



# ITQ Application is 4 Easy Sections

499185 - Sample ITQ Application

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Program Area: ITQ - Broadband Intervention Zones

Funding Opportunity: 498157-Invitation to Qualify (ITQ) Broadband Intervention Zones

Organization: FG

Requested Total:

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**Application Details** Preview Application Withdraw

**Application cannot be Submitted Currently**

- Application components are not complete

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Title your application with brief explanation of area. i.e. – Rural NW of Anytown



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As you click Save, additional fields will show pre-populated based on your IA Grants Account info



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Select any additional contacts within your organization that will also manage this grant.

Additional Applicants:

**Additional Applicants:** Additional members of your organization you want to have access.  
*Note they must already be setup in IA Grants.*



# Invitation to Qualify Application Exhibits

**Required Forms and Submissions** Save Form

Generally describe the area identified with the Geographic Area of Concern Selection Tool. Example: Rural Adams County, Poweshiek County Highway 6 Corridor, etc.

**General Description of the geographic area of the circle:** Rural area NW of Anytown, IA

Please indicate the community applicant type that best fits from this list.

**Community Applicant Type:** County

If Community Applicant Type is "Other", please add additional information here. :

This section of the Iowa Grants system requires the Applicant to upload a cover letter as a Word doc or pdf on the Applicant's letterhead to provide a high-level overview of the Application describing your community's Broadband need in the area and the community's interest in obtaining programmatic funding in the Geographic Area of Concern. The Cover Letter is not scored.

**Cover Letter:** Sample Cover Letter ITQ.docx Change

The Applicant must upload a spreadsheet of locations obtained from the Broadband Availability Map. The system will allow you to download the locations as a CSV format system. Note: Reference the "Geographic Area of Concern and Data Export/Import Instructions," labeled "Exhibit D," for instructions regarding how to properly complete the Iowa Grants

**Eligible Service Locations Spreadsheet:** Sample ITQ Eligible Locations - from instructions.csv Change

Write down the radius distance used to create your circle. The instructions for how to identify the radius can be found in Exhibit D Geographic Area of Concern Selection Tool and Data Export/Import Instructions ("Selection Tool").

**Radius of the circle:** 2

**Address at the center of the circle - Street Address :** 123 Main St

**Address of the center of the circle - City:** Anytown

**Address of the circle - State:** IA

**Address of the circle - zip code:** 50125

Description similar to your Title

Upload Cover Letter and Selection Tool Export

Address/Radius info written down from Selection Tool



# How Broadband Facilitates Work, Education, and Health Monitoring

**Optional Forms and Submissions - Work, Education, and Health Monitoring** Save Form

The following optional factors identified below will be evaluated through the qualitative portion of this ITQ. Any inputs for this Section are to be supplied by the Applicant in the Iowa Grants system, and as may otherwise be sourced from information otherwise obtained as part of the application process or the data sources underlying the Broadband Availability Map. NOTE: Responses to Qualitative Factors are optional, meaning that Community Applicants need not provide responses to any or all of these elements. Community Applicants that provide responses, may receive more points and thus increase the rank of any Broadband Intervention Zones established with reference to their Application. Higher ranking Broadband Intervention Zones are more likely to receive funding in future grant funding opportunities.

This sub-factor takes into consideration whether Broadband investments in the proposed Geographic Area of Concern will help to facilitate community members engagement in employment, search for employment, and/or develop the requisite skills and knowledge to become employed (e.g., participate in career counseling programs, workforce training programs, as well as gain access to internet websites to search for and apply to jobs).

**Work:**

This subfactor takes into consideration whether Broadband investments in the proposed Geographic Area of Concern will help facilitate educational activities. Such education activities may be to acquire knowledge and/or skills, undertaken as part of a person's participation in school, an academic program, extracurricular program, social-emotional development program for students or youths, internship, or professional development program, or in another educational environment.

**Education:**

This subfactor takes into consideration whether Broadband investments in the proposed Geographic Area of Concern will help facilitate health monitoring services to monitor an individual's health, including with respect to either physical or behavioral health.

