

**OFFICE OF THE CHIEF INFORMATION OFFICER OF THE STATE OF IOWA (“OFFICE”)
Broadband Grants Program—Empower Rural Iowa Broadband Program
September 14, 2021**

Notice of Intent to Award (“NOIA”) Broadband Grant Funds:

Federal Funds Disclaimer: Awardees, in deciding whether to accept or reject this Award offer and enter into a Grant Agreement with the Office, are solely responsible for determining whether and to what extent receiving these funds for a Project may result in the forfeiture of or have an adverse impact on any related or overlapping federal award or opportunity, whether previously awarded or available in the future.

In accordance with the terms and conditions of the Broadband Grants Program—Empower Rural Iowa Notice of Funding Availability #006 (“NOFA”), 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 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 the website to determine their Award status. This NOIA serves the notice requirement, and has been distributed by the means prescribed by applicable law and [NOFA #006](#), as described above.

The Office has reviewed, evaluated, and scored the Applications received in response to NOFA #006 in accordance with the requirements, terms, and conditions of Iowa Code chapter 8B, Iowa Administrative Code chapter 129—22, and NOFA #006, and through this NOIA hereby Awards the following amounts to the following Applicants/Applications:

¹ Awards identified with a superscript 1 indicate a reduced Award amount due to challenged Census Block(s) in a corresponding Map Appeal. The reduction in the Award amount is commensurate with the Office’s Final Decision for the tier designation of the challenged Census Block.

² Awards identified with a superscript 2 indicate a reduced Award amount due to Census Block(s) with a prior award overlap or overlap with a higher-ranking application. The reduction in the Award amount is commensurate with the removal of overlapping Census Block(s).

³ Awards identified with a superscript 3 indicate that an amount less than the funds requested by a particular Applicant was awarded commensurate with the remaining funds following the issuance of all other Awards, consistent with NOFA #006, section 1.6.5.3.

Project Awards

Control #	Applicant Name	Application Title	Award Amount
415776	Ace Telephone Association	Rural Iowa FTTH - Harpers Ferry, Ossian, Clermont, and Ft Atkinson exchanges	\$12,165,592.49

417389	Alpine Communications, LC	Alpine Communications Elkader Rural South_North NOFA #006	\$5,468,428.64
417388	Alpine Communications, LC	Alpine Communications Osterdock Rural NOFA #006	\$1,699,319.57
417381	Alpine Communications, LC	Alpine Communications Rural Elgin Exchange NOFA #006	\$3,292,078.84 ²
417391	Alpine Communications, LC	Alpine Communications Elkader Rural South_South NOFA #006	\$4,318,883.67
418604	Board of Water, Electric, and Communications Trustees of the City of Muscatine Iowa	East Muscatine County Fiber Project	\$547,148.47
418228	BTC, Inc.	Western Iowa Networks FTTP Construction Project	\$15,073,573.81
417326	Casey Mutual Telephone Co	Casey Mutual Rural Fiber Project	\$2,648,200.05 ²
415330	Cedar Falls Utilities	2021 CFU Fiber Grant Application	\$2,338,336.60 ¹
415403	Central Scott Telephone Company	North Scott Rural Broadband Expansion	\$4,280,286.16 ³
415469	Citizens Mutual Telephone Cooperative	Rural Davis/Wapello FTTH Expansion	\$1,610,874.73 ²
418448	Colo Telephone	NOFA#6 Rural Northeast Nevada	\$60,927.50
416413	Danville Mutual Telephone Company	Lee County FTTP Project	\$3,549,250.00
415621	Danville Mutual Telephone Company	Lowell/New London FTTP Project	\$1,670,925.00
418637	East Buchanan Telephone Cooperative	EBTC County Line Project	\$81,304.12 ^{1,2}
415361	Farmers and Merchants Mutual Telephone Company	Farmers and Merchants (FarmTel) Pekin NW Jefferson Project	\$716,011.81 ¹
415593	FARMERS COOPERATIVE TELEPHONE	Dysart Rural Fiber Project	\$2,724,134.40
417307	Farmers Mutual Cooperative Telephone Company	HWY 59 & 141 Intersection Cares #6 July 2021	\$50,601.00
415449	Farmers Mutual Cooperative Telephone Company	Aspinwall Rural Area Cares #6 July 2021	\$609,539.79
418745	Hawkeye Telephone Company	Rural Maynard 1 Gbps And Beyond FTTH Expansion project	\$2,320,363.48
418795	Hawkeye Telephone Company	Rural West Union 1 Gbps And Beyond FTTH Expansion project	\$1,127,300.38
418635	Hawkeye Telephone Company	Rural Fayette 1 Gbps And Beyond FTTH Expansion project	\$619,365.54
418615	Hawkeye Telephone Company	Rural Arlington 1 Gbps And Beyond FTTH	\$485,370.40

		Expansion project	
414648	IAMO Communications, Inc	IAMO Connecting Rural Iowa Project	\$2,942,174.56 ²
415945	Lehigh Valley Coop Telephone Association	Rural Fort Dodge Project	\$251,501.00
418638	Lockridge Networks	Ringgold and Union County Broadband Expansion	\$289,977.00
415620	Manning Municipal Utilities	Manning Rural, Hwy 141 No and So. NOFA 006	\$2,195,220.67 ²
416731	Marne & Elk Horn Telephone Company	POTT CO/UNDERWOOD RURAL FIBER BUILD- MEH	\$4,550,861.64 ²
417566	Mechanicsville Telephone Company	South of Buchanan	\$78,397.41
415105	Minburn Telephone Company	Perry Rural Broadband Expansion	\$23,625.10 ¹
415104	Minburn Telephone Company	Dallas Center North/Adel North Broadband Expansion	\$28,755.64 ¹
414826	Minburn Telephone Company	Dallas Center South Broadband Expansion	\$793,410.60
415192	NEIT Services, LLC	Rural Postville 1 Gbps And Beyond Fiber-to-the-Home Expansion (Primary)	\$2,167,004.19
414214	Premier Communications, Inc.	PC (Rural)	\$7,405,174.31 ¹
417582	Premier Communications, Inc.	Premier - Ashton (Rural)	\$1,745,433.90
414439	South Slope Cooperative Telephone Company	Rural Tiffin FTTP Project	\$1,037,881.73 ²
415635	Stratford Mutual Telephone	Central Iowa Broadband Expansion 2	\$3,887,962.58 ²
416756	Webster-Calhoun Cooperative Telephone Association	North Central Webster County Project	\$2,604,458.36
418507	West Iowa Telephone Company	Rural Plymouth County	\$40,344.83 ²
TOTAL:			\$97,500,000.00

This NOIA is contingent upon the successful execution of a Grant Agreement and, as a result, does NOT constitute the formation of a contract between the State and any 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 a 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 this Award, in whole or in part, at any time prior to the execution of a written Grant Agreement with a given Applicant. 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. Per section 1.7.7.1. of the NOFA, **Applicants will then have ten (10) working days from the date of receipt of the Grant Agreement to negotiate and**

sign a final Grant Agreement with the Office. If a Grant Agreement has not been executed within ten (10) working days of an 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 a 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 section 7.24 of the NOFA and Iowa Administrative Code rules 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 requirements or procedures of or in applicable law, rule, or the NOFA were not followed or were violated. In the event of an appeal, the Office will continue working with other successful Applicants pending the outcome of the appeal.