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380273 - Broadband Grant Program - Empower Rural Iowa - NOFA #004

384269 - MEH NOFA#004 REQUEST

Broadband Grant Program - Empower Rural Iowa

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Program Area of Interest* Broadband Grant Program - Empower Rural Iowa
Fax:
Agency

Organization Information

Organization Name:* Marne & Elk Horn Telephone Company
Organization Type:* For-Profit – Privately Held
DUNS:
Organization Website: www.metc.net
Address: 4242 Main St

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Cover Sheet-General Information

Authorized Official

Name* Rachel Hamilton
Title* CEO
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Name*	Rachel Hamilton		
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County(ies) Participating, Involved, or Affected by this Proposal*	Pottawattamie County		
Congressional District(s) Involved or Affected by this Proposal*	3rd - Rep Cindy Axne (D) Congressional Map		
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Business Organization - NOFA #004

Business Legal Name*	Marne & Elk Horn Telephone Company
Mailing Address	
Street *	4242 Main St PO Box 120
City*	Elk Horn
State*	IA
Zip*	51531
Alternate Mailing Address (used for warrants and/or payments)	
Alternate Street	
Alternate City	
Alternate State	
Alternate Zip	

Additional Information

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Public Redacted Broadband Additional Information

Is the Applicant a Communications Service Provider as defined by Iowa Code chapter 8B, including but not limited to private sector carriers, local governments, utilities, and other entities that provide or intend to provide Broadband service.

Communication Service Provider* Yes

Executive Project Summary NOFA #004

This section requires an Applicant to summarize, at a high level, its proposed Project, including but not limited to the geographic area in which the Project will occur, the primary deployment model (e.g., wireline versus wireless), and a general overview of how Applicant has/will comply with the terms, conditions, and requirements of Iowa Code section 8B.11, Iowa Administrative Code rule 129—22, and this NOFA #004. Name and upload this file "Application Number - Applicant Name - Executive Project Summary". This can be a PDF or Word Document.

Executive Project Summary* [384269 - Marne Elk Horn Telephone Company - Executive Project Summary.docx](#)

The section requires Applicant to affirm whether or not State funds are necessary for the Project to proceed.

Are State Funds Necessary for the Project to proceed?* Yes

This section requires an Applicant to describe how the Project will or will not proceed if State funds requested are not ultimately awarded. Control Number 384269

Describe how the Project will or will not proceed if State funds requested are not ultimately awarded.*

We have looked at this project multiple times, ultimately it would connect two existing communities we serve via fiber that are approximately 6 miles apart. Unfortunately, the area is sparsely populated making the high cost to bury difficult to make a positive business case. Not only is the cost per household high the revenue to help pay for the cost is low due to the low population. We have received multiple requests from homeowners asking us to bring fiber. Residents and small business owners cannot get the performance or reliability that is required for distance learning or to work from home using their existing Internet provider. Although we feel burdened to serve these residents if we do not receive funding, it is not likely to be a project we will undertake. Please see letters of requests for service to us from those who live in these census blocks. In the current situation with the pandemic, these residents, students, and small business owners are severely disadvantaged compared to those who live in communities nearby that are served by fiber.

Project Status

Project Milestone	Estimated Completion date	Costs Incurred
Engineering	02/09/2021	\$8,130.00
Materials Paid & Delivered	05/27/2021	\$70,426.00
Construction Labor	06/24/2021	\$64,433.00
Construction Labor	07/23/2021	\$51,546.40
Final Construction Labor at Completion Inspection	08/10/2021	\$12,886.60
Construction Management Payroll	08/10/2021	\$7,280.00

Demonstrated Experience NOFA #004

This section requires information about Applicant's demonstrated experience in provisioning Broadband across the State of Iowa. Applicant shall include relevant information about their experience that has prepared them to deploy their Project, such as, for example, community partnerships and services; number of years in business; number of years of experience providing the types of services sought by this NOFA #004; if the Applicant is a relatively new provider/market entrant, an explanation of the benefits, if any, of being a newer provider/market entrant; the level of technical experience in providing the types of services sought by this NOFA #004; or any other information that would aid the Office in assessing whether Applicant is a Responsible Applicant.

Demonstrated Experience* [384269 - Marne Elk Horn Telephone Company -Demonstrated Experience.docx](#)

References

Name	AHSTW Community Schools
Telephone Number	712-343-6364
Reference Letter #1	AHSTW Reference Letter.pdf
Name	EcoLane
Telephone Number	712-764-3005
Reference Letter #2	Ecolane Letter of Reference.pdf
Name	Eagles Landing/BT Mack
Telephone Number	385-333-7272
Reference Letter #3	Eagles Landing Reference Letter.pdf

Broadband Grants Core Application - Exhibits B, C, D, and D.1

Applicant requests that the contents of their application remain confidential in whole or in part, pursuant to Section 7.18 of the NOFA #004.

