

2024 Capital Projects Fund (CPF-2) Speed Test Requirement Frequently Asked Questions

The CPF-2 Order Issuing Grant Awards and Results of Challenges issued June 4, 2024 requires that all Subrecipients conduct speed testing as required by Neb. Rev. Stat. §86-1304(3) and Commission Docket No. NUSF-133.¹ The Commission provides the following Frequently Asked Questions to help CPF-2 Subrecipients comply with the relevant requirements.

Question: How do we randomly select locations for speed testing?

Subrecipients are required to submit the <u>NPSC Subscriber Upload Template</u> to the Commission via email to <u>psc.broadband@nebraska.gov</u>, listing all subscriber locations within the project area. The Commission will provide the Subrecipient a list of locations from which the Subrecipient can select the minimum number of test locations.

Question: Is there a standard form that must be utilized when submitting the speed test results?

Yes. Subrecipients are required to use the <u>NPSC Speed Testing Template</u> when submitting the speed test results to the Commission. Only data provided via the required template will be accepted.

Question: When conducting the speed test, do we need to also test latency?

Yes. Subrecipients are required to use the <u>NPSC Latency Testing Template</u> when submitting the latency results to the Commission. Only data provided via the required template will be accepted.

Question: What is the deadline to provide the NPSC Speed Testing Template and NSPC Latency Testing Template to the Commission?

Speed test and latency test results must be submitted to the Commission, along with the <u>2024 CPF Speed Test Certification</u> no later than thirty (30) days after the date the project is certified as complete.

Question: What is the required number of test locations per project?

The following table reflects the total number of locations to be tested based on the number of locations in the application.

| Number of Locations in Application | Number of Test Locations |
|------------------------------------|----------------------------------|
| 50 or fewer | 5 |
| 51-500 | 10% of Total Number of Locations |
| Over 500 