Reimbursement Guide

EMPOWER RURAL IOWA BROADBAND GRANTS CLOSEOUT

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Project Completion and Closeout

The Iowa Office of the Chief Information Officer utilizes the IowaGrants.gov system for project completion and closeout. If you are not a registered user of this system, please follow the instructions provided in Exhibit J of the Notice of Funds Availability found here: https://ocio.iowa.gov/file/exhibitj-iowagrantsregistrationinstructionspdf

Tips for working within the IowaGrants.gov system:

- Always use the navigation buttons within the IowaGrants.gov screen (e.g. Back, Add, Delete, Edit, Save, etc.) instead of using the web-browser buttons at the top of the window.
- When entering information, fields marked with a red asterisk are required.
- If you are having trouble logging into iowagrants.gov, email OCIO staff at: ociogrants@iowa.gov

Step 1: Navigating the Main Menu

The main menu screen of IowaGrants.gov will look like this:

Click on the "My Grants" icon to access current projects that are underway.

Step 2: Select the Project Title for Reimbursement

Step 3: Select the "Claims" Project Component

Step 4: Click "Add" to Create Claim

Step 4: Enter the Claim General Information

The Claim Type* is 'Reimbursement"

Enter the Report Period "From Date" as the beginning date of project work. *This date cannot be earlier than the issuance of the Notice of Funds Availability.*

Enter the Report Period "To Date" as the date of all work completed and allowable expenditures incurred.

Click "Save" when complete.

Step 5: Return to Components
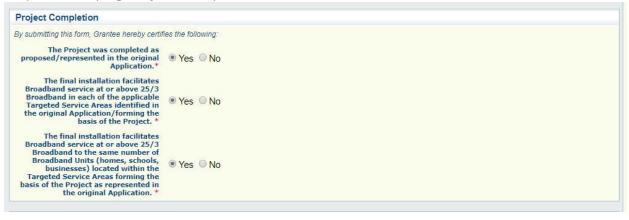

Click the "Return to Components" link.

Step 6: Complete the Component Forms-Certification of Project Completion

Your screen will now have three components (forms) that require information regarding project completion. Select the "Certification of Project Completion" link.

Step 7: Certifying Project Completion

Project Completion

By submitting this form, Grantee hereby certifies the following:

The Project was completed as proposed/represented in the original Application.*   ⦿ Yes   ○ No

The final installation facilitates Broadband service at or above 25/3 Broadband in each of the applicable Targeted Service Areas identified in the original Application/forming the basis of the Project. *   ⦿ Yes   ○ No

The final installation facilitates Broadband service at or above 25/3 Broadband to the same number of Broadband Units (homes, schools, businesses) located within the Targeted Service Areas forming the basis of the Project as represented in the original Application. *   ⦿ Yes   ○ No

Click the appropriate answer to the three (*) questions. If you select "no" as the answer to any of these questions, a detailed explanation will be required in the field titled "Qualified Certifications".

Step 8: Project Completion Required Uploads

Total Broadband Units

To complete this step, make a copy of your TSA Input Tab from the Core Application. Make any nesssiary changes to the TSA Input Tab if there were changes to the census blocks and/or the number of broadband units served in those census blocks identified in the Application/forming the basis of the Project. Additionally, if your project is NOT serving a census blocks that your Application states would be served, please remove census blocks from the TSA Input Tab. Finally, upload the restated TSA Input Tab in this field.

Identify the total number of Broadband Units to which Broadband service is available in each Targeted Service Area identified in the Application/forming the basis of the Project.*   [Choose File] grant_blocks.csv

Geographic Information System Data

Please upload geographic information system ("GIS") data demonstrating specifically where Broadband Infrastructure has been installed in connection with the Project, regardless of whether such Broadband Infrastructure actually serves any customers in Targeted Service Area(s) forming the basis of the Project. Such GIS data must enable the Office to determine which specific homes, schools, and businesses within each Targeted Service Area forming the basis of the Project have access to 25/3 Broadband as a result of the Project. If you have questions about the form such GIS data should take, please contact the Office prior to submitting this Project Certification Form to discuss and identify a mutually agreeable format.

