

**OFFICE OF THE CHIEF INFORMATION OFFICER OF THE STATE OF IOWA (“OFFICE”)  
Broadband Grants Program—Connect Every Iowan  
April 30, 2019**

Notice of Intent to Award Broadband Grant Funds:

In accordance with the terms and conditions of the Broadband Grants Program—Connect Every Iowan Notice of Funding Availability (“NOFA”) #001 and Iowa Administrative Code rule 129—22.5(4), following the office’s final agency decision regarding whether, to which projects, and in what amount(s) to make an award(s), the office will notify each applicant to which it has decided to make an award by issuing a “**Notice of Intent Award**” or “**NOIA**.” Such NOIA shall be distributed by email to an awardee’s authorized contact. The office will also post all NOIA’s online at [Iowa Grants](#) and <http://ocio.iowa.gov/broadband>. Unsuccessful applicants are solely responsible for reviewing such websites to determine their award status. This NOIA serves that function, and has been distributed by those means.

The office has reviewed, evaluated, and scored the applications received in response to NOFA #001 in accordance with the requirements, terms, and conditions of Iowa Code chapter 8B, Iowa Administrative Code chapter 129—22, and the NOFA, and through this NOIA hereby awards the following amounts to the following applicants/applications:

<b>Control Number</b>	<b>Applicant Name</b>	<b>Application Name</b>	<b>Award Amount</b>
300995	BTC Inc.	Proposed ‘CR1’ Carroll, Iowa Rural Fiber Optic Construction Project	\$98,448.00
298223	Chariton Valley Planning and Development Council	Lockridge Networks LLC - Broadband	\$13,651.00
301959	City of Adair	Adair Fiber Project	\$138,900.00
298408	Heartland Telecommunications Company of Iowa	Heartland - Ireton (RURAL)	\$303,653.00
298410	Heartland Telecommunications Company of Iowa	Heartland - Boyden & Hull (RURAL)	\$436,056.00
298359	Sully Telephone Association, Inc.	Sully Telephone Association - 2019 Southwest Fiber Project	\$75,714.00
301953	WTC Communications, Inc.	FTTH Project-Wilton Iowa	\$233,578.00
	<b>Total Award Amount:</b>		<b>\$1,300,000</b>

This NOIA is contingent upon the successful execution of a Grant Agreement and, as a result, this Notice does NOT constitute the formation of a Contract between the State and the successful applicant. Awardees shall not

acquire any legal or equitable rights relative to the award of grant funds until a Grant Agreement has been executed. If the successful applicant fails to negotiate/execute a Grant Agreement with the State for any reason, the State, in its sole discretion, may cancel or otherwise modify this NOIA accordingly. The State further reserves the right to cancel the award at any time prior to the execution of a written Grant Agreement.

As noted below, adversely affected applicants have ten (10) days to appeal this award decision by requesting a contested case proceeding in accordance with Iowa Administrative Code rule 129—22.5(4) and 129—6. Following the expiration of that ten (10) day appeal period, the office will transmit a Grant Agreement to successful applicants for execution. Applicants will then have thirty (30) working days from the date of receipt of such Grant Agreement to negotiate and sign a Grant Agreement with the office. If a Grant Agreement has not been executed within thirty (30) working days of applicant's receipt thereof, the office may, in its sole discretion, cancel the award and begin negotiations with another applicant, as deemed appropriate by the office. The office may, in its sole discretion, extend the time period for negotiations of the Grant Agreement.

From the date and time of the transmission and posting of this NOIA, adversely affected applicants will have ten (10) days to appeal this award decision(s) by requesting a contested case proceeding in accordance with Iowa Administrative Code rule 129—22.5(4) and 129—6. Failure to challenge the office's decision within the ten (10) day period shall waive any other claims an applicant may have as it relates to the office's administration of the process and otherwise be deemed a failure to exhaust administrative remedies. Applicants may appeal an adverse decision only for a timely submitted application. Appeals must clearly and fully identify all issues being contested and demonstrate what procedures in the NOFA were not followed.