DISCLAIMER: An applicant requesting confidential treatment of portions of an application must attach a redacted public copy of the application. If the applicant fails to attach a redacted public copy pursuant to Section 7.18.1.5 of the NOFA #004, the Office shall be relieved from any responsibility for maintaining the confidentiality of the application pursuant to 7.18.5 of the NOFA #004.

NOTE: Applicants are ONLY required to submit a Public Redacted Copy IF they are requesting confidential treatment with respect to an aspect of their Application. Further, the mere fact that an Applicant submits a Public Redacted Copy (or otherwise requests confidential treatment) does not ensure the aspects of the Application that are redacted (or for which confidential treatment is otherwise sought) will be treated as confidential; the Office will only afford confidential treatment to the extent requests comply with the terms,

conditions of the requirements of the NOFA #004, and solely to the extent permitted by Iowa Code Chapter 22 and the Office's corresponding Internal Policy Practices available at 129 IAC 2.

Full Unredacted Copy*

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This section allows the Applicant to optionally attach three (3) community support documents for the Project, including but not limited to testimonials or letters of support. Please send any additional community support documents to ociogrants@iowa.gov. See NOFA Exhibit C Section 2.6.

Community Support Document 1

[Community Support Letter - Hansen.docx](#)

Community Support Document 2

Community Support Document 3

Broadband Grants Program Grant Agreement - Exhibit E

Exceptions to Broadband Grants
Program Grant Agreement*

[384269-MarneElkHornTelephoneCompany-ExhibitE.docx](#)

Certification, Authorization, and Release of Information - Exhibit F

Certification Letter (Public)*

[384269-Marne Elk Horn Telephone Company - Exhibit F.pdf](#)

Request for Confidentiality or Form 22 - Exhibit G

Form 22 (Public)*

[384269-Marne Elk Horn Telephone - Exhibit G.pdf](#)

Project Budget

Category	Description	Total Estimated Cost \$ (Exhibit D)	Total Estimated Cost \$ (Exhibit D1)	Total Estimated Project Budget (D+D1)	Requested Grant Support % (up to 35%)	Grant Request (Est. Cost * Request %)
Conduit		\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	0	\$0.00
Fiber/Copper	Fiber & Peds	\$31,978.00	\$0.00	\$31,978.00	35.0	\$11,192.30
OSP Engineering		\$8,130.00	\$0.00	\$8,130.00	35.0	\$2,845.50
Design Engineering		\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	0	\$0.00
Construction Mgmt.	Labor - MEH construction foreman	\$7,280.00	\$0.00	\$7,280.00	35.0	\$2,548.00
Tower		\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	0	\$0.00
Antenna		\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	0	\$0.00
Boring		\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	0	\$0.00
Trenching		\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	0	\$0.00
Knifing	Labor to Plow	\$120,866.00	\$0.00	\$120,866.00	35.0	\$42,303.10
Aerial Deployment/Make Ready		\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	0	\$0.00
Outside Plant		\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	0	\$0.00
Switching Equipment		\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	0	\$0.00
Routing Equipment		\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	0	\$0.00
Optical Equipment		\$16,002.00	\$0.00	\$16,002.00	35.0	\$5,600.70
Customer Premise Equipment		\$22,446.00	\$0.00	\$22,446.00	35.0	\$7,856.10
Other		\$8,000.00	\$0.00	\$8,000.00	35.0	\$2,800.00
Totals		\$214,702.00	\$0.00	\$214,702.00		\$75,145.70

Minority Impact Statement

Question # 1

1. The proposed grant programs or policies could have a disproportionate or unique POSITIVE IMPACT on minority persons. *

No

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If YES, describe the positive impact expected from this project

Indicate the group(s) positively impacted.

Question # 2

2. The proposed grant project programs or policies could have a disproportionate or unique **NEGATIVE IMPACT** on minority persons. *

No

If YES, describe the negative impact expected from this project.

If YES, present the rationale for the existence of the proposed program or policy.

If YES, provide evidence of consultation with representatives of the minority groups impacted.

Indicate the group(s) negatively impacted.

Question # 3

3. The proposed grant project programs or policies are **NOT EXPECTED TO HAVE A DISPROPORTIONATE OR UNIQUE IMPACT** on minority persons. *

No

If YES, present the rationale for determining no impact.

Certification

I hereby certify that the information on this form is complete and accurate, to the best of my knowledge. *

Yes

Name of Person Submitting Certification. *

RACHEL HAMILTON

Title of Person Submitting Certification*

CEO

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