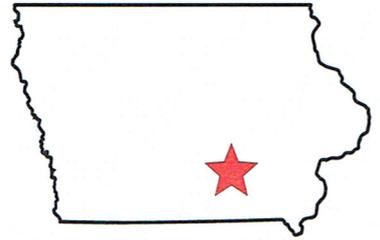


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RE: Empower Rural Iowa, Emergency Broadband Expansion Grant Program – NOFA #008

This letter is written to confirm that the \$70 rate Citizens Mutual Telephone Cooperative (CMTC) charges for their 100/100 mbps internet service is affordable to the residents in Wapello County. Including both federal and state sources, if awarded, this will be the sixth grant award for CMTC to expand broadband service in rural Wapello County. The residents are excited to finally have broadband available and CMTC's price for their service is promoting wide scale adoption.

We would also like to express our support of CMTC's application and our gratitude towards the OCIO for consideration in investing in the continued expansion of broadband in Wapello County. We believe the OCIO has administered the broadband program exceptionally well and we appreciate the tremendous amount of work in making the program successful.

Sincerely,



Brian Morgan