

Sharon Telephone Company
Rural Lone Tree Project
NOFA #008

NOFA #8 Sharon Telephone Company Demonstrated Experience

Sharon Telephone Company (STC) has been serving the Hills, Frytown and Sharon townships for over 100 years. Through grants and self-funding, we have built fiber to the city of Riverside and the surrounding areas. This has provided 1 Gig/1 Gig capable connectivity for 850 new locations. STC is run by a Board of Directors with over 94 years of combined experience. STC provides voice and data service to its customer base. The entire STC network is fiber optic fed. All locations can access speeds up to 1Gig/1Gig.

STC has been awarded NOFA #2, 3 and 7 grants. Both NOFA #2 and 3 were completed on time. We were awarded a Community Connect Grant through the USDA. This project was completed in 2023. We have started NOFA #7 and plan to complete this area by the end of 2023.

STC has worked with Aureon, our backhaul provider, to have fiber and a node with multiple 100 Gig ports placed within our central office in Hills. This direct connection will allow STC to continue to grow, both in our footprint and speed offerings to customers.

We are applying for 100% of the BIZ #10 area. This will be an all fiber-to-the-premises project. STC has fiber into an area of BIZ 10 already, and has built fiber-to-the-home for locations adjacent to BIZ 10 that fall in our ILEC area. Our existing and planned infrastructure will significantly lower the requested grant funds. STC will fund building an additional 50 locations in and around BIZ 10 that do not qualify for grants.

STC is a financially viable organization with the capability to meet all financial requirements outlined in this project. STC has a history of continued business success and meeting financial obligations within the communities we serve.