**Health Monitoring:**

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**Describe how broadband investment will help facilitate Work, Education, and Health Monitoring**



# Community Support Letters

## Community Support Letters Save Form

This factor takes into consideration Community support for future Broadband investment within the proposed Geographic Area of Concern, including but not limited to as evidenced by testimonials or letters of support from the Community; statements concerning the quality, speed, or affordability of current Broadband service available in the area; and surveys of residents concerning interest in subscribing to Broadband service in the future. Applicants that provide greater evidence of community support for Broadband funding provided to the proposed Geographic Area of Concern will receive higher scores for this factor. To receive points for this factor, Community Support artifacts submitted in response to this factor must evidence a geographic relationship to the Geographic Area of Concern submitted as a part of the Application to this ITQ. Such evidence may include, but is not limited to: (1) a physical mailing address affixed to a testimonial identifying that the submitter resides within the Geographic Area of Concern submitted as a part of the Application, (2) evidence that a letter of support is authored by a community-based organization or business operating within the Geographic Area of Concern submitted as a part of this application, such as a letter of support authored by elected official who represents the Geographic Area of Concern, (3) or similar data demonstrating a geographic nexus between the Community Support artifact and the Geographic Area of Concern.

Testimonial :  Change

Community Support Letter :  Change

This Community Support upload does not have to be on letterhead or have a mailing address within the Geographic Area of Concern. The author must demonstrate that there is a community tie-in or relationship to the Geographic Area of Concern.

Community Support Letter (no letterhead or mailing address):  Select file

Save Form

Testimonial – Resident/business attestation regarding broadband service in your area. Should be signed by the resident and include address and contact info

Community Support Letter – On official letter head. Support for broadband need in your area



# Community Broadband Capital

Types of Broadband Capital your community may be able to provide

**Optional Forms and Submissions - Community Broadband Capital - Edit** Save Grid

"Community Broadband Capital" is defined as those things a local community or county can provide to better deploy broadband service. All stakeholders in broadband deployment, including service providers, have some level of Community Broadband Capital. Please describe if any of the Community Broadband Capital contributions listed below will be made available to potential services providers in association with the Geographic Area of Concern.

**DEFINITIONS:**

Cash: Communities that can contribute cash towards a broadband project to help defer service provider costs is usually an accelerator for broadband deployment and demonstrates a community's commitment to improving broadband.

Economic Development Tools: Economic development entities have tools available that can assist in the deployment of broadband such as:

TIF: Tax increment financing is a public financing method that is used as a subsidy for redevelopment, infrastructure, and other community improvement projects. The intent of TIF is to stimulate private investment in areas designated in need of economic revitalization.

SSMID: A Self-Supported Municipal Improvement District (SSMID) is a tool used to help fund public improvement and maintenance projects generally in an area of contiguous property within a city, often in the downtown area, either zoned for commercial or industrial purposes or a duly designated historic district.

Property Tax Exemption: How broadband infrastructure is taxed and looking for ways to mitigate or lower the cost assumed by service provider(s) is a form of Community Capital.

Rights of way / simplified permitting / favorable franchising fees / waiver of local regulation: Deploying broadband infrastructure is expensive. Part of that cost is the legal requirements imposed on infrastructure deployment by a community to comply with codes and statutes. Any time these requirements can be streamlined to lower deployment cost, Community Capital is created.

Anchor Business or users: Broadband revenue is Community Capital. Securing key broadband users such as Anchor Institutions or advanced commitments from users to purchase broadband from a provider would be a good source of Community Capital should a communication service provider move forward with a Broadband buildout.

Public-Private Partnerships: Public-Private partnerships can act as a potential accelerator to broadband deployments. Community Capital is created any time multiple parties can find mutually beneficial ways to share costs.

Broadband Adoption Initiatives/Citizen Engagement: Creating market demand for broadband products adds to the economic formula associated with deployment. Finding ways to support more users buying more broadband is a form of Community Capital.

Existing City/County-Owned Infrastructure: Fiber, conduits, poles or pole rights, towers, roof rights, and other vertical structure rights such as water towers, monuments that can be made available to broadband providers to facilitate the delivery of broadband within the community.

