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Letter of Appeal Schools & Libraries Division – Correspondence Unit 100 South
Jefferson Rd PO Box 902 Whippany, NJ 07981 Appeal Reviewer: This is a “Letter of
Appeal” for Form 471 Application 953523 with associated FRN’s: 2591439,
2591441, 2591443, 2591446, 2591447, 2591450, 2591452, 2591454, 2591455,
2649035 and Form 471 Application 979818 with associated FRN’s: 2669584, Case #
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0400 Applicant Name & BEN: Name: HEARTLAND COMMUNITY ACTION
AGENCY, INC BEN: 16056957 471 Reference & Funding Year: Form 471: 953523
and 979818 Funding Year: 2014 Text of Funding Commitment Decision Explanation:
Information was not provided Reason for Appeal and Documentation: Information
was available/submitted to demonstrate that these services are cost effective. Specific
Concerns in reference to this application: NA 471 – 953523 FRN Information:
Funding Request Number: 2591439 Service Provider: Zayo Enterprise Networks LLC
SPIN: 143033526 471 – 953523 FRN Information: Funding Request Number:
2591441 Service Provider: CenturyLink Corporation (FKA Embarq) SPIN:
143019614 471 – 953523 FRN Information: Funding Request Number: 2591443
Service Provider: TDS Metrocom SPIN: 143016007 471 – 953523 FRN Information:
Funding Request Number: 2591446 Service Provider: Frontier Communications of
Minnesota, Inc. SPIN: 143002076 471 – 953523 FRN Information: Funding Request
Number: 2591447 Service Provider: CenturyLink Qwest Communications Company,
LLC SPIN: 143001157 471 – 953523 FRN Information: Funding Request Number:
2591450 Service Provider: Rural Cellular Corporation SPIN: 143000896 471 –
953523 FRN Information: Funding Request Number: 2591452 Service Provider:
CITIZENS TEL OF MINNESOTA SPIN: 143022402 471 – 953523 FRN Information:
Funding Request Number: 2591454 Service Provider: T-Mobile USA, Inc. SPIN:
143026181 471 – 953523 FRN Information: Funding Request Number: 2591455
Service Provider: Sprint Spectrum, L.P. SPIN: 143006742 471 – 953523 FRN
Information: Funding Request Number: 2649035 Service Provider: Charter
Advanced Services (MN) LLC SPIN: 143037044 471 – 979818 FRN Information:
Funding Request Number: 2669584 Service Provider: Earthlink Business LLC SPIN:
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Appeal Reviewer:

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BEN and contact information:

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Applicant Name & BEN:

Name: **HEARTLAND COMMUNITY ACTION AGENCY, INC**
BEN: **16056957**

471 Reference & Funding Year:

Form 471: 953523 and 979818
Funding Year: 2014

Text of Funding Commitment Decision Explanation:

Information was not provided

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Specific Concerns in reference to this application: NA

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Service Provider: TDS Metrocom
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SPIN: 143002076

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SPIN: 143001157

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