GIS Data*   [Choose File] grant_area.shp

Follow the directions detailed in this section. Include the name of your organization and grant number as part of the file name. Example: 297309_MBNetworks.cvs

Step 9: Permit Field Tests and Qualified Certification

Permit Field Tests

You acknowledge and agree that by submitting this Project Certification Form, you are certifying on behalf of Grantee that the Project is complete and, by so doing, hereby authorize the Office to both before and after reimbursing Grantee, and for up to five years from the date of this certification, conduct field tests upon request to verify compliance with Iowa Code chapter 8B, Iowa Administrative Code chapter 129—22, and the Grant Agreement. Such field tests may include but not be limited to:

Speed tests anywhere between a Grantee's central office and the demarcation at any customer's location in a Targeted Service Area or census block in which the Project was to be deployed;* ⦿ Yes ○ No

In the case of wireless installations, from any location in a Targeted Service Area or census block in which the Project was to be deployed* ⦿ Yes ○ No

In the case where a Grantee does not have a customer in a Targeted Service Area being served by the installation, certification obtained by the Grantee and supplied to the Office from an independent, third-party, properly licensed engineer that the installation facilitates broadband service at or above 25/3 Broadband in applicable Targeted Service Area(s) identified in the original Application. The costs of such certification shall be borne by the Grantee. Grantee will obtain and provide such certifications upon request by the Office.* ⦿ Yes ○ No

Qualified Certification

If an Applicant is unable to unqualifiedly certify any of the foregoing certifications/acknowledgements, Applicant may use the space below to qualify any of the above certification/acknowledgements to the extent necessary. By way of example only, if an Applicant is unable to unqualifiedly certify that the Applicant has not "within a three (3) year period preceding this Application had one or more public transactions (federal, state, or local) terminated for cause" as required by Section 3.4, above, the Applicant may provide a detailed explanation of all public transactions (federal, state, or local) terminated for cause within the prior three (3) year period. Notwithstanding, if the Applicant is not able to submit an unqualified Certification Letter, this may result in the Office determining, in its sole discretion, that Applicant is not a Responsible Applicant, and in the rejection of the Application/disqualification of the Applicant.

Click the appropriate answer for the (*) questions. If you select "no", a detailed explanation is required in the Qualified Certification field.

Step 10: Acknowledgement

Acknowledgement

PLEASE READ BEFORE SUBMITTING: By submitting this reimbursement claim, I, on my own behalf or as a representative of the company identified above, as applicable, expressly represent that I am authorized to make the above factual representation on behalf of said company and/or myself, as applicable, and under penalty of perjury as authorized by Iowa Code section 622.1 and pursuant to the laws of the state of Iowa, certify the following with respect to this form submitted on behalf of said company and/or myself: any statements, representations, warranties, certifications, or attestations made in this form, including any attachments or enclosures associated therewith, are true and accurate; I, on behalf of said company and/or myself, have not knowingly made any false statements or representations in this form. In addition to any criminal penalties authorized by Iowa Code section 720.2 that may result from any false statements of material fact made herein or any other remedies available at law, equity, or otherwise, if it is subsequently determined that I have made a statement, representation, warranty, certification, or attestation in this form, or any attachments or enclosures associated herewith, that is later proven untrue in any material respect, the company on which I submitted this form on behalf of may be disqualified from current incentive programs administered by the Office or may be ordered to repay the Office the entire amount of any funds previously distributed by the Office to said company in connection with any current incentive programs administered by the Office. This form, as completed, any attachments hereto, and any other information or materials submitted to the Office in connection with this form or related inquiry, shall be considered public records and shall be made available for public examination and/or disseminated upon request by third parties as required by Iowa Code chapter 22. The Office reserves the right to reject this form and relatedly consider any information communicated through this form as neither credible nor probative if this form is not fully and properly filled out.

By clicking on the following check box, I acknowledge I read and agreed to the statement above* ☑

Click the check box to complete the "Acknowledgement" field and scroll to the top of the form and click "Save".

Click "Mark as Complete", which is located toward the top of the webpage form.

Step 11: Edit the Component Forms-Summary of Allowable Expenses

Click on the "Summary of Allowable Expenses" link.

Step 12: Identify Allowable Expenditures

Begin entering total project costs and reimbursement requested by line item. Please use the budget line assigned code as a reference point when compiling supporting documentation for allowable project expenditures. Click "SAVE" when complete.

Exhibit D and D.1 are the forms submitted as part of the Broadband Grants Program Application Budget Plan. A Grantee may only seek reimbursement for fifteen percent (15%) of its awarded Total Project Costs or actual Total Project Costs, whichever is less.

Example Application Exhibit D

Collecting the Required Documentation for Reimbursement

The Office of the Chief Information Officer requires two types of proof for each project expenses:

1. Proof of Purchase
2. Proof of Payment

Proof of Purchase

Identifies what was purchased and when. Acceptable documents include:

- Detailed invoices
- Itemized receipts

Requirements:

- Invoices must have an itemized list or a description of the items or services purchased. OCIO cannot accept a statement that lists invoice numbers without descriptions.
- If there are unrelated items on the invoice or receipt, identify them.
- Purchases must occur within the date of the issuance of the Notice of Funds Availability (based on your award cycle) and the project completion date.

