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427424 - Empower Rural Iowa, Coronavirus State and Local Fiscal Recovery Funds ("CSLFRF")-NOFA #007 - Final Application

433944 - Rural Stevens Fiber Expansion Project Broadband Grant Program - Empower Rural Iowa

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City*

Blue Earth
City

Minnesota
State/Province

56013
Postal Code/Zip

Phone:*

507-526-2822
Phone

Ext.

Program Area of Interest*

Broadband Grant Program - Empower Rural Iowa

Fax:

Agency

Organization Information

Organization Name:*

Blue Earth Valley Telephone Co.

Organization Type:*

Private

DUNS:

00-977-0165

Organization Website:

www.bevcomm.net

Address:

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Cover Sheet-General Information

Authorized Official

Name* John Sonnek
Title* Director of Operations
Organization* Blue Earth Valley Telephone Co., dba Bevcomm
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Address* 123 W 7th St

City/State/Zip* Blue Earth Minnesota 56013
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Telephone Number* 507-526-1164
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Fiscal Officer/Agent

Please enter the "Fiscal Officer" for your Organization.

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

Name* Arlette Dutton
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County(ies) Participating, Involved, or Affected by this Proposal* Kossuth County
Congressional District(s) Involved or Affected by this Proposal* 4th - Rep Randy Feenstra
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Business Organization - NOFA #007

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* Blue Earth Valley Telephone Co.
Doing Business As: Bevcomm
Are you a local government, non-profit, and/or cooperative?* No

Physical Address

Street * 123 W 7th St
City* Blue Earth
State* MN

United States ZIP code (five digits) concentrated with the additional +4 digits where the vendor is physically located (e.g., 50312-5307)

Zip* 56013-1309

Mailing Address (used for warrants and/or payments)

Street or PO Box * 123 W 7th St
 City* Blue Earth
 State* MN
 United States ZIP code (five digits) concentrated with the additional +4 digits where the vendor is physically located (e.g., 50312-5307)
 Zip Code* 56013-1309

Applicant Business Structure and Eligibility

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

Are you the entity that will be performing the proposed work, or an entity with a substantial ownership interest in the entity that will be both performing the proposed work and offering/Facilitating last-mile connection to homes and businesses?* 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

Coronavirus State and Local Fiscal Recovery Fund Requirements

All eligible applicants are also required to have an active registration with the System for Award Management (SAM) (<https://www.sam.gov>). Please upload a PDF of your organization's status.

SAM.gov* [433944_Blue Earth Valley Telephone Co. dba Bevcomm_Sam Status.pdf](#)

A DUNS number is a unique nine-character number used to identify your organization. The federal government uses the DUNS number to track how federal money is allocated. Please visit this website for additional information: <https://www.grants.gov/applicants/organization-registration/step-1-obtain-duns-number.html>

DUNS Number* 009770165

Enter your organization's Federal Tax Identification Number.

Taxpayer Identification Number (TIN)* 41-0155660

Eligibility and Demonstrated Experience

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 #007; 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 #007.

Demonstrated Experience* [433944 - Blue Earth Valley Telephone Co dba Bevcomm - Demonstrated Experience.pdf](#)

References

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Telephone Number	507-854-3063
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Name	Jim Beattie
Telephone Number	507-526-7127

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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 #007, 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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Wireless projects must demonstrate infrastructure deployed as a function of the project contains adequate backhaul capabilities to support stated broadband delivery speeds to the entire coverage area listed in Exhibit B. See Exhibit I - Wireless Project Design.

Are you implementing a wireless project?* No

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)* [433944-Blue Earth Valley Telephone Co. dba Bevcomm-Exhibit F.pdf](#)

Request for Confidentiality or Form 22 - Exhibit G

Form 22 (Public)* [433944-Blue Earth Valley Telephone Co. dba Bevcomm-Exhibit G.pdf](#)

Product Pricing Form - Exhibit L

Please upload Exhibit L Product Pricing Form. The attachment should be a PDF (remember to sign) and be titled "Application Number - Applicant Name - Exhibit L.

