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EMPOWER RURAL IOWA BROADBAND GRANT PROGRAM

Notice of Funding Availability. On October 25, 2021, the Office of the Chief Information Officer (OCIO) announced up to \$200.0 million is being made available under Notice of Fund Availability (NOFA) #007 for the Empower Rural Iowa Broadband Grant Program. NOFA #007 consists of allocated funds from the federal [American Rescue Plan Act \(ARPA\) of 2021](#) Coronavirus State and Local Fiscal Recovery Fund and does not include any State funds.

Application Information. The application acceptance window for eligible broadband providers is open until November 22, 2021. The total amount of an award cannot exceed 60.0% of the actual or originally estimated total project costs.

More Information. Additional information about this opportunity, including all documentation and related materials, can be found here: ocio.iowa.gov/empower-rural-iowa-broadband-grant-program-notice-funding-availability-007.

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