Proof of Payment

Identifies how and when payment for items was made. Acceptable documents include:

- Bank statements
- Cleared checks
- Credit card statements

Requirements:

- Checks must be cleared by your bank or credit union. Carbon copies of checks are not sufficient proof.
- Date of payment cannot occur before purchase.
- If there is sensitive information on the documents, cover or remove it before uploading into IowaGrants.gov. We do not need to know your account number or routing number.

Documents that Provide both Proof of Purchase and Proof of Payment Include:

- Zero-balance invoices or statements
- Zero-balance receipts

Requirements:

- Zero-balance proof must have payment date(s) and identify method of payment.
- Handwritten zero-balance receipts or invoices require additional proof of payment.

To Calculate **Total Allowable Expenditures**:

1. Locate the total costs on the invoice. *e.g. Total: $86,701.00*
2. Calculate total ineligible item costs based on the awarded application budget line items. *e.g. Detailed Cost Analysis $10,000*
3. Subtract ineligible total costs *(including tax if applicable) = $10,000*
4. Identify Total Allowable Costs = *$76,701.00*
5. The Authorized Fiscal Officer must initial

Filling Out the Summary Invoice

A summary invoice, included on the Grantee organization letterhead, is the first upload of required supporting documentation files. Be sure to include the following for each item on the summary invoice:

- Proof of Purchase-lists the type of proof (invoice or receipt) and include the invoice number, if available.
- Description of Purchase-briefly describe the item(s) and how it relates to the grant project (allowable expenditure category code).
- All items Allowable- write "yes" if all items are all allowable or "no" if the proof of purchase includes unallowable items.
- Vendor Name- identify the business that provided the goods or services.
- Date of Purchase-include the date the item or service was purchased (must be after the applicable issuance of the Notice of Funds Availability and before the completion of the project).
- Proof of Payment- list the type of proof (bank statement, cleared check, zero-balance invoice with payment date, zero-balance receipt with payment date, or credit card statement)
- Total Invoice Amount- enter the invoice total.
- Total Allowable Cost-enter the amount the Grantee is submitting for the total project cost and reimbursement requested.

Proof of Purchase	Description of Purchase	All items Eligible	Vendor Name	Date of Purchase	Proof of Payment	Total Invoice Amount	Total Allowable Cost
Invoice #123	Conduit (Code DC1)	Yes	Conduit Inc.	1/20/2020	Check #1000	$3,500	3,500.00
Receipt	Fiber (Code DC2)	Yes	Fiber, LLC.	1/21/2020	Credit Card Statement	$500.00	$250.00
Invoice	DC3, DC4	No	AAA Engineering	4/1/2019	Check #378	$76,701.00	$75,701.00

Submitting the Required Documentation for Reimbursement

Step 13: Upload Supporting Documents

There are three files required for supporting documentation:

- The Summary Invoice (on the Grantee organization's letterhead)
- A PDF file containing all proof of purchase documents
- A PDF file containing all proof of payment documents

Click the applicable file button for each upload.

Step 14: Certification of Allowable Expenditures and Acknowledgement:

Certification of Allowable Expenditures

By completing the Summary of Allowable Expenditures form, you hereby certify and attest the following:

That such Allowable Expenditures are true, accurate, and in fact constitute Allowable Expenditures, actually and previously incurred by Grantee. *
○ Yes ○ No

That such Allowable Expenditures are directly related to the installation of Broadband Infrastructure that facilitates 25/3 Broadband. *
○ Yes ○ No

That such Allowable Expenditures were utilized for the installation of Broadband Infrastructure in Targeted Service Areas identified in the original Application/forming the basis of the Project (except and solely to the extent as otherwise permitted by an exception granted to a Grantee by the Office as part of the Application process, as permitted by and in accordance with Iowa Administrative Code chapter 129—22 and the NOFA). *
○ Yes ○ No

That such Allowable Expenditures were not incurred prior to the effective date of the issuance of the NOFA: September 20, 2019. *
○ Yes ○ No

Read each statement and click "yes" to certify and attest to the financial information submitted in the claim.

Acknowledgement

PLEASE READ BEFORE SUBMITTING: By submitting this reimbursement claim, I, on my own behalf or as a representative of the company identified above, as applicable, expressly represent that I am authorized to make the above factual representation on behalf of said company and/or myself, as applicable, and under penalty of perjury as authorized by Iowa Code section 622.1 and pursuant to the laws of the state of Iowa, certify the following with respect to this form submitted on behalf of said company and/or myself: any statements, representations, warranties, certifications, or attestations made in this form, including any attachments or enclosures associated therewith, are true and accurate; I, on behalf of said company and/or myself, have not knowingly made any false statements or representations in this form. In addition to any criminal penalties authorized by Iowa Code section 720.2 that may result from any false statements of material fact made herein or any other remedies available at law, equity, or otherwise, if it is subsequently determined that I have made a statement, representation, warranty, certification, or attestation in this form, or any attachments or enclosures associated herewith, that is later proven untrue in any material respect, the company on which I submitted this form on behalf of may be disqualified from current incentive programs administered by the Office or may be ordered to repay the Office the entire amount of any funds previously distributed by the Office to said company in connection with any current incentive programs administered by the Office. This form, as completed, any attachments hereto, and any other information or materials submitted to the Office in connection with this form or related inquiry, shall be considered public records and shall be made available for public examination and/or disseminated upon request by third parties as required by Iowa Code chapter 22. The Office reserves the right to reject this form and relatedly consider any information communicated through this form as neither credible nor probative if this form is not fully and properly filled out.

