

# Glenwood Community Development & Assistance Program (Wireless Broadband Serving Areas)

(06/16/08)

## *Purpose/Target Area*

The program is designed to promote and assist projects which are intended to sustain, enhance or improve the quality of life or safety, or which assist community growth and sustainability, within the service boundaries of Glenwood's wireless broadband service (see below for list of communities served with wireless broadband).

## *Summary Description*

Individuals, groups, or community organizations that are eligible to participate in the program may qualify for matching funds from Glenwood. The fund will carry a minimum amount requested of \$1,000, with a maximum of \$5,000 per application. Applications for matching funds are submitted to Glenwood's Community Development Committee for final review and recommendation. The total annual budget is \$12,500 per year, if Glenwood's Board of Directors approves the funding.

## *Eligibility Requirements*

1. Glenwood must provide wireless broadband service to location for which funds are to be used.
2. An applicant may be a person, a group of persons, or a community service organization.
3. An applicant cannot be a local governmental entity or a church, except that a church may be considered if the church is the only church in the community and if the church is used as the community center.
4. The project must benefit people who reside within the service boundaries of Glenwood's wireless broadband service area (see below for list of communities served with wireless broadband)
5. Individuals participating in the application process must not derive direct, personal financial benefit from the project.
6. Funds to be matched must be raised by sweat equity, grants, fundraisers or contributions.
7. Funds to be matched **cannot** come directly from local government taxes or utility user fees.
8. The application must detail the planned use of the project funds and how the funds to be matched will be raised.
9. Applicants may only apply once per project. An individual, committee or organization may apply only once per year.
10. The authority to approve or not approve an application is vested solely in Glenwood Telephone Membership Corporation's Board of Directors, and its decision will be final.

## ***Oversight Requirements***

1. Prior to an award, funds to be matched must be placed in a separate project account, to be used solely for the project specified in the application.
2. The bank must be authorized to allow Glenwood access to the records of the project bank account.
3. When funds are expended from the project bank account, Glenwood will provide funds to match the expenditure up to a total of the maximum of the award approved by Glenwood.
4. Awarded funds that are not used within 12 months of the time of the award will revert back to Glenwood.
5. Applications must be submitted to the Marketing / Customer Service Manager no later than the following dates; September 1<sup>st</sup> and December 1<sup>st</sup>. The Community Development Committee will make recommendations to the Board of Directors one week after applications are due. The final decision will be made on the third Monday (subject to Board Meeting date change) of the month's list above and applicants will be notified via telephone that same week.

## ***Examples***

Some of the examples of projects that may qualify for matching funds are as follows:

- Conducting assessment activities that outline community profiles and enable those communities to market their capabilities.
- Assistance in drafting and publishing documents or proposals to be submitted to prospective businesses or industries that may have a desire to locate in a rural community served by Glenwood.
- Access to the Internet, instruction on the use of Internet, in the use of E-Commerce to promote small business enterprises, design a community website, etc.
- Assistance in applying for State or Federal grants and low interest loans to promote new business or to improve the infrastructure for attracting new business or expanding existing business.
- Emergency service personnel training costs;
- Infrastructure improvements for emergency response units;
- Enhancement of facilities for older adults' recreation, health care or nutrition;
- Construction or modification of community centers, recreation facilities or senior/youth centers.
- Distance learning activities/telemedicine projects.
- Supplemental assistance to the construction or modification of facilities that promote tourism, youth activities, or annually sponsored community events.

## **Wireless Broadband Serving Areas**

Giltner, Trumbull, Inland, Glenvil, Fairfield, Doniphan, Hastings, Holdrege, Guide Rock, Juniata, Prosser, Kenesaw, Hildreth, Franklin, Heartwell, Minden, Wilcox, Axtell, Ragan.

**Glenwood Community Development & Assistance Program  
Application Form**

Name of Individual or Group \_\_\_\_\_

Responsible Party (if different from above) \_\_\_\_\_

Mailing Address \_\_\_\_\_  
(Street or Box No.) (City) (State) (Zip)

Daytime Telephone Number(s) \_\_\_\_\_

E-Mail Address \_\_\_\_\_

Amount of Matching Funds Requested \_\_\_\_\_ Total Project \_\_\_\_\_

Source of Funds to be Matched \_\_\_\_\_

Name and Title of Individual Controlling Funds \_\_\_\_\_

Bank Name Where Deposited \_\_\_\_\_ Account Number \_\_\_\_\_

Project Description (brief): \_\_\_\_\_

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I, the undersigned authority, hereby have read and understand the eligibility guidelines for the  
Glenwood Community Development & Assistance Program.

Signature of Authorized Applicant \_\_\_\_\_  
(Date)

Committee Action:  Approve       Disapprove       More Information  
needed

Date of Committee Action \_\_\_\_\_ Initial of Committee Authority \_\_\_\_\_