

TelePAC

The Voice of Iowa's Independent Telecommunication Providers

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Why Contribute to TelePAC?

TelePAC is an effective way for ICA members to have a unified, strong, voice at the Iowa Capitol on matters that directly impact your business. We gather contributions from employees and directors of ICA member companies to pool resources so we can collectively support legislative candidates and incumbents who understand that broadband communications is the tool and industry capable of growing and transforming Iowa.

A significant part of our strategy in engaging with State Legislators is to get our message in front of State Senators and State Representatives on both sides of the aisle through individual donations to the TelePAC. These individual donations come from people such as you who care about the stability, profitability and security of our telecom industry here in the great State of Iowa!

As our businesses have grown, so have our legislative interests and the number of committees of the legislature that impact our business. At the same time, other lobbying interests (large providers, RECs and others) significantly outspent us in campaign contributions the past couple of years.

Simply put, this means we need to reach more legislators with larger contributions to make sure our message is heard.

How to Contribute to TelePAC?

TelePAC encourages all levels of monetary contributions. Some members contribute \$25, while others contribute \$500. The most frequent contribution amount in 2021 was \$100. Some people write one check per year, while others send in periodic payments or submit online contributions.

If you're not doing so already, please consider giving an average of just one dollar per day to the TelePAC. An annual contribution of \$365 will help us grow our budget and increase our effectiveness!

TelePAC understands that members have varying levels of income and financial responsibilities and we encourage members to tailor contribution amounts to their budget and comfort level – *no contribution is too small, and all contributions are appreciated!*

To contribute:

Make check payable to:
TelePAC
4201 Westown Pkwy, Ste. 130
West Des Moines, IA 50266

Or [click here to contribute online](#) using the secure form.



TelePAC Success

Your support has helped our industry reached unprecedented success at the Statehouse. Despite the challenges of COVID, the ICA was able to strategically engage with State Legislators to pass legislation beneficial to our members and to rise up against proposed legislation that would have negatively impacted your business. Examples of our victories include:

- Achieved \$100 Million funding for NOFA 6
- Increased Grant Percentages to 75% and 50%
- Reduced IUB “remainder assessments” by 50%
- Promoted new Telecommuter Forward/Broadband Forward Community Certification programs
- Stopped the efforts to create a State-owned IXP in competition with ICA members
- Stopped the bill to eliminate 911 service reimbursement
- Stopped Ill-Advised proposal to change One Call rules
- Stopped Investor-Owned Utilities’ attempts to access broadband grant funding

We intend to carry these successes forward to 2022 to promote good legislation and defeat harmful legislation.

Record TelePAC Participation in 2021

In 2021, 51 General Managers/CEOs of telecommunications provider members contributed to TelePAC! 20 ICA member companies had 100% Board participation in 2021. In addition, Lone Rock Cooperative Telephone Company and Oran Mutual Telephone Company reported 100% staff participation, while Jefferson Telecom and South Slope Cooperative Communications Company report 100% management staff participation.

If you achieved 100% staff or 100% management staff participation, please let us know so we can recognize your generous participation.

100% of the Board of Directors contributed to TelePAC in 2021:

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Dumont Telephone Company
Farmers Mutual Communications-Moulton
FMTC - Stanton
Heart of Iowa Communications Cooperative
Jefferson Telecom
LNE Communications
Lone Rock Cooperative Telephone Company
Minburn Communications*

*Oran Mutual Telephone Co
Panora Communications Cooperative
Premier Communications
South Slope Cooperative Communications
Templeton Telephone Company
Titonka-Burt Communications
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