



July 16, 2021

Office of the Chief Information Officer  
State of Iowa

To Whom It May Concern:

O'Brien County Economic Development Corporation strongly supports the application for funding by The Community Agency and their partner Evertek, Inc. As a Governor appointed member of the Empower Rural Iowa Invest Task Force, I know it was an exciting day for ERI and rural Iowa as the Governor signed the new broadband legislation.

We know there are portions of O'Brien County where residents and businesses struggle to receive reliable fast broadband and as a result are disadvantaged in education, business, health care, government, and e-commerce because of the lack of quality high-speed broadband service.

We support the application of The Community Agency and Evertek, Inc. to connect our rural County residents and businesses to high-speed broadband via fiber and know that the approximate 157 locations they are seeking to serve would be positively impacted by their construction.

O'Brien County Economic Development knows reliable, fast, broadband is very crucial in our recruitment of citizens and businesses to O'Brien County. With the addition of fiber broadband to rural locations the move to O'Brien County becomes even more appealing as work from home and school from home become a reality.

We ask that the OCIO strongly consider the application from Evertek, Inc. in order that The Community Agency and Evertek can finance this aggressive and progressive rural fiber project.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Kiana L. Johnson".

Kiana Johnson  
Executive Director



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July 20, 2021

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To Whom It May Concern:

The O'Brien County Supervisors are aware that The Community Agency and their partner Evertek, Inc. are making application to the OCIO for grant funds available by Empower Rural Iowa Broadband Grant program.

We know there are portions of O'Brien County where residents and businesses struggle to receive reliable fast broadband and as a result are disadvantaged in education, business, health care, government and e-commerce because of the lack of quality high-speed broadband service.

We support the application of The Community Agency and Evertek, Inc. to connect our rural County residents and businesses to high speed broadband via fiber and know that the approximate 720 locations they are seeking to serve would be positively impacted by their construction.

As more citizens seek to leave overcrowded metropolitan districts for a quieter rural way of life, The Board of Supervisors would like citizens and businesses to consider rural O'Brien County as their new home. With the addition of fiber broadband to these rural locations the move to O'Brien County becomes even more appealing as work from home and school from home become a reality.

We ask that the OCIO strongly consider the application from Evertek, Inc. in order that The Community Agency and Evertek can finance this aggressive and progressive rural fiber project.

Sincerely,



Nancy McDowell, Chair  
O'Brien County Board of Supervisors



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*Mary Westphalen*

*Jaron Benz, Public Works Superintendent*  
*Erica Haack, City Clerk/Administrator*

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To Whom It May Concern:

The City of Hartley, along with the O'Brien County Supervisors are aware that The Community Agency and their partner Evertek, Inc. are making application to the OCIO for grant funds available by Empower Rural Iowa Broadband Grant program. As Mayor of Hartley, our city and rural community are seeking reliable fast fiber broadband.

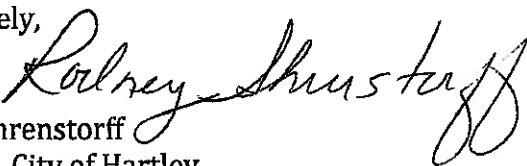
We know there are portions of O'Brien County where residents and businesses struggle to receive reliable fast broadband and as a result are disadvantaged in education, business, health care, government and e-commerce because of the lack of quality high-speed broadband service.

We support the application of The Community Agency and Evertek, Inc. to connect our rural County residents and businesses to high speed broadband via fiber and know that the approximate 255 locations they are seeking to serve would be positively impacted by their construction.

As more citizens seek to leave overcrowded metropolitan districts for a quieter rural way of life, the City Councils and Board of Supervisors would like citizens and businesses to consider rural O'Brien County as their new home. With the addition of fiber broadband to these rural locations the move to O'Brien County becomes even more appealing as work from home and school from home become a reality.

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Sincerely,



Rod Ahrenstorff  
Mayor, City of Hartley

**John Ihle**  
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The City of Paullina, along with the O'Brien County Supervisors are aware that The Community Agency and their partner Evertek, Inc. are making application to the OCIO for grant funds available by Empower Rural Iowa Broadband Grant program. As Mayor of Paullina, our city and rural community are seeking reliable fast fiber broadband.

We know there are portions of O'Brien County where residents and businesses struggle to receive reliable fast broadband and as a result are disadvantaged in education, business, health care, government and e-commerce because of the lack of quality high-speed broadband service.

We support the application of The Community Agency and Evertek, Inc. to connect our rural County residents and businesses to high speed broadband via fiber and know that the approximate 309 locations they are seeking to serve would be positively impacted by their construction.

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Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'John Ihle', is written over the printed name.

John Ihle  
Mayor, City of Paullina



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The City of Primghar, along with the O'Brien County Supervisors are aware that The Community Agency and their partner Evertek, Inc. are making application to the OCIO for grant funds available by Empower Rural Iowa Broadband Grant program. As Mayor of Primghar, our city and rural community are seeking reliable fast fiber broadband.

We know there are portions of O'Brien County where residents and businesses struggle to receive reliable fast broadband and as a result are disadvantaged in education, business, health care, government and e-commerce because of the lack of quality high-speed broadband service.

We support the application of The Community Agency and Evertek, Inc. to connect our rural County residents and businesses to high speed broadband via fiber and know that the approximate 157 locations they are seeking to serve would be positively impacted by their construction.

As more citizens seek to leave overcrowded metropolitan districts for a quieter rural way of life, the City Councils and Board of Supervisors would like citizens and businesses to consider rural O'Brien County as their new home. With the addition of fiber broadband to these rural locations the move to O'Brien County becomes even more appealing as work from home and school from home become a reality.

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Sincerely,

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Kurt Edwards  
Mayor, City of Primghar