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

#### 415945 - Rural Fort Dodge Project

#### Broadband Grant Program - Empower Rural Iowa

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Phone

Ext.

**Program Area of Interest\***

Broadband Grant Program - Empower Rural Iowa

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515-359-2424

**Agency**

#### Organization Information

**Organization Name:\***

Lehigh Valley Coop Telephone Association

**Organization Type:\***

Public

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

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**Cover Sheet-General Information****Authorized Official**

**Name\*** Jim Suchan  
**Title\*** CEO  
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*If you are an individual, please provide your First and Last Name.*  
**Address\*** 9090 Taylor Rd

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City State Zip

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

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**Name\*** Jim Suchan  
**Title** CEO  
**Organization** Lehigh Valley Cooperative Telephone Association  
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**County(ies) Participating, Involved, or Affected by this Proposal\*** Webster County  
**Congressional District(s) Involved or Affected by this Proposal\*** 4th - Rep Randy Feenstra  
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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\*** Lehigh Valley Cooperative Telephone Association

**Doing Business As:**

**Physical Address**

**Street \*** 9090 Taylor Road  
**City\*** Lehigh  
**State\*** IA  
**Zip\*** 50557

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

**Street or PO Box \*** 9090 Taylor Road  
**City\*** Lehigh  
**State\*** IA  
**Zip Code\*** 50557

**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.\*

Lehigh Valley Cooperative Telephone Association (Lehigh Valley) determined the total eligible infrastructure costs to be \$503,002 for the Rural Fort Dodge Project. Lehigh Valley's Empower Rural Iowa Broadband grant request is 50%, \$251,501, of the total eligible infrastructure costs in the proposed area, with 50% being self-funded by Lehigh Valley. Lehigh Valley is committed to working toward overall community enhancement that includes residents, businesses, and community anchor institutions within the rural areas of Webster 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 Lehigh Valley'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 Rural Fort Dodge Project 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	04/30/2023	\$400,972.00
Engineering	12/31/2022	\$65,780.00
FTTP Electronics	12/31/2023	\$19,000.00
FTTP ONTs	12/31/2023	\$17,250.00

**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 - Lehigh Valley - Demonstrated Experience.pdf](#)

**References**

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**Community Support Letter**

Community Support Letter

[NOFA 006 - Lehigh Valley - 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 Rural Fort Dodge Project will positively impact minority persons by enhancing broadband speeds in unserved areas of Webster County.

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

According to the U.S. Census Bureau, Webster County has a minority population of 8.7%. 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

Jim

Suchan

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.

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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

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

Form 22 (Public)\*

[NOFA 006 - Lehigh Valley - 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	\$378,540.00	\$22,432.00	\$400,972.00	50.0	\$200,486.00
OSP Engineering	Engineering	\$62,100.00	\$3,680.00	\$65,780.00	50.0	\$32,890.00
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	\$19,000.00	\$0.00	\$19,000.00	50.0	\$9,500.00
Customer Premise Equipment	FTTP ONTs	\$17,250.00	\$0.00	\$17,250.00	50.0	\$8,625.00
Other		\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	0	\$0.00
<b>Totals</b>		<b>\$476,890.00</b>	<b>\$26,112.00</b>	<b>\$503,002.00</b>		<b>\$251,501.00</b>

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