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415961 - Ridgeway

Broadband Grant Program - Empower Rural Iowa

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Program Area of Interest*

Broadband Grant Program - Empower Rural Iowa

Fax:
Agency

Organization Information

Organization Name:*

Mabel Cooperative Telephone Company

Organization Type:*

Other

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00-880-1102

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Cover Sheet-General Information**Authorized Official**

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Title* General Manager
Organization* Mabel Cooperative 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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County(ies) Participating, Involved, or Affected by this Proposal* Winneshiek 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* Mabel Cooperative Telephone Company
Doing Business As: Mabel Cooperative Telephone Company

Physical Address

Street * 214 North Main
City* Mabel
State* MN
Zip* 55954

Mailing Address (used for warrants and/or payments)

Street or PO Box * PO Box 368
City* Mabel
State* MN
Zip Code* 55954

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.*

Mabel Cooperative Telephone Company (Mabel) is proposing to construct a GPON Fiber Network. The fiber architecture will allow the high-speed broadband services required to meet the requirements described in this NOFA. The fiber access electronics will enable the provisioning of individual service offerings of 100/100 Mbps, and will allow for speeds that will ensure the network is future-proof, allowing for telehealth, telework and on-line learning among numerous beneficial economic impacts.

The board has approved this grant application and the funds needed for the build, given there is a 46.21% match. The construction crew and equipment has been researched and Mabel is able to acquire the essential materials and crews to complete the project before the grant deadline.

If the grant is not awarded, the project will be cancelled or delayed by several years. ACAM monies were needed within our study area to achieve fiber build-out and maintenance of the network and some money is also needed to deploy this technology in unfunded ACAM areas of our ILEC territory. Delaying this opportunity would not be in the public interest and grant monies are needed to fulfill the entire project.

Has construction on the project begun? * No

Project Status

Project Milestone	Estimated Completion date	Costs Incurred
Start Construction	11/01/2021	\$161,596.83
50% Complete	09/30/2022	\$216,594.50
100% Complete	08/31/2023	\$216,594.50

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* [415961-Mabel Cooperative Telephone Company-Demonstrated Experience.pdf](#)

References

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Community Support Letter

Community Support Letter [415961-Mabel Cooperative Telephone Company-Support Letter.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

* General Manager Julie Kolka
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 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* [415961-Mabel Cooperative Telephone Company-Core Application.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 [415961-Mabel Cooperative Telephone Company-Engineer 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)* [415961-Mabel Cooperative Telephone Company-Exhibit F.pdf](#)

Request for Confidentiality or Form 22 - Exhibit G

Form 22 (Public)*

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	Buried Fiber	\$22,508.60	\$0.00	\$22,508.60	46.21	\$10,401.22
OSP Engineering	Engineering	\$61,433.23	\$0.00	\$61,433.23	46.21	\$28,388.30
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	Boring	\$14,732.50	\$0.00	\$14,732.50	46.21	\$6,807.89
Trenching	Trenching	\$310,282.50	\$0.00	\$310,282.50	46.21	\$143,381.54
Knifing		\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	0	\$0.00
Switching Equipment		\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	0	\$0.00
Routing Equipment	Pedestals	\$14,692.50	\$0.00	\$14,692.50	46.21	\$6,789.40
Optical Equipment	Splicing/SFPs	\$67,970.00	\$0.00	\$67,970.00	46.21	\$31,408.94
Customer Premise Equipment	ONTs	\$84,459.00	\$0.00	\$84,459.00	46.21	\$39,028.50
Other	Vaults and transfers	\$18,707.50	\$0.00	\$18,707.50	46.21	\$8,644.74
Totals		\$594,785.83	\$0.00	\$594,785.83		\$274,850.53

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