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

**385469 - Rural Webster County Broadband Expansion
Broadband Grant Program - Empower Rural Iowa**

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Program Area of Interest* Broadband Grant Program - Empower Rural Iowa
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Organization Information

Organization Name:* Lehigh Valley Coop Telephone Association
Organization Type:* Public
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Organization Website: www.lvcta.com
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Cover Sheet-General Information

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County(ies) Participating, Involved, or Affected by this Proposal* Webster County
Congressional District(s) Involved or Affected by this Proposal* 4th - Rep Steve King (R)
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Iowa House District(s) Involved or Affected by this Proposal* 9, 48
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Business Organization - NOFA #004

Business Legal Name* Lehigh Valley Coop Telephone Association

Mailing Address

Street * 9090 Taylor Road
City* Lehigh
State* IA
Zip* 50557

Alternate Mailing Address (used for warrants and/or payments)

Alternate Street
 Alternate City
 Alternate State
 Alternate Zip

Additional Information

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* [Lehigh Valley Business Organization.pdf](#)

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* [Lehigh Valley Executive Summary.pdf](#)

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 385469

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

Lehigh Valley determined the total eligible infrastructure costs to be \$389,250 for the Rural Webster County Broadband Expansion. Lehigh Valley's Empower Rural Iowa Broadband grant request is 35%, \$136,237.50, of the total eligible infrastructure costs in the proposed area, with 65% being self-funded by Lehigh Valley.

Lehigh Valley is committed to working toward overall community enhancement that includes residents, businesses, and community anchor institutions within the rural areas of Webster County. Access to high-speed broadband service should be available to every resident regardless of whether they live in town or out in the rural areas.

After reviewing the financial feasibility of the project, the locations included in Lehigh Valley's application would be too costly to build without funding assistance. Due to the rural nature and relatively low population density, this project would be difficult to justify without the financial assistance from the Empower Rural Iowa Broadband Grants Program. Therefore, the proposed Rural Webster County Broadband Expansion will likely not move forward as presented without grant assistance.

Project Status

Project Milestone	Estimated Completion date	Costs Incurred
OSP Design/Fielding	03/31/2021	\$0.00
Pre-Construction Meeting	06/30/2021	\$0.00
Construction	06/30/2022	\$0.00
Fiber Splice and Test	09/30/2022	\$0.00
Electronics Order	09/30/2021	\$0.00
Electronics Ship	12/31/2021	\$0.00
Miscellaneous Equipment Install	12/31/2021	\$0.00
Electronics Equipment Install	12/31/2021	\$0.00
Equipment Turn Up/Test	06/30/2022	\$0.00

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* [Lehigh Valley Demonstrated Experience - CONFIDENTIAL.pdf](#)

References

Name	Brad Lane
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Reference Letter #1	
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Reference Letter #2	
Name	John Samuelson
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Reference Letter #3	

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 an 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, and requirements of the NOFA #004, and solely to the extent permitted by Iowa Code Chapter 22 and the Office's corresponding fair information practices rules available at 129 IAC 2.

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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 [Lehigh Valley Support Letters.pdf](#)

Community Support Document 2

Community Support Document 3

Broadband Grants Program Grant Agreement - Exhibit E

Exceptions to Broadband Grants Program Grant Agreement* [Lehigh Valley Exhibit E.pdf](#)

Certification, Authorization, and Release of Information - Exhibit F

Certification Letter (Public)* [Lehigh Valley Exhibit F.pdf](#)

Request for Confidentiality or Form 22 - Exhibit G

Form 22 (Public)* [Lehigh Valley Exhibit G - Confidentiality.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	Mainline and Drop Fiber	\$251,000.00	\$58,000.00	\$309,000.00	35.0	\$108,150.00
OSP Engineering		\$33,000.00	\$10,000.00	\$43,000.00	35.0	\$15,050.00
Design Engineering		\$5,000.00	\$0.00	\$5,000.00	35.0	\$1,750.00
Construction Mgmt.		\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	0	\$0.00
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		\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	0	\$0.00
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	FTTP Electronics (CO Electronics and ONTs)	\$32,250.00	\$0.00	\$32,250.00	35.0	\$11,287.50
Customer Premise Equipment		\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	0	\$0.00
Other		\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	0	\$0.00
Totals		\$321,250.00	\$68,000.00	\$389,250.00		\$136,237.50

Minority Impact Statement

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Question # 1

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

Yes

If YES, describe the positive impact expected from this project

The proposed Rural Webster County Broadband Expansion project will positively impact minority persons by enhancing broadband speeds in unserved areas of Webster County.

Indicate the group(s) positively impacted.

Women, Person/s with a Disability, Blacks, Latinos, Asians, Pacific Islanders, American Indians, Alaskan Native Americans

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. *

Jim Suchan

Title of Person Submitting Certification*

CEO

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