By clicking on the following check box, I acknowledge I read and agreed to the statement above * ☐

Click the check box indicating the acknowledgement and scroll to the top of the webform. Click "SAVE".

Step 15: Complete Claim and Submit to OCIO

Grant Tracking

Claim: 297309 - 001		Grant Components
Grant:	297309-MB Networks Test Project	
Status:	Editing	
Program Area:	Broadband Grant Program - Empower Rural Iowa	
Grantee Organization:	MB Networks, Inc.	
Program Manager:	Jessica Turba	

Summary of Allowable Expenditures		Mark as Complete	Go to Claim Forms
Category	Total Project Costs	Reimbursement Requested
Conduit (Code DC1)	$0.00	$0.00
Fiber/Copper (Code DC2)	$0.00	$0.00
OSP Engineering (Code DC3)	$1,000.00	$150.00
Design Engineering (Code DC4)	$10,000.00	$1,500.00
Construction Mgmt. (Code DC5)	$0.00	$0.00
Tower (Code DC6)	$0.00	$0.00
Antenna (Code DC7)	$0.00	$0.00
Boring (Code DC8)	$0.00	$0.00
Trenching (Code DC9)	$0.00	$0.00
Knifing (Code DC10)	$0.00	$0.00
Aerial Deployment/Make Ready (Code DC11)	$0.00	$0.00
Outside Plant (Code DC12)	$0.00	$0.00
Switching Equipment (Code DC13)	$0.00	$0.00
Routing Equipment (Code DC14)	$0.00	$0.00
Optical Equipment (Code DC15)	$0.00	$0.00
Customer Premise Equipment (Code DC16)	$0.00	$0.00
Other (Code DC17)	$0.00	$0.00
Totals	**$11,000.00**	**$1,650.00**

Click "Mark as Complete".

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Grant:	297309-MB Networks Test Project	
Status:	Editing	
Program Area:	Broadband Grant Program - Empower Rural Iowa	
Grantee Organization:	MB Networks, Inc.	
Program Manager:	Jessica Turba	

Components		Preview	Submit
Complete each component of the Claim and mark it as complete. Click Submit when you are done.			
Name		Complete?	Last Edited
General Information		✓	01/23/2020
Certification of Project Completion		✓	01/23/2020
Summary of Allowable Expenses		✓	01/28/2020

Click "Submit". All components will be marked complete. No edits can be made after it is submitted.

Claims

Claim Submitted Confirmation

You have successfully submitted your Claim numbered [001]. We have received your Claim for review.
Click here to print claim

The Claims Payment Process

OCIO Broadband Program staff will receive notification of the claim once it is submitted by the Grantee. When the claim is reviewed, staff will notify the grantee of an action taken. These actions could include:

1. Approval of the claim- the Iowa Department of Administrative Services will issue payment.
2. Negotiation of the claim- the claim form is sent back to the Grantee for an edit.

All correspondence related to claims payment will be generated within the IowaGrants.gov grants management system.

Negotiating Claims

The purpose of negotiating a claim is to allow the Grantee to change the claim based on OCIO staff review.

Examples could include:

- The total requested reimbursement amount does not match the supporting documentation provided.
- The amount requested for reimbursement does not match the grant award amount.

Once a claim is negotiated back for an edit, one or more of the claim form components will be unlocked for editing. The status of the claim will be changed to "Correcting". Once the Grantee resubmits the claim, the status will change to "submitted". OCIO staff will review the changes and determine if the claim can be approved for payment. OCIO recommends printing a copy of your approved claim forms for records keeping.

Receiving a Payment from the State

Before any payment can be issued, the Iowa Department of Administrative Services requires information from the Grantee to set up a vendor number. OCIO staff will send each Grantee two forms to complete. Both forms are also available here: https://das.iowa.gov/state-accounting/manuals-forms-references/forms

- A W-9 form completed by the Grantee with the information needed to set them up in the state's accounting system. If the Grantee is already assigned a vendor number, we will confirm business address information.
- An Electronic Funds Transfer (EFT) Form: (if the Grantee prefers to receive an electronic warrant for payment)

Iowa Broadband Program Office Contact Information:

If you have questions, please email OCIO at: ociogrants@iowa.gov or call (515)-281-5503.

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