Item	Description	Category	Supporting Documentation
1	Free use of water tower to mount broadband	Existing city/county-owned infrastructure available to providers	<input type="text"/> <span>Select file</span>
2	Property Tax Exemption for Broadband infra	Property Tax Exemption	<input type="text"/> <span>Select file</span>
3	No Cost ROW permits for broadband infrast	Rights of way made available for Broadband buildout	<input type="text"/> <span>Select file</span>
4	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/> <span>Select file</span>
5	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/> <span>Select file</span>
<b>Total</b>			







# Barriers To Broadband

**Barriers to Broadband** Save Form

This factor takes into consideration special barriers identified by the Community Applicant that complicate the installation of Broadband infrastructure within the Geographic Area of Concern and serve to further justify the OCIO's determination that the Geographic Area of Concern should be prioritized for funding. Responses to this factor may include statements addressing low population density, unique geographic features such as topography or soil composition, higher proportion of low income households, and other factors that make the Geographic Area of Concern unlikely to receive Broadband service without the contribution of government funds. Generally speaking, Applicants that identify greater Barriers to Broadband Infrastructure Installation will receive higher points in this category.

**Barriers to Broadband Installation:**

The NW corner of Anytown County is extremely rural. It is primarily an agricultural area with many farms, but spread apart by several miles. In conversations with service providers, it is difficult to justify spending a lot of money to reach a handful of customers. But our rural residents want and need internet connectivity both for business and personal reasons. Whether its precision agriculture or simply doing online shopping or entertainment, none of this is possible without better internet service.

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Things you believe are barriers to implementing broadband in your area. Potential reasons there is not adequate service today. i.e. – Terrain (rivers, rocky, railroad Xing, etc), Rurality, Demographics



# Cover Sheet – General Information

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**Authorized Official**

Name\*:

Title\*:

Organization\*:

If you are an individual, please provide your First and Last Name.

Address\*:

City/State/Zip\*:  Iowa

City State Zip

Telephone Number\*:

E-Mail\*:

If you are the applicant, enter your information. If you are submitting on behalf of a community, enter the Authorized Official from said community.



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**Fiscal Officer/Agent**

Please enter the "Fiscal Officer" for your Organization.  
If you are an individual, please provide your First and Last Name.

**Name\*:**

**Title:**

**Organization:**

**Address:**

**City/State/Zip:**

City State Zip

**Telephone Number:**

**E-Mail:**

This is an IA Grants System requirement and cannot be removed from the application. As this ITQ does not involve any exchange of \$\$, re-enter the name of the Authorized Agent listed above.



# Political Boundary Information

County(ies) Participating, Involved, or Affected by this Proposal\*:

To find your district, click on the "Congressional Map" link. On the left hand side of the page, click on the drop-down list and click on "State of Iowa". Then, enter an address for the county/ies you serve in the Search bar. Click "Enter." This will provide you with your Congressional District, Iowa Senate District and Iowa House District.

Congressional District(s) Involved or Affected by this Proposal\*:

[Congressional Map](#)

Iowa Senate District(s) Involved or Affected by this Proposal\*:

[Iowa Senate Map](#)

Iowa House District(s) Involved or Affected by this Proposal\*:

[Iowa House Map](#)

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Click on the map links below each drop-down to find the US Congressional, State Senate, and State House Districts and select them in the respective drop-down fields



# Minority Impact Statement

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Does the proposed grant program or policy have a disproportionate or unique **positive impact** on minority persons? \*:  Yes  No

Describe the positive impact expected from this project.:

Detail the rationale for the existence of the proposed program or policy.:

Indicate the group(s) positively impacted.:  Persons with a Disability  
 Women  African Americans

Could the proposed grant program or policy have a disproportionate or unique **negative impact** on minority persons? \*:  Yes  No

I hereby certify the information above is complete and accurate to the best of my knowledge. \*:

Title First Name Last Name

Use this section to describe how broadband build out will positively or negatively affect minorities in your area.



# Resources

- OCIO Help Desk – [ociogrants@iowa.gov](mailto:ociogrants@iowa.gov)
- IA Grants Online Login - <https://www.iowagrants.gov/logout.do>
- Iowa Grants Online Account Creation/Initial login. *Imperative to follow instruction exactly:* <https://dom.iowa.gov/iowa-grants-login>
- ITQ Exhibit C - Iowa Grants Registration and Application Instructions
- ITQ Exhibit D - Written version of Selection Tool instructions