



Iowa Office of the CIO

ATTN: Broadband Office

Dear Office of Broadband,

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We fully support Mediacom's grant application, and we hope that this is an application that the state will consider as it will provide a great benefit to the residences, businesses, and community anchors that are part of the ITQ project area and beyond.

If you have any questions about Mediacom's grant, you can reach the Sr. Director of Government Partnerships of Mediacom at clord@mediacomcc.com or 850-737-0098. If you have questions about our support of Mediacom's grant, please contact me at tom@madisoncountydevelopment.com or 515.462.1891.

Thank you,

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Tom Leners
Executive Director



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Devin Gaudette
102 W McKinney St
Runnells, IA 50237
councilman.devingaudette@gmail.com
8/9/2023

Christopher Lord
Director, Government Partnership Opportunities
Mediacom
1613 Nantahala Beach Road
Gulf Breeze, Florida 32563

Subject: Support for Bringing Fiber-to-Home Broadband Internet to Runnells

Dear Christopher,

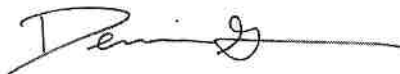
I am writing to express my enthusiastic support for the initiative to bring fiber-to-home broadband internet to Runnells, IA. As a resident of this community, and current City Council member, I understand the immense potential and benefits that this transformative technology can offer to our city and its residents.

In today's increasingly interconnected world, access to reliable and high-speed internet has become an essential utility, just like electricity and water. Unfortunately, many rural areas have been left behind in terms of internet connectivity, which hampers our ability to fully participate in the digital age. The introduction of fiber-to-home broadband would be a remarkable step towards bridging the digital divide and ensuring that all residents, regardless of their location, have equal opportunities to thrive and succeed.

From economic growth, education and learning to healthcare and telemedicine, bringing fiber-to-home internet to Runnells is essential for our community development. I wholeheartedly support your efforts to make fiber-to-home broadband a reality in Runnells. This initiative aligns with the values of progress, inclusivity, and equal access to opportunities that our community stands for. I urge you to consider the long-term benefits that this investment will bring to our city and its residents.

The pricing proposed for the upgrades to fiber-to-home internet appears affordable, and therefore please know that you have my unwavering support. Together, we can create a brighter future for Runnells and ensure that it remains a vibrant and thriving community for generations to come.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Devin Gaudette", with a long horizontal line extending to the right.

Devin Gaudette

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March 22, 2023

Office of the Chief Information Officer
200 E. Grand Ave.
Des Moines, IA 50309

RE: Broadband Intervention Zone

To Whom It May Concern:

It is my pleasure to offer this letter in support of the City of Runnells' application to become a Broadband Intervention Zone. Among my fellow public servants at the City of Runnells, we are in complete agreement that broadband internet is a critical need for the City of Runnells and Southern Polk County.

The existing internet infrastructure is not up to standards, and the ripple effect stretches across nearly every aspect of our community. Not only is it a deterrent to prospective companies locating in the City of Runnells; it is also a hinderance to attracting and retaining a much-needed workforce. Furthermore, it detracts from our ability to educate our children, further handicapping our ability to grow workforce from within.

The pandemic showed us how dependent our communities and economies are on an interconnected world. The longer we go without adequate internet service, the farther we fall behind and the harder it becomes to catch up.

I greatly appreciate the Office of the Chief Information Officer taking this step to qualify regions as Broadband Intervention Zones. I would ask you to please give strong consideration to the City of Runnells for such a designation.

Sincerely,



Cameron K. Wright

/nm

Stacy & Thomas Monson

401 W Park Ave

Runnells, IA 50237

August 9, 2023

To whom it may concern,

As a citizen of the city of Runnells, Iowa, I am writing this letter in support of Mediacom

Communications bringing broadband fiber optic internet to the city of Runnells and surrounding rural areas of southeast Polk County.

The current infrastructure for internet services is subpar, with extremely limited options that are not reliable. This lack of infrastructure creates challenges for those who work remotely and hinders the possibilities for others that are required to have specific parameters met by an internet service provider. In addition, our school district provides chrome-books to each student, creating a heavy reliance on technology and the services needed to perform educational tasks for school not only for those attending public/private schools but also the families that are home schooling. Post pandemic, we have learned how crucial it is to have reliable and sufficient internet access. Our society has grown dependent on the interconnected world, educationally, professionally, and personally.

