



Application

324138 - Broadband Grant Program - Empower Rural Iowa - NOFA #002

331016 - Ledyard and NE Northwood Grant

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Agency

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Organization Type:* Other

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Cover Sheet-General Information

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County(ies) Participating, Involved, or Affected by this Proposal*	Kossuth County, Worth County		
Congressional District(s) Involved or Affected by this Proposal*	1st - Rep. Abby Finkenauer (D), 4th - Rep Steve King (R) Congressional Map		
Iowa Senate District(s) Involved or Affected by this Proposal*	4, 26 District Map		
Iowa House District(s) Involved or Affected by this Proposal*	7, 51 District Map		

Business Organization - NOFA #002

Business Legal Name* Winnebago Cooperative Telecom Association

Mailing Address

Street * 704 EAST MAIN STREET
City* LAKE MILLS
State* IA
Zip* 50450

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

Alternate Street

Alternate City

Alternate State

Alternate Zip

Additional Information

* WCTA Business Structure.pdf

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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 #002

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 #002.

Executive Project Summary* WCTA Executive Project 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.

Describe how the Project will or will not proceed if State funds requested are not ultimately awarded.* Ledyard and the NE corner of Worth County are extremely small rural Iowa areas, surrounded by current WCTA service areas and other carriers providing high speed access. Without dependable high-speed broadband some businesses and work from home subscribers will likely move to other communities with available high-speed broadband service. Grant funding could make the difference on an economic decision for WCTA to construct fiber allowing greater broadband capacity with the outside world. Further, greater bandwidth would allow existing local businesses to expand its market area beyond the current local community.

This section requires an Applicant to provide and estimated project completion date.

Estimated Project Completion Date* 12/31/2021

This section requires the Applicant to explain the current status of the Project, including the phase it is in, such as pre-planning, planning, or that building has commenced.

Project Status* This project is in the pre-planning stage and weather permitting, WCTA anticipates this project to be completed no later than 12/31/2021.

Demonstrated Experience - NOFA #002

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 #002; 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 #002; or any other information that would aid the Office in assessing whether Applicant is a Responsible Applicant.

Demonstrated Experience* WCTA Demonstrated Experience.pdf

References

Name	Burnie Snoddy
Telephone Number	515-221-4643
Reference Letter #1	WCTA Letter of Recommendation - BKD.pdf
Name	Mayor of Lake Mills - Candy Hanna

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Telephone Number 641-592-3251
Reference Letter #2 WCTA Letter of Recommendation - City of Lake Mills.pdf
Name Mayor of Forest City - Barney Ruiter
Telephone Number 641-585-3574
Reference Letter #3 WCTA Letter of Recommendation - City of Forest City.pdf

Minority Impact Statement

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

Grant funding could make the difference on an economic decision for Winnebago Cooperative Telecom Association (WCTA) to construct fiber allowing greater broadband capacity with the outside world for all potential customers.

Indicate the group(s) positively impacted.

Women, Person/s with a Disability, Blacks, Latinos

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. *

Not Applicable

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.*

John Kroger

Title of Person Submitting Certification*

Regulatory Manager

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 1.25 of the NOFA #002.

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 1.25.1.5 of the NOFA #002, the Office shall be relieved from any responsibility for maintaining the confidentiality of the application pursuant to 1.25.4 of the NOFA #002.

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 #002, 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

Community Support Document 1 WCTA Support for Fiber in Ledyard - City of Ledyard.pdf

Community Support Document 2 WCTA Support for Fiber in Ledyard - Ledyard Fire Department.pdf

Community Support Document 3 WCTA Support for Fiber in Ledyard - Bank Plus Letter (10-11-19).pdf

Broadband Grants Program Grant Agreement - Exhibit E

Exceptions to Broadband Grants Program Grant Agreement* WCTA exhibit_e_-_broadband_grants_program_grant_agreement_nofa002 (1).pdf

Certification Letter - Exhibit F

Certification Letter (Public)* WCTA exhibit_f_-_certification_letter_nofa_002 (1).pdf

Authorization To Release Information - Exhibit G

**Authorization to Release
Information (Public)***

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Form 22 - Exhibit H

Form 22 (Public)*

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Application Checklist - Exhibit I

**Application Checklist
(Public)***

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