.*

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**Name\*** Marsha LaFreniere  
**Title** Accounting Manager  
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**County(ies) Participating, Involved, or Affected by this Proposal\*** Allamakee County  
**Congressional District(s) Involved or Affected by this Proposal\*** 1st - Rep. Ashley Hinson  
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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\*** Spring Grove Communications

**Doing Business As:**

**Physical Address**

**Street \*** 166 West Main Street  
**City\*** Spring Grove  
**State\*** MN  
**Zip\*** 55974

**Mailing Address (used for warrants and/or payments)**

**Street or PO Box \*** P.O. Box 516  
**City\*** Spring Grove  
**State\*** MN  
**Zip Code\*** 55974

## 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.\*

The Empower Rural Iowa funds provide the financial support to provide high speed broadband to residents in the Rural Dorchester area. The financial feasibility of this project without grant funding will significantly prolong the timeline at the detriment of the residents in this region.

Has construction on the project begun? \* No

## Project Status

Project Milestone	Estimated Completion date	Costs Incurred
Staking	01/21/2022	\$26,216.00
Permits	03/01/2022	\$2,500.00
OSP Bidding and Contracts	02/28/2022	\$5,000.00
Distribution Fiber Construction	06/10/2022	\$294,036.00
Drop Construction	07/01/2022	\$110,649.00
OLT Equipment Installation	07/01/2022	\$116,541.00
Install CPE and Cutover	07/01/2022	\$17,200.00
Turn-up and Testing	07/01/2022	\$10,000.00
Closeout	07/01/2023	\$5,000.00

## 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\* [415135 - SGC - Demonstrated Experience.pdf](#)

## References

Name	Spring Grove Schools - Rachel Udstuen
Telephone Number	507-498-3221
Name	Spring Grove Soda Pop, Inc. - Robert Hansen
Telephone Number	507-498-3424
Name	Shari Wennes
Telephone Number	507-498-5088

**Community Support Letter**

Community Support Letter

[415135 - SGC - Community Support Letters.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.

Those listed as minority persons, who have not had the ability to subscribe to high speed broadband service will now be able to do so.

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

Spring Grove Communications will ensure the households and businesses are able to perform multiple tasks for distance learning, remote work and telehealth.

Indicate the group(s) positively impacted.

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

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

*	GM/Chief Executive Officer	Jill	Huffman
	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\* [415135 - SGC - Core Application A.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 [415135 - SGC - PE Dorchester Rural FTTP.pdf](#)

**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)\*

[415135 - SGC - Exhibit F.pdf](#)

**Request for Confidentiality or Form 22 - Exhibit G**

Form 22 (Public)\*

[415135 - SGC - 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	Conduit Material Cost	\$50,000.00	\$0.00	\$50,000.00	55.23	\$27,615.00
Fiber/Copper	Cable Material Cost	\$18,941.00	\$0.00	\$18,941.00	55.23	\$10,461.11
OSP Engineering	n/a	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	0	\$0.00
Design Engineering	Engineering	\$26,216.00	\$0.00	\$26,216.00	55.23	\$14,479.10
Construction Mgmt.	Management	\$26,216.00	\$0.00	\$26,216.00	55.23	\$14,479.10
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	Boring	\$7,920.00	\$0.00	\$7,920.00	55.23	\$4,374.22
Trenching	n/a	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	0	\$0.00
Knifing	Cable Plowing Labor	\$47,882.00	\$0.00	\$47,882.00	55.23	\$26,445.23
Switching Equipment	n/a	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	0	\$0.00
Routing Equipment	n/a	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	0	\$0.00
Optical Equipment	Calix Shelf, Cabinet & Power Equipment	\$116,541.00	\$0.00	\$116,541.00	55.23	\$64,365.59
Customer Premise Equipment	ONT's, Drops, NIDs, Cutovers, Customer Equipment	\$127,849.00	\$0.00	\$127,849.00	55.23	\$70,611.00
Other	Splicing, Peds, Grounding, Rock Excavating	\$165,577.00	\$0.00	\$165,577.00	55.23	\$91,448.18
<b>Totals</b>		<b>\$587,142.00</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>	<b>\$587,142.00</b>		<b>\$324,278.53</b>

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