I ask that you consider the enormous positive impact broadband access will have for the citizens and businesses in Runnells, and surrounding areas as well as the future growth of the city residentially and commercially. Thank you for your support.

Kind Regards,

Stacy and Thomas Monson

**Joe
Quick**
**Runnells City
Councilman**

110 Brown St (PO Box 33)
Runnells IA 50237

3 August 2023

MediaCom Communications
1613 Nantahala Beach Road
Gulfbreeze, Florida 32563

Dear Mediacom,

Thank you for contacting our city clerk about possibly expanding high-quality fiber-to-the-home broadband to the City of Runnells. This project is much needed in our community and would help elevate the high internet costs associated with only one provider for our community. As a resident, most days, I do not even turn on my wifi because of the poor quality and slow speeds, and forget about trying to stream anything.

Every day, the citizens of Runnells ask when a better option will become available to our city, and Mediacom could be that blessing to us. Please let me know if I can help, and please consider helping our community reach better internet quality.

Sincerely,

Joe Quick
Runnells City Councilman

Zach and Tiffany Phillips

302 Person St

Runnells IA 50237

515-779-5076

Phillips.tiffany@yahoo.com

8/9/2023

Mediacom Communications

2205 Ingersoll Avenue

Des Moines, IA 50312

Dear Sir/Madam,

I am writing to request internet installation at my home/office located at 302 Person St Runnells IA 50237. My current internet service provider is no longer offering services that meet my needs as a customer.

Please let me know if this service is available in my area and what the next steps are for installation. I look forward to hearing back from you.

Thank you for your time and attention to this matter.

Sincerely,

Zach and Tiffany Phillips

Jeremy Lindquist

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Runnells, IA 50237

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08/09/2023

Mediacom Communications

2205 Ingersoll Avenue

Des Moines, IA 50312

Dear Sir/Madam,

I am writing to request internet installation at my home/office located at **202 E. McKinney Street Runnells, IA 50237**. My current internet service provider is no longer offering services that meet my needs as a customer.

Please let me know if this service is available in my area and what the next steps are for installation. I look forward to hearing back from you.

Thank you for your time and attention to this matter.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, reading "Jeremy Lindquist". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Jeremy Lindquist

Austin Thomas Swanson

206 E. McKinney St.

Runnells, IA 50237

8/13/2023

To whom it may concern,

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Best Regards,

Austin Swanson

ShoShanna Swanson

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Runnells, IA 50237

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Best Regards,

ShoShanna Swanson

City of Stout

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08.09.23

To Whom It may concern,

We are writing to you in support of Mediacom submitting an application to service the city of Stout. The City of Stout has lacked the opportunity to have access to a quality internet connection for at least 10 years. While I am newer to being the City clerk I am also a resident of Stout and have been since 2011. When we moved in to town we were provided an internet connection that was the same dial up I used when I was kid in the 90's and lived here. We could not even access the Centurylink website to pay our bill. Since that time, I have been reaching out to companies and trying to get them to expand service to our town. Unggoy did bring internet service to town, but it is not reliable. Unfortunately, it is affected by how many people are using it, wind, rain, snow and even fog as it is all line of sight service. The community really felt the lack of internet connection during the pandemic. Our kids suffered academically and socially and our jobs suffered by not having a reliable connection. We hope that you consider Mediacom for the residents of Stout.

Thank You!

City of Stout

VanArsdel, Ltd.

Taylor Phillips
5678 Main St
New York, NY 90210

September 16, 20XX

Dear Taylor Phillips,

Write the body of your letter here. To update any of the letter's information, select the text, and start typing.

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Warm Regards,

Jordan Mitchell
CEO

5678 Main St.
New York, NY 90210
212-555-0199

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Warm Regards,

Jordan Mitchell
CEO

Northeast Iowa Gutters & Construction, LLC
418 3rd Street PO Box 338 Stout, Iowa 50673
319-939-1998



August 8, 2023

Re: Need for Reliable Internet

To Whom it May Concern:

I am currently a business owner in Stout, Iowa. My business is run solely out of my home. I need to be able to do my invoicing, quotes, and use my QuickBooks software while online. I also do a lot of my supply ordering online as well as online auctions. It is very difficult to do all of this successfully without reliable internet connections and slow internet speeds. My security cameras on my buildings, to protect my business assets/machinery, run off of Wi-Fi as well. Life, as a business owner, would be much less stressful if I could count on our internet to run at a high speed and stay connected all day. I would fully support Mediacom if they came to Stout with reliable, high speed internet.

