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## Connecting Michigan Communities 2.0 Grant Application

**Please read through the entire Grant Information and Application package before you begin to respond to the application questions. This will help ensure you understand the full scope of the application as well as the details you will need to provide to complete the application.**

**Application Deadline:** All grant applications are due by 4:00 p.m. EST, on Monday, January 4, 2021.

**Submission Guidelines:** Applicants must email their applications and all attachments to: [DTMB-CMICGrant@michigan.gov](mailto:DTMB-CMICGrant@michigan.gov). Applications must be complete, and attachments clearly labeled with the question or statement number from the application form. Completed application, attachments, and supporting documentation must be received by the Department of Technology, Management, and Budget (DTMB), Center for Shared Solutions by 4:00 p.m. EST on Monday, January 4, 2021, to be considered for funding. Applicants will receive an email confirmation in receipt of their submission. It is the applicant's responsibility to ensure the application is received by DTMB prior to the submission deadline. Applications submitted to the wrong email address or received after the deadline will be rejected. Official application submission date and time will be determined by the time stamp accompanying the application email. Applications dated and time stamped in any other way will be rejected. If a confirmation receipt is not received within two business days, applicants must contact the CMIC Grant Program Office at (517) 335-3727.

**Questions and Contact:** If you have questions after reviewing the application and supporting documentation, please see the Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ) document available on the grant website: [www.michigan.gov/CMICGrant](http://www.michigan.gov/CMICGrant). The FAQ will be updated throughout the application process. Questions and comments can also be submitted via email to: [DTMB-CMICGrant@michigan.gov](mailto:DTMB-CMICGrant@michigan.gov).

## Application Checklist

This checklist is part of your application and should be returned along with your completed application and attachments.

### Application Submission Checklist:

- Public application is complete and file name meets the designated naming structure.
- Non-Public application is complete and file name meets the designated naming structure.
- Confidential Treatment Form is complete.
- Attachments have been gathered and file names meet the designated naming structure.
  - Attachment 1: Map of proposed service area in .pdf format (including both last mile coverage and middle mile routes)
  - Attachment 2: Map of proposed service area in a GIS-compatible file format (including both last mile coverage and middle mile routes)
  - Attachment 3: Spreadsheet of street addresses that are part of the proposed service area in .xlsx format
  - Attachment 4: Match commitment letters or evidence
  - Attachment 5: Applicant organizational chart
  - Attachment 6: Resumes of key officers, management personnel, and proposed project management team
  - Attachment 7: Three years of audited financial statements.
  - Attachment 8: Affidavit of commitment to offer the proposed service and cost in the proposed service area for a minimum of three years after project completion
  - Attachment 9: Budgetary engineering designs, diagrams, and maps that show the proposed project
  - Attachment 10: Evidence of network scalability
  - Attachment 11: Additional evidence of project readiness
  - Attachment 12: Demonstration of customer interest in the proposed project
  - Attachment 13: Demonstration of interest/impact/support from businesses
  - Attachment 14: Demonstration of interest/impact/support from the agricultural community
  - Attachment 15: Demonstration of interest/impact/support from CAIs
  - Attachment 16: Evidence of application for a SPIN
  - Attachment 17: Demonstration of interest/impact/support from communities

File naming structure: Applicants are to use the name of their organization followed by public application, non-public application, or the attachment number and file type (e.g. ABCTelecom\_Attachment\_1.pdf).

## **Applicant and Project Information, Contact Information, and Summary**

1. Project Name:

2. Applicant Name:

DBA (if applicable):

Mailing Address:

3. Primary Grant Contact:

Primary Contact Phone Number:

Primary Contact Email Address:

Primary Contact Organization (if not part of the applicant's organization):

4. Application Author Name:

Application Author Email:

5. Eligibility Status: Select the means by which the applicant is eligible to apply for the grant:

- Licensed under the Michigan Telecommunications Act (1991 PA 179, MCL 484.2101 to 484.2603)
- Franchise holder under the Uniform Video Services Local Franchise Act (2006 PA 480, MCL 484.3301 to 484.3315)
- Broadband service provider currently providing service in Michigan

6. Are you registered with the [Michigan Public Service Commission's Intrastate Telecommunications Service Providers Registry \(ITSP\)](#)?

- Yes  No  Unsure

7. Have you provided broadband coverage data to Connect Michigan in the last five years?

Yes  No  Unsure

8. Applicant Identification Numbers: Please provide the following identification numbers for the applicant (if available):

Federal Employer Identification Number (EIN):

Michigan Tax Identification Number:

Michigan Vendor Identification Number:

Federal Communications Commission Registration Number (FRN):

Service Provider Identification Number (SPIN):

9. Project Summary (250 words max.):

**Locations Passed and Proposed Service:**

*Attachment 1: Map of proposed service area in .pdf format (including both last mile coverage and middle mile routes)*

Name of Attachment 1:

*Attachment 2: Map of proposed service area in GIS-compatible file format (including both last mile coverage and middle mile routes)*

Name of Attachment 2:

10. Please provide a brief description of the proposed service area (250 words max.):

Attachment 3: Spreadsheet of street addresses that are part of the proposed service area in .xlsx format.

