

## Clare County Broadband Network Group



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### **Regular Meeting Schedule for 2021:**

**Monday January 6<sup>th</sup>, 2021**

**Monday April 5<sup>th</sup>, 2021**

**Monday ~~July 5<sup>th</sup>, 2021~~**

**Monday July 12<sup>th</sup>, 2021 Re-Scheduled In-Person Mtg.**

**Monday October 4<sup>th</sup>, 2021**

**Monday January 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2022**

- **Due to the COVID19 Pandemic Meetings will be held via Zoom/Virtual into the second quarter of 2021.**
- **We will re-evaluate the public health guidance to base a possible return to face to face meeting sometime in 2021.**
- **Thanks for all your patience and support during 2020 and moving into 2021, Stay Safe Stay Healthy!**

**Unless otherwise notified all meetings are held at the RESD  
4041 East Mannsiding Rd. Clare, MI. 48617 meeting rooms  
and start at 10:00A.M.**

- (1) Covered broadband projects designed to provide broadband service to the greatest number of households in an eligible service area;
- (2) Covered broadband projects designed to provide broadband service in an eligible service area that is wholly within any area other than:
  - (i) a county, city, or town that has a population of more than 50,000 inhabitants; and
  - (ii) the urbanized area contiguous and adjacent to a city or town of more than 50,000 inhabitants;
- (3) Covered broadband projects that are the most cost-effective, prioritizing such projects in areas that are the most rural;
- (4) Covered broadband projects designed to provide broadband service with a download speed of not less than 100 megabits per second and an upload speed of not less than 20 megabits per second; and
- (5) Any other covered broadband project that meets the requirements of this NOFO.

Additionally, NTIA is interested in ensuring that any broadband infrastructure deployed under this grant program will have the ability to evolve, sustain, and scale for future advanced services that will also be important to the U.S. economy. In the years ahead, emerging technologies such as cloud technologies, artificial intelligence, health IoT and telemedicine, smart grid, and 5G, will all require broadband networks capable of delivering much faster speeds, lower latency, and higher reliability than those now codified by various federal agencies. Thus, NTIA encourages the submission of project proposals that deploy future-proof infrastructure, *e.g.*, fiber.

The Act requires covered partnerships to complete their covered broadband projects within one year of their receipt of grant funds. The Assistant Secretary, however, may extend the award period for broadband infrastructure construction projects if the covered partnership certifies that:

- (1) it has a plan for the use of the grant funds, (2) the construction project is underway, or
- (3) extenuating circumstances require an extension of time to allow the project to be completed.

(i) **Qualifying Broadband Service**—The term “qualifying broadband service” means broadband service with: (i) a download speed of not less than 25 megabits per second; (ii) an upload speed of not less than 3 megabits per second; and (iii) a latency sufficient to support real-time, interactive applications. For purposes of this program, NTIA will interpret the 25/3 standard to mean the ability to provide 25 Mbps downstream and 3 Mbps upstream simultaneously to every household in the eligible service area. NTIA will interpret latency to mean 95 percent or more of all peak period measurements of network round trip latency [*i.e.*, the total round-trip latency between the customer premises and the closest designated Internet core peering interconnection point] are at or below 100 milliseconds.