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Submitted By: ERIN PETERSEN**Applicant Information****Primary Contact:****AnA User Id** PALOCOOP@IOWAID**First Name*** ERIN
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807 2ND ST**City*** PALO City Iowa State/Province 52324
Postal Code/Zip**Phone:*** 319-851-3431
Phone Ext.**Program Area of Interest*** Broadband Grant Program - Empower Rural Iowa**Fax:****Agency****Organization Information****Organization Name:*** Palo Cooperative Telephone Association**Organization Type:*** Other**DUNS:** 04-475-2384**Organization Website:** www.gopcta.com**Address:** PO BOX 169
807 2ND ST**City** PALO City Iowa State/Province 52324
Postal Code/Zip**Phone:** 319-851-3431
Ext.**Fax:****Benefactor****Vendor Number**

Cover Sheet-General Information**Authorized Official**

Name* Erin Petersen
Title* General Manager
Organization* Palo Cooperative Telephone Association
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Address* 807 2nd St

City/State/Zip* Palo Iowa 52324
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County(ies) Participating, Involved, or Affected by this Proposal* Linn 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* Palo Cooperative Telephone Association
Doing Business As: Palo Cooperative Telephone Association

Physical Address

Street * 807 2nd St
City* Palo
State* IA
Zip* 52324

Mailing Address (used for warrants and/or payments)

Street or PO Box * PO BOX 169 807 2ND ST
City* Palo
State* IA
Zip Code* 52324

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.*

Palo Cooperative Telephone Company (Palo) determined the total eligible infrastructure costs to be \$2,696,000 for the Palo Expansion 2021. Palo's Empower Rural Iowa Broadband grant request is 43.78%, \$1,180,309, of the total eligible infrastructure costs in the proposed area, with 56.22% being self-funded by Palo.

Providing high-speed broadband access to residents, businesses, and community anchor institutions within the rural areas of Linn County is the ultimate goal of the Palo Expansion 2021 project. Furthermore, the proposed project will help promote economic development within Linn County.

Due to the rural nature of the area, the locations included in Palo's application would be too costly to build without funding assistance from the Empower Rural Iowa Broadband Grants Program. As a result, the proposed Palo Expansion 2021 will likely not proceed as presented without grant assistance.

Has construction on the project begun? *

No

Project Status

Project Milestone	Estimated Completion date	Costs Incurred
OSP Engineering	03/01/2023	\$352,000.00
OSP Construction	03/01/2023	\$2,021,000.00
Electronics	03/01/2023	\$323,000.00

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* [Palo Demonstrated Experience.pdf](#)

References

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Name	Ainsley Snyder
Telephone Number	319-775-2420

Community Support Letter

Community Support Letter

[Palo Letters of Support.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.

Minority populations within the Palo Expansion 2021 area will be positively impacted as a result of gaining access to high-speed Internet services.

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

According to the U.S. Census Bureau, Linn County has a 11.9% minority population. 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	Erin	Petersen
	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 [Signed 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 \(Public\)*](#)[Exhibit F.pdf](#)**Request for Confidentiality or Form 22 - Exhibit G**[Form 22 \(Public\)*](#)[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 (Materials & Installation)	\$1,852,000.00	\$169,000.00	\$2,021,000.00	43.78	\$884,793.80
OSP Engineering	Engineering	\$323,000.00	\$29,000.00	\$352,000.00	43.78	\$154,105.60
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	\$101,000.00	\$0.00	\$101,000.00	43.78	\$44,217.80
Customer Premise Equipment	FTTP Customer Premise Equipment and Installation	\$187,000.00	\$0.00	\$187,000.00	43.78	\$81,868.60
Other	Electronics Cabinet	\$35,000.00	\$0.00	\$35,000.00	43.78	\$15,323.00
Totals		\$2,498,000.00	\$198,000.00	\$2,696,000.00		\$1,180,308.80

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