Name of Attachment 3:

11. Use the following format to complete Attachment 3

Number	Street	Address	City	State	Zip Code
123	Main St	123 Main St	Anytown	MI	48823

12. Does the project include a middle mile component?

Yes  No

13. Locations Passed: Please indicate the total number of locations by type that will be able to receive improved broadband services as a result of the proposed project:

Households	
Businesses	
Community Anchor Institutions	
Total Locations Passed	

14. Are any vacant lots included in the total number of locations passed listed above?

Yes  No

If yes, these vacant lots should be anticipated for growth in the next five years according to a local, county, or regional master plan or economic development plan. Please list the name of the relevant plan and the jurisdiction implementing the plan.

Plan Name:

Jurisdiction:

15. Please list the jurisdictions impacted by the proposed service area:

City(ies)/Village(s):

Township(s):

County(ies):

State House District(s):

State Senate District(s):

16. Please provide a brief description of the broadband service to be provided including, but not limited to, the technology to be used, will bandwidth be dedicated or shared, etc. (250 words max.):

## Project Costs and Budget

17. Total Project Cost: Please complete the table below

Total Project Cost	
Total Grant Request	
Total Match Amount	
Total Match Percentage	

### Attachment 4: Match commitment letters or evidence

Name of Attachment 4:

18. Total matching funds: Please complete the table below summarizing the source, amount, and type of matching funds contributed to the project. Applicants should also indicate if the match is secured or not. Attach additional sheets if necessary.

Source	Amount	Type	Secured?
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19. If matching funds or in-kind contributions listed above are not yet secured, please describe the process remaining to secure the funds and the anticipated timeline to do so, (250 words max.):



20. Project Budget: Please use the following table to provide a budget for the proposed project.

Category	Match Amount	Grant Amount	Total
Buildings and Labor			
Last Mile Construction Labor			
Middle Mile Construction Labor			
Construction Material			
Customer Premise Equipment			
Customer Premise Installation			
Electronics			
Permits			
Professional Services and Engineering			
Other:			
<b>Total</b>			

21. Please briefly describe why this project needs funding from the CMIC Grant program and why the project could not proceed without this funding (250 words max.):

**Experience and Financial Wherewithal**

*Attachment 5: Applicant organizational chart*

Name of Attachment 5:

*Attachment 6: Resumes of key officers, management personnel, and proposed project management team*

Name of Attachment 6:

22. Please provide a brief history of your organization including experience relevant to the proposed project, (250 words max.):

*Attachment 7: Three years of audited financial statements*

Name of Attachment 7:

23. Please provide a brief statement to accompany your attached audited financial statements and documentation (250 words max.):

## Long-Term Viability

24. Use the template below to complete a five-year stand-alone project financial plan/forecast.

Five-Year Stand-Alone Project Financial Plan					
Project Name:	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5
Revenue					
Expenses					
Anticipated Grant Funds					
Cash Flow					
Cumulative Cash Flow					

25. Please provide a brief narrative to accompany your five-year stand-alone project financial plan/forecast (400 words max.):

*Attachment 8: Affidavit of commitment to offer the proposed service and cost in the proposed service area for a minimum of three years after project completion.*

Name of Attachment 8:

**Readiness and Scalability**

*Attachment 9: Budgetary engineering designs, diagrams, and maps that show the proposed project. Design documents must clearly demonstrate the applicant's complete understanding of the project and ability to provide the proposed solution. This information must be certified by a Professional Engineer registered in Michigan.*

Name of Attachment 9:

- 26. Please provide a brief statement to accompany your attached engineering designs, diagrams, and maps indicating your readiness to build, manage, and operate the proposed network, (400 words max.):

*Attachment 10: Evidence of network scalability*

Name of Attachment 10:

27. Please provide a description and evidence that the proposed infrastructure is scalable to meet the anticipated future connectivity demands of the proposed service area. Please indicate the end- user connection speed to which the proposed network is designed to scale. This information must be certified by the equipment manufacturer or a professional engineer, (250 words max.):

28. Please use the table below to complete a project schedule outlining individual tasks and their timing by quarter and year. Attach additional pages if necessary. All projects must be complete by September 30, 2025.

Task	2021	2022				2023				2024				2025		
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29. Please indicate the anticipated date upon which service to the last location in the proposed project area will be turned on:

30. Please list any factors that would change or delay the proposed schedule:

31. Have all the required local/city/county/state approvals necessary for this project to proceed been obtained?

Yes  No

If not, what remains to be done and what is required for completing the process of obtaining approvals? Include this information in the project schedule.

32. Have state environmental review requirements been met, if applicable?

Yes  No

If not, what remains to be done and what is required for completing the process of obtaining approvals? Also Include this information in the project schedule.

33. Does this project affect/is the project located in or near local, state, or federal historic or potentially historic, architectural, or archeological resources?

Yes No

If not, what remains to be done and what is required for completing the process of obtaining approvals? Include this information in the project schedule.

