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CityIowa  
State/Province51531  
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PhoneExt.**Program Area of Interest\***

Broadband Grant Program - Empower Rural Iowa

**Fax:****Agency****Organization Information****Organization Name:\***

Marne &amp; Elk Horn Telephone Company

**Organization Type:\***

For-Profit – Privately Held

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

www.metc.net

**Address:**

4242 Main St

**Phone:**Elk Horn  
City  
712-764-6161Iowa  
State/Province51531  
Postal Code/ZipExt.**Fax:****Benefactor****Vendor Number**

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

**Name\*** RACHEL HAMILTON  
**Title\*** CEO  
**Organization\*** MARNE & ELK HORN TELEPHONE COMPANY  
*If you are an individual, please provide your First and Last Name.*  
**Address\*** 4242 MAIN STREET  
PO BOX 120  
**City/State/Zip\*** ELK HORN Iowa 51531  
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**Fiscal Officer/Agent**

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

**Name\*** DIANE SCHABEN  
**Title** ACCOUNTANT  
**Organization** MARNE & ELK HORN TELEPHONE COMPANY  
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**County(ies) Participating, Involved, or Affected by this Proposal\*** Pottawattamie County  
**Congressional District(s) Involved or Affected by this Proposal\*** 3rd - Rep Cindy Axne  
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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\*** MARNE & ELK HORN TELEPHONE COMPANY

**Doing Business As:**

**Physical Address**

**Street \*** 4242 MAIN ST  
**City\*** ELK HORN  
**State\*** IA  
**Zip\*** 51531

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

**Street or PO Box \*** PO BOX 120  
**City\*** ELK HORN  
**State\*** IA  
**Zip Code\*** 51531

**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?\* No

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.\*

Marne Elk Horn committed to providing fiber to the community of Neola prior to the release of this grant and we will honor this commitment if not awarded a grant. However, if the State were to aid us in the build of Neola Marne Elk Horn could consider investing in future builds to other communities, that have purportedly been knocked out of grant contention as they are currently "served". At Marne Elk Horn we are surrounded by communities that are not primarily served by us, who are in desperate need of quality broadband but, these communities aren't likely to get it as they are deemed "served". Please consider supporting this project as we continue to invest in providing these communities with fiber broadband even though we are not obligated to.

Has construction on the project begun?\* No

**Project Status**

Project Milestone	Estimated Completion date	Costs Incurred
ENGINEERING	08/02/2021	\$0.00
MATERIALS PAID AND DELIVERED	09/01/2021	\$0.00
CONSTRUCTION BEGINS	09/01/2021	\$0.00
COSNTRUCTION & SPLICING	04/01/2022	\$0.00
PROJECT COMPLETION FINAL INSPECTION	09/30/2022	\$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\* **416019 - Marne Elk Horn Telephone Company -Demonstrated Experience.docx**

**References**

Name	RYAN SMITH - AHSTW SCHOOLS
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Name	SERENA RIESGAARD - AVOCA CITY LIBRARIAN
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Name	MEGAN HANSEN - NOFA004 FIBER RECIPIENT
Telephone Number	402-681-0806

**Community Support Letter**

Community Support Letter

[416019-Marne Elk Horn Telephone Company- Letter 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

\*

CEO

Rachel

Hamilton

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.

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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[416019-Marne-Elk Horn Engineer 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)\*

[416019-Marne Elk Horn Telephone Company-Exhibit F.pdf](#)**Request for Confidentiality or Form 22 - Exhibit G**

Form 22 (Public)\*

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**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	Duct	\$38,282.30	\$0.00	\$38,282.30	35.0	\$13,398.81
Fiber/Copper	Fiber Cable	\$100,048.71	\$0.00	\$100,048.71	35.0	\$35,017.05
OSP Engineering	Design, management, tabbing, pay requests	\$30,239.80	\$0.00	\$30,239.80	35.0	\$10,583.93
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	Bore in town facilities	\$928,426.20	\$0.00	\$928,426.20	35.0	\$324,949.17
Trenching		\$99,727.00	\$0.00	\$99,727.00	35.0	\$34,904.45
Knifing		\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	0	\$0.00
Switching Equipment	10 Gig Switching	\$20,000.00	\$0.00	\$20,000.00	35.0	\$7,000.00
Routing Equipment		\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	0	\$0.00
Optical Equipment	Optical Line Terminal	\$286,000.00	\$0.00	\$286,000.00	35.0	\$100,100.00
Customer Premise Equipment	Optical Network Terminal	\$218,295.00	\$0.00	\$218,295.00	35.0	\$76,403.25
Other	Service Line wiring & cutover	\$639,891.00	\$0.00	\$639,891.00	35.0	\$223,961.85
<b>Totals</b>		<b>\$2,360,910.01</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>	<b>\$2,360,910.01</b>		<b>\$826,318.51</b>

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