

August 16, 2023

Empower Rural Iowa Broadband Grant Program Notice of Funding Availability #008

RE: BIZ #10 - NOFA #8 Grant

To Whom it May Concern:

I am writing this letter on behalf of Sharon Telephone Company. As a resident of rural Iowa City, Iowa, we would like to express our full support of the Empower Rural Iowa Broadband Grant Program Notice of Funding Availability #008 application for Sharon Telephone Company. They have a long and successful history of providing state-of-the-art communications services in the Hills, Riverside and Iowa City areas. Sharon Telephone Company has a reputation for community commitment and strong customer service. We are confident in Sharon Telephone Company's capabilities for enhancing broadband service for those residing in rural Iowa City, such as us.

With the assistance from the broadband grant, Sharon Telephone Company will be able to enhance our broadband connectivity with a fiber network design. This fiber build will provide affordable, reliable internet and symmetrical speed offerings up to 1 Gbps in our area. As an underserved rural area with limited access to reliable, high-speed Internet services, our neighbors struggle to work and do homework from home. Therefore, it is extremely important that broadband grant funding be obtained to allow for much needed broadband service to our area.

We strongly urge the Office of the Chief Information Officer to fund Sharon Telephone Company for BIZ #10 NOFA #8 grant application. This will help with sustaining the future of advanced broadband services in Sharon Telephone Company's proposed funded service area.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Deanna Marshek". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

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ULTIMATE	Serious gaming, work from home, ultra-fast streaming	Parental controls & network protection INCLUDED w/ Calix router.	\$178.95 per month	SIGN UP	1 /1 Gbps
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ELITE	Stream HD videos, fast gaming, download large files, connect via video chat	Parental controls & network protection INCLUDED w/ Calix router.	\$115.95 per month	SIGN UP	250/250 Mbps
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PREMIUM	Stream HD videos, fast gaming, download large files, connect via video chat	Network protection INCLUDED w/ Calix router. Parental controls available with ExperienceIQ.	\$78.95 per month	SIGN UP	100/100 Mbps
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ESSENTIAL	Simple tasks like email, fast web browsing, streaming shows, playing music and sharing photos	Network protection INCLUDED w/ Calix router. Parental controls available with ExperienceIQ.	\$62.95 per month	SIGN UP	50/50 Mbps
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