Best Regards,

Michael Nefzger

Michael Nefzger
NE Iowa Gutters & Construction
319-939-1998
nef.mike@gmail.com

To Whom it May Concern:

I am writing to express my concern about the lack of reliable internet in Stout, IA. I am currently working as an Office Director at a childcare center. While most of my work is done in the office, I now have the ability to do some work from home when needed. This is especially important to me as a mother of two since typically it is so I can stay home with sick kids, no school days, etc. In order to do this, I need reliable internet it is very important to me as a working mother that I can take care of my family and still work from home.

My two children are in elementary school. They are starting to get homework that requires internet access. My youngest also has websites such as Learning Eggs and Math Seeds he can log into to do activities that his teacher can track at school. It's very hard to do with unreliable internet or when the speeds are slow. We would also like better internet for entertainment purposes. I should be able to have one child working on a computer on homework while they other can stream TV, it's 2023.

As member of our City Council in Stout I would love to be able to help bring reliable internet to our citizens. It is the biggest complaint we get in town. It is frustrating, we should be able to provide people who choose to live in rural areas with reliable internet. As a resident and council member I would support Mediacom coming to Stout.

Thank you,

Sara Nefzger

Sara Nefzger
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9 Aug 23

To Whom it May Concern:

My name is James Folkerts, and I am currently the Mayor of the City of Stout and the Chief of the Stout Fire Department. A challenge that our community faces is our unreliable internet service currently provided to our area. We have several residents that work from home, in fact my wife is one of those residents. This can be very frustrating to our whole household when the internet service is poor at the time.

I am writing this in support of the possibility of Mediacom, or any other service provider, to bring us affordable and stable high-speed internet. I strongly feel that this would give our community another tool to allow us to grow.

Thank You

James Folkerts
Mayor, City of Stout
Chief, Stout Fire Department
402 Main St
PO Box 306
Stout, IA 50673
319-239-3114

To Whom it May Concern:

I am writing to express my concern about the lack of reliable internet in Stout, IA. I am presently employed with the school district and I often need to do work from home for my students that requires a reliable internet connection. I am also currently taking online continuing ed courses that is extremely hard to do from home with our currently internet connections.

I also have three children, one in high school, one in middle school, and one in elementary. They clearly need fast and reliable internet for homework as well as entertainment purposes. It's also very difficult when both older kids must work on their school laptops at the same time, the internet gets so bogged down. Especially if someone else is using the internet for tv or entertainment.

I am also currently a member of our City Council in Stout I would love to be able to help bring reliable internet to our residents. It is the biggest complaint we get in town we have been working on this for years. We should be able to provide rural areas in Iowa with reliable internet. As a resident and council member I would support Mediacom coming to Stout.

Thank you,

Christina Gronowski

Christina Gronowski
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Stout, Ia 50673



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August 21, 2023

State of Iowa OCIO
Des Moines, IA

RE: NOFA 8 Support Letter for Lee County, IA, proposal from Mediacom

Dear State of Iowa OCIO,

I am writing on behalf of the Southeast Iowa Regional Planning Commission (SEIRPC) and our member county, Lee County, to show support for Mediacom's application in the Empower Rural Iowa Broadband Grant Program NOFA008.

Lee County contains some of the most densely clustered underserved addresses in the state. These rural addresses have few good options to secure 100x100 or greater service to support their personal, business, educational, and overall broadband data needs.

Mediacom has reached out to us with a proposed Fiber to the Home (FTTH) build that will serve over 80% of ITQ Project # 507279 with broadband at speeds of 2,000 Mbps download and 1,000 Mbps upload. Mediacom has shown the ability to provide this service in the timeline requested by the OCIO office in the program guidelines. The company has also provided pricing information that shows the service levels that will be offered and how they will be affordable to the communities that will be impacted by this grant.

We fully support Mediacom's grant application, and we hope that this is an application that the state will consider as it will provide a great benefit to the residents, businesses, and community anchors that are part of the ITQ project area and beyond. The 800+ new services will put a significant dent in the Lee County underserved clusters.

If you have any questions about Mediacom's grant, you can reach the Sr. Director of Government Partnerships of Mediacom at clord@mediacomcc.com or 850-737-0098. If you have questions about our support of Mediacom's grant, please contact me at mnorris@seirpc.com or 319-753-4310.

Respectfully Submitted,

Mike Norris
Executive Director