34. Please briefly describe how the proposed project will leverage existing broadband networks, where practical, or be built in conjunction with other broadband infrastructure project(s), (250 words max.):

*Attachment 11: Additional evidence of project readiness*

Name of Attachment 11:

35. Please provide any additional evidence of your project’s readiness. This evidence can include, but is not limited to, letters of intent, memorandums of understanding, land/tower lease agreements, right-of-way agreements, permits, etc. Provide a short narrative to accompany this additional evidence, (250 words max.):

**Community and Economic Development**

*Attachment 12: Demonstration of customer interest in the proposed project*

Name of Attachment 12:

36. Please provide a brief statement to accompany the demonstration of customer interest you have attached to this application. This description should include the method used for gauging customer interest and the results, (250 words max.):



*Attachment 13: Demonstration of interest/impact/support from businesses*  
Name of Attachment 13:

37. Please provide a brief description of the businesses needing improved broadband service in the proposed project area and the level of improvement needed. Attach statements or evidence regarding the benefits from the proposed connectivity solution and how it will impact those businesses (250 words max.):

*Attachment 14: Demonstration of interest/impact/support from the agricultural community*

Name of Attachment 14:

38. If the proposed service area has a significant agricultural presence, please briefly describe how the proposed service will impact farmers and the agricultural community. Attach statements or evidence regarding the benefits from the proposed connectivity solution and how it will impact the agricultural community (250 words max.):

*Attachment 15: Demonstration of interest/impact/support from CAIs*

Name of Attachment 15:

39. Please provide a brief description of the community anchor institutions (CAIs) needing improved broadband service in the proposed project area and the level of improvement needed. Attach statements or evidence regarding the benefits from the proposed connectivity solution and how it will impact those CAIs (250 words max).

40. In the table below, please list the specific community anchor institutions (CAIs) to be served by the proposed project. Attach additional sheets if necessary.

CAI Name	Address	Type (healthcare, library, school, etc.)

*Attachment 16: Evidence of application for a SPIN (if applicable)*  
 Name of Attachment 16:

41. If the proposed project includes connections to schools or libraries, please provide your SPIN or evidence of application for a SPIN from the FCC Universal Service Administrative Company (USAC) and demonstration of your knowledge of E-rate and working with the FCC/USAC, (250 words max.):

*Attachment 17: Demonstration of interest/impact/support from communities*  
Name of Attachment 17:

42. Please provide a brief description of the communities needing improved broadband service in the proposed project area and the level of improvement needed. Attach statements or evidence regarding the benefits from the proposed connectivity solution and how it will impact those communities (250 words max).

43. Is broadband included in a local, county, or regional economic development plan, master plan, or similar up-to-date planning document, or does the community in which the proposed service is to be deployed have a specific broadband/technology plan in place?

Yes  No

If yes, please list the name of the relevant plan and the jurisdiction implementing the plan.

Plan Name:

Jurisdiction:

**Affordability and Service Limitations**

44. Using the table below, please indicate the download and upload speeds of the services to be offered in the proposed service area offered over the initial five years of the project (attach additional sheets if necessary). The non-discounted or rack rate monthly pricing of unbundled internet-only service should be included for each service offered, as well as the monthly data allowance for customers (if applicable):

Download Speed (Mbps)	Upload Speed (Mbps)	Monthly Cost	Monthly Data Allowance (GB)

45. Do you participate in the federal Lifeline program?

Yes  No

46. Do you plan to offer a lower-cost monthly subscription plan for low-income households in the proposed service area?

Yes  No

If yes, please briefly describe the program including the type of service to be offered, the monthly cost for qualifying household, and how you plan to determine household eligibility for such a program, (400 words max.):

47. Does any of the proposed service area include (wholly or partially) an eligible distressed area (a list of eligible distressed areas can be found here: [https://www.michigan.gov/mshda/0,4641,7-141-48987\\_75951-181277--,00.html](https://www.michigan.gov/mshda/0,4641,7-141-48987_75951-181277--,00.html))?  
 Yes  No

If yes, please list the distressed community(ies) impacted by the proposed service area:

**Adoption Strategy**

48. Please describe any proposed digital literacy training events, materials, and/or resources that will be provided to residents or businesses impacted by the proposed connectivity. Include the number and type of events, including commitments from any partners included in the digital literacy training and the anticipated outcomes from related activities. The description must provide clear detail and contain measurable metrics (400 words max.):

49. Please describe the materials and method(s) to be used for providing residents and businesses with information promoting the use of an internet connection for improving quality of life, access to resources, economic opportunity, etc., in the proposed service area. Partnerships with local CAls that build awareness for enriching online opportunities for residents and businesses are highly encouraged. Examples of these opportunities include, but are not limited to, telehealth applications, access to government services, e-learning, job and career readiness programs, public safety information, cybersecurity training, etc. This description must provide clear detail and contain measurable metrics (400 words max.):

A large, empty rectangular box with a black border, intended for the applicant to provide a detailed description of materials and methods for promoting internet connection use. The box is currently blank.