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

415437 - Welton Broadband Expansion Broadband Grant Program - Empower Rural Iowa

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Program Area of Interest*

Broadband Grant Program - Empower Rural Iowa

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563-847-3001

Agency

Organization Information

Organization Name:*

Grand Mound Cooperative Telephone Association

Organization Type:*

Other

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Organization Website:

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Cover Sheet-General Information**Authorized Official**

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Title* General Manager
Organization* Grand Mound Cooperative Telephone Association
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City/State/Zip* Grand Mound Iowa 52751
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Fiscal Officer/Agent

Please enter the "Fiscal Officer" for your Organization.

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

Name* Travis Ballou
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County(ies) Participating, Involved, or Affected by this Proposal* Clinton 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* Grand Mound Cooperative Telephone Association

Doing Business As:

Physical Address

Street * 705 Clinton St
City* Grand Mound
State* IA
Zip* 52751

Mailing Address (used for warrants and/or payments)

Street or PO Box * 705 Clinton St
City* Grand Mound
State* IA
Zip Code* 52751

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.*

Grand Mound Cooperative Telephone Association (Grand Mound) determined the total eligible infrastructure costs to be \$657,798.28 for the Welton Broadband Expansion. Grand Mound's Empower Rural Iowa Broadband grant request is 49.72%, \$327,057.30, of the total eligible infrastructure costs in the proposed area, with 50.28% being self-funded by Grand Mound.

Grand Mound is committed to working toward overall community enhancement that includes residents, businesses, and community anchor institutions within the rural areas of Clinton 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 Grand Mound'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 Welton 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
Fiber Optic Cable and Other OSP Material	12/31/2023	\$368,953.68
Direct Boring for Mainline OSP Cable	12/31/2023	\$206,616.30
OLT Electronics and Installation	12/31/2023	\$18,700.00
Optical Network Terminal and Installation	12/31/2023	\$63,528.30

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 - Grand Mound - Demonstrated Experience - Welton.pdf](#)

References

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Community Support Letter

Community Support Letter

[NOFA 006 - Grand Mound - 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.

The proposed Welton Broadband Expansion will positively impact minority persons by enhancing broadband speeds in unserved areas of Clinton County.

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

According to the U.S. Census Bureau, Clinton County has a minority population of 6.2%. 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

*

General Manager

Title

Travis

First Name

Ballou

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*

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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

[NOFA 006 - Grand Mound - PE Certification - Welton.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)*

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

Form 22 (Public)*

[NOFA 006 - Grand Mound - 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	Fiber optic cable and other OSP material	\$331,888.08	\$37,065.60	\$368,953.68	49.72	\$183,443.77
OSP Engineering		\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	0	\$0.00
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	Direct boring for mainline OSP cable	\$185,868.65	\$20,747.65	\$206,616.30	49.72	\$102,729.62
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	OLT electronics and installation	\$18,700.00	\$0.00	\$18,700.00	49.72	\$9,297.64
Customer Premise Equipment	Optical Network Terminal and installation	\$63,528.30	\$0.00	\$63,528.30	49.72	\$31,586.27
Other		\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	0	\$0.00
Totals		\$599,985.03	\$57,813.25	\$657,798.28		\$327,057.30

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