Exhibit L Product Pricing Form* [433944-Blue Earth Valley Telephone Co. dba Bevcomm-Exhibit L.pdf](#)

Executive Project Summary NOFA #007

No costs may be incurred prior to March 3, 2021.

Estimated Project Construction Start Date* 09/01/2022

The project must be completed no later than September 30, 2026.

Estimated Project Completion Date* 09/02/2024

Has construction on the project begun?* No

By stating federal funds are necessary to proceed, the applicant is confirming that the project would not be built out to these eligible areas and completed by September 30, 2026 without this funding.

Are federal funds necessary for the project to proceed?* Yes

Are you applying for a project that will facilitate 100/20 Broadband?* No

Please include the technology type, facilitated speed and the project area. You may also include information regarding any middle-mile subcontractors that will be facilitating middle mile services.

Briefly describe your project. * This proposed project will include last-mile construction of fiber-to-the-premise

infrastructure in rural Kossuth County, Ia. The completed project will provide Control Number 433944 speeds to 40 locations, including two businesses, and numerous farming operations.

By checking this box Applicant certifies, to the best of it's knowledge, that neither Applicant nor any other known Communications Service Provider or other entity has been awarded federal funds for the construction of 25/3 wireline broadband or faster, which funds may include but are not limited to RDOF, ACAM, or other sources of federal funding, for previous or current Broadband infrastructure projects in the Eligible Area(s) forming this basis of Applicant's proposed Project. Notwithstanding the foregoing, this certification does not apply to projects that may have received other sources of American Rescue Plan Funding.*

Yes

Total Project costs are defined as the total costs/expenditures comprising a Project, and for which the Applicant/Grantee may seek reimbursement from the Office. Refer to Section 1.5.2 (Total Project Costs).

Does your total project cost exceed \$10 Million?*

No

Project Budget

Category	Description	Total Estimated Cost \$ (Exhibit D)	Total Estimated Cost \$ (Exhibit D1)	Total Estimated Project Budget (D+D1)	Requested Grant Support % (up to 60%)	Grant Request (Est. Cost * Request %)
Conduit (DC1)	Conduit	\$4,387.75	\$0.00	\$4,387.75	60.0	\$2,632.65
Fiber/Copper (DC2)	Fiber	\$128,080.46	\$0.00	\$128,080.46	60.0	\$76,848.28
OSP Engineering (DC3)	inspection, mapping, etc	\$4,800.00	\$0.00	\$4,800.00	60.0	\$2,880.00
Design Engineering (DC4)		\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	0	\$0.00
Construction Mgmt. (DC5)		\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	0	\$0.00
Tower (DC6)		\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	0	\$0.00
Antenna (DC7)		\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	0	\$0.00
Boring (DC8)	Boring	\$69,600.00	\$0.00	\$69,600.00	60.0	\$41,760.00
Trenching (DC9)		\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	0	\$0.00
Knifing (DC10)	Plowing	\$267,946.50	\$0.00	\$267,946.50	60.0	\$160,767.90
Switching Equipment (DC11)		\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	0	\$0.00
Routing Equipment (DC12)		\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	0	\$0.00
Optical Equipment (DC13)	Racks, Panels, Adtran Equipment	\$29,120.85	\$0.00	\$29,120.85	60.0	\$17,472.51
Customer Premise Equipment (DC14)	ONT installs (inside)	\$12,230.01	\$0.00	\$12,230.01	60.0	\$7,338.01
Other (DC15)	Nids, plds, splicing etc.	\$110,288.34	\$0.00	\$110,288.34	60.0	\$66,173.00
Totals		\$626,453.91	\$0.00	\$626,453.91		\$375,872.35

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

*

Director of Operations

Title

John

First Name

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Last Name

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