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415330 - 2021 CFU Fiber Grant Application

Broadband Grant Program - Empower Rural Iowa

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1 Utility Parkway

City*

Cedar Falls

City

Iowa

State/Province

50613

Postal Code/Zip

Phone:*

319-268-5206

Phone

Ext.

Program Area of Interest*

Broadband Grant Program - Empower Rural Iowa

Fax:

Agency

Organization Information

Organization Name:*

Cedar Falls Utilities

Organization Type:*

Other

DUNS:

18-215-7214

Organization Website:

cfu.net

Address:

Utility Parkway

PO Box 769

Phone:

319-266-1761

City

Iowa

State/Province

50613

Postal Code/Zip

Ext.

Fax:

319-266-8158

Benefactor

Cover Sheet-General Information**Authorized Official**

Name* Mike Litterer
Title* Director Customer Service & Business Development
Organization* Cedar Falls Utilities
If you are an individual, please provide your First and Last Name.
Address* 1 Utility Parkway

City/State/Zip* Cedar Falls Iowa 50613
City State Zip
Telephone Number* 319-268-5206
E-Mail* mike.litterer@cfunet.net

Fiscal Officer/Agent

Please enter the "Fiscal Officer" for your Organization.

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

Name* Wynette Froehner
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Address 1 Utility Parkway

City/State/Zip Cedar Falls Iowa 50613
City State Zip
Telephone Number 319-266-1761
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County(ies) Participating, Involved, or Affected by this Proposal* Black Hawk County, Butler County, Grundy County
Congressional District(s) Involved or Affected by this Proposal* 1st - Rep. Ashley Hinson, 4th - Rep Randy Feenstra
Congressional Map
Iowa Senate District(s) Involved or Affected by this Proposal* 25, 30, 32
District Map
Iowa House District(s) Involved or Affected by this Proposal* 50, 60, 62
District Map

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* The Municipal Communications Utility of the City of Cedar Falls
Doing Business As: Cedar Falls Utilities
Physical Address
Street * 1 Utility Parkway
City* Cedar Falls
State* IA
Zip* 50613
Mailing Address (used for warrants and/or payments)
Street or PO Box * PO Box 769
City* Cedar Falls
State* IA

Zip Code 3 of 5

50613

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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 grant funds are instrumental in moving this project forward. The infrastructure costs to extend fiber to rural areas is very high and has a very long payback period. Without the funds customers would be required to pay the fiber extension costs to build to their premise. We currently offer that solution but most everyone declines that option due to the high costs of the fiber line extension in rural areas due the low number of customers in these areas. Without the funds we will continue on this course of customer contributions to fund the line extensions which amounts to very few customers that will be served by high speed communications services.

Has construction on the project begun?* No

Project Status

Project Milestone	Estimated Completion date	Costs Incurred
Order Materials	12/01/2021	\$0.00
Conduit Construction Bids	03/31/2022	\$0.00
Complete Engineering	03/31/2022	\$0.00
Project Completion	04/01/2025	\$0.00
Begin construction	07/01/2022	\$0.00

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* [Broadband Grant_Demonstrated Experience.pdf](#)

References

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Name	Mark Kittrell

Telephone Number

319-493-1371

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Community Support Letter

Community Support Letter

[CFU 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

*	Director CSBD	Mike	Litterer
	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* [415330CedarFallsUtilitiesCoreApplication.xlsm](#)

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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 [415330 Cedar Falls Utilities PE Letter.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)* [415330 Cedar Falls Utilities Exhibit F.pdf](#)

Request for Confidentiality or Form 22 - Exhibit G

Form 22 (Public)* [415330 Cedar Falls Utilities 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 materials cost	\$699,566.00	\$75,551.48	\$775,117.48	48.95	\$379,420.01
Fiber/Copper	Fiber materials and labor cost	\$1,728,060.95	\$143,221.86	\$1,871,282.81	48.95	\$915,992.94
OSP Engineering	Planning and staking	\$46,570.00	\$4,302.83	\$50,872.83	48.95	\$24,902.25
Design Engineering	Engineering	\$2,277.00	\$209.92	\$2,486.92	48.95	\$1,217.35
Construction Mgmt.	Construction Management	\$83,141.00	\$7,680.75	\$90,821.75	48.95	\$44,457.25
Tower		\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	48.95	\$0.00
Antenna		\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	48.95	\$0.00
Boring	Boring in conduit	\$121,000.00	\$27,500.00	\$148,500.00	48.95	\$72,690.75
Trenching		\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	48.95	\$0.00
Knifing	Plowing in conduit	\$1,800,000.00	\$192,000.00	\$1,992,000.00	48.95	\$975,084.00
Switching Equipment		\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	48.95	\$0.00
Routing Equipment		\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	48.95	\$0.00
Optical Equipment	Optical Equipment	\$0.00	\$200,689.20	\$200,689.20	48.95	\$98,237.36
Customer Premise Equipment	ONT, equipment and labor costs	\$212,395.04	\$0.00	\$212,395.04	48.95	\$103,967.37
Other		\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	48.95	\$0.00
Totals		\$4,693,009.99	\$651,156.04	\$5,344,166.03		\$2,615,969.28

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