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## Connecting Michigan Communities 3.0 Grant Comment and Objection Form

**Please read through the entire Connecting Michigan Communities Grant Comment and Objection Instructions document before you begin to respond to the questions. This will help ensure you understand the full scope of the process as well as the details you will need to provide to complete the form.**

**Submission Deadline:** All grant comments and objections are due by 4:00 PM EST on April 11, 2022.

**Submission Guidelines:** Completed Comment and Objection Form(s) and supporting documentation must be received by the Department of Technology, Management, and Budget (DTMB), Center for Shared Solutions by 4:00 PM EST on April 11, 2022, to be considered. Anyone interested in submitting a comment or objection is required to email their completed form and all attachments to [DTMB-CMICGrant@michigan.gov](mailto:DTMB-CMICGrant@michigan.gov). Submitters will receive an email confirmation in receipt of their submission. It is the Submitters' responsibility to ensure their submission is received by DTMB prior to the submission deadline. Submissions sent to the wrong email address or received after the deadline will be rejected. Official submission date and time will be determined by the time stamp accompanying the email. Submissions dated and time stamped in any other way will be rejected. If a confirmation receipt is not received within two business days, Submitters must contact the CMIC Grant Program Office at (517) 335-3727.

**Confidentiality:** Any materials submitted to DTMB as part of a comment or objection are subject to public disclosure via Freedom of Information Act requests.

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

## **Comment/Objection Submission Checklist**

This checklist is part of your comment/objection and is to be returned along with your completed comment/objection form and attachments.

- Read the entire comment/objection information package.
- Comment/objection form is complete and file name meets the standards.
- Attachments have been gathered and file names meet the standards.
  - Attachment 1: Maps of proposed service area to which the objection applies in .pdf format and GIS compatible files.
  - Attachment 2: Spreadsheet in .xlsx format of addresses in the proposed service area to which the objection applies.
  - Attachment 3: Affidavit of: 1) providing existing service, 2) commitment to offer the proposed service, or 3) receipt of federal funding in the CMIC grant funded service area.
  - Attachment 4: Wireless propagation diagrams (required for fixed and mobile wireless objections).
  - Attachment(s) 5: Additional evidence of existing service (if applicable).
  - Attachment(s) 6: Additional evidence of planned deployment (if applicable).
  - Attachment 7: Spreadsheet in .xlsx format of census blocks in the proposed service area to which the objection applies (if applicable).

***Attachments must be submitted following the designated naming structure. Applicants are to use the name of their organization followed by the attachment number and file type (e.g. ABCTelecom\_Attachment\_1.xlsx).***

**Commenter/Objector Information:**

1) Primary Contact Name:

Company/Organization (if applicable):

Mailing Address:

Primary Contact Phone Number:

Primary Contact Email Address:

2) Commenter/Objector Identification Numbers: Please provide the following identification numbers (if applicable):

Federal Employer Identification Number (EIN):

Michigan Tax Identification Number:

Michigan Vendor Identification Number:

Federal Communications Commission Registration Number (FRN):

3) Project Name to which this Comment or Objection is Related:

4) Is this submission a narrative comment or an objection?

- Narrative Comment
- Objection

**Complete Only Section 5 and Signature Page for Narrative Comments:**

- 5) Provide your narrative comment in the space provided below (2000 characters max.).

**Complete Sections 6 – 15 and Signature Page for All Objections:**

- 6) Please indicate the type of objection being filed:

- The proposed project includes an area that already has broadband service of at least 25/3 Mbps from the objector.
- The proposed project includes an area where the construction of a network to provide broadband service by the objector is under way or will be completed no later than 2 years after the date of an application.
- The project includes an area that has been selected to receive, provisionally or otherwise, funding by the Federal Communications Commission or the United States Department of Agriculture specifically for the expansion of broadband services.

- 7) Does this objection apply to the entire proposed service area of the preliminary grant recommendation named above or a portion of the proposed service area?

- Entire Proposed Service Area
- Portion of the Proposed Service Area

- 8) Provide a brief description of the proposed grant service area to which the objection applies, (2000 characters max.):

*Attachment 1: Map of proposed service area to which the objection applies in .pdf format and GIS compatible formats.*

*Attachment 2: Spreadsheet in .xlsx format of addresses in the proposed service area to which the objection applies.*

- 9) Provide a brief narrative to accompany the map and spreadsheet of addresses you have attached to this objection, (2000 characters max.):

**Existing Service - Only complete this sub-section for objections claiming service is already available in the proposed grant service area.**

*Attachment 3: Affidavit of providing existing service in the grant funded service area.*

*Attachment 4: Wireless propagation diagrams (required for fixed and mobile wireless objections)*

*Attachment(s) 5: Additional evidence of existing service, including random speed tests demonstrating the ability to deliver 25/3 Mbps service.*

- 10) Provide a description to accompany attached evidence of existing service and wireless propagation diagrams (if applicable), (4000 characters max.):

**Proposed Service - Only complete this sub -section for objections claiming service will be constructed in the proposed service area within two years.**

*Attachment 3: Affidavit of commitment to offer the proposed service in the grant funded service area.*

*Attachment 4: Wireless propagation diagrams (required for fixed and mobile wireless objections)*

*Attachment(s) 6: Additional evidence of planned deployment*

11) Provide a description to accompany the attached additional evidence of planned deployment supplied, (4000 characters max.):

**Federally Funded Area - Only complete this sub-section for objections claiming the proposed service area has been selected to receive funding by the FCC or the USDA specifically for the expansion of broadband services.**

*Attachment 3: Affidavit the Objector has received federal funding to extend broadband service into the proposed service area to which the objection applies.*

*Attachment 7: Spreadsheet in .xlsx format of the census blocks to which the objection applies.*

12) Name of the Provider awarded funding:

13) Name of the specific federal program in which the Provider was awarded funding:

14) Links to resources verifying the claim:

**Signature Page:**

I acknowledge:

1. Any materials submitted to DTMB as part of a comment or objection are subject to public disclosure via Freedom of Information Act requests.
2. If an objection submitted is determined to contain information that results in an investigation and the objection is found to be inaccurate, the objector is ineligible to receive a grant under this act the next time grants are issued after filing that false statement.
3. If a grant award recommendation is rejected because the proposed project includes an area where the construction of a network to provide broadband service by the objector is to be completed no later than two years from the date of the original grant application, the internet service provider installing the broadband service in lieu of the grant award recommended applicant shall provide notice to the department when the construction of the broadband service is completed. If no notice is received, the objector is ineligible to receive a grant under this act the next time grants are issued after filing that false statement.

By way of signature, I affirm the information provided is true, complete and accurate to the best of my knowledge.

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[Signature]

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