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## Application

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

#### 418288 - Cedar County 5G Broadband Expansion Broadband Grant Program - Empower Rural Iowa

Status: Submitted Submitted Date: 07/28/2021 3:31 PM Submitted By: Justin Frakes

### Applicant Information

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Phone  
**Program Area of Interest\*** Broadband Grant Program - Empower Rural Iowa  
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**Agency**

#### Organization Information

**Organization Name:\*** United States Cellular Corporation  
**Organization Type:\*** For-Profit – Publicly Traded  
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**Name\*** Doug Chambers  
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**Organization**  
**Address**

**City/State/Zip** Illinois  
City State Zip

**Telephone Number**

**E-Mail**

**County(ies) Participating, Involved, or Affected by this Proposal\*** Cedar County

**Congressional District(s) Involved or Affected by this Proposal\*** 2nd - Rep Marianne Miller-Meeks  
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**Iowa Senate District(s) Involved or Affected by this Proposal\*** 37  
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**Iowa House District(s) Involved or Affected by this Proposal\*** 73  
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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\*** United States Cellular Corporation

**Doing Business As:**

**Physical Address**

**Street \*** 8410 W. Bryn Mawr, Ste. 700  
**City\*** Chicago  
**State\*** IL  
**Zip\*** 60631

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

**Street or PO Box \*** 8410 W. Bryn Mawr, Ste. 700  
**City\*** Chicago  
**State\*** IL  
**Zip Code\*** 60631

## 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?\* Yes

For Applicants who are a subsidiary, an uploaded document describing the relationship between a parent and subsidiary is required.

Public Redacted Broadband Additional Information [418288- United States Cellular Corporation - Business Organization.pdf](#)

## 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.\*

UScellular is proposing to modernize and expand a portion of its network in rural Iowa. This network initiative will deliver a minimum throughput of 100 DL / 20 UL Mbps wireless broadband services in Cedar County near the town of Clarence, and improve access in 82 census blocks identified as Tier 1 Targeted Service Areas.

UScellular's existing plan of record is to focus C-band deployments on dense urban areas. Specifically, NOFA#006 funds are needed to expand and accelerate 100/20 broadband speeds in rural Iowa by building and enhancing sites to leverage this powerful spectrum. Should funding not be awarded, USCC is unable to commit to these advancements as the business case is challenging given lower densities.

UScellular's 5G service will bring 3GPP standards to both fixed and mobile services which allows for continued speed increases as new spectrum is released to the market. Should a Grant be awarded, UScellular is committed to demonstrating a definitive project schedule.

Has construction on the project begun? \* No

## Project Status

Project Milestone	Estimated Completion date	Costs Incurred
Project Completion	12/31/2023	\$1,276,000.00

## 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\* [418288 - United States Cellular Corporation - Demonstrated Experience.pdf](#)

## References

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Telephone Number

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Name

Bob Deter, Tech. Dir. - Red Oak School District

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**Community Support Letter**

Community Support Letter

**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

*	Manager, Strategy	Justin	Frakes
	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\* [418288 - United States Cellular Corporation - Core Application CONFIDENTIAL.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 [418288 - United States Cellular Corporation - 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)\* [418288 - United States Cellular Corporation - Exhibit F.pdf](#)

**Request for Confidentiality or Form 22 - Exhibit G**

**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	
Fiber/Copper					0	
OSP					0	
Engineering					0	
Design					0	
Engineering					0	
Construction					0	
Mgmt.					0	
Tower	Site acquisition, Architectural Engineering Design, Antenna and line equipment, Installation and tower prep services, construction, RAN equipment, integration and shakedown services, Closeout and inspe				50.0	
Antenna					0	
Boring					0	
Trenching					0	
Knifing					0	
Switching					0	
Equipment					0	
Routing					0	
Equipment					0	
Optical					0	
Equipment					0	
Customer					0	
Premise					0	
Equipment					0	
Other					0	
<b>Totals</b>		<b>\$1,276,000.00</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>	<b>\$1,276,000.00</b>		<b>\$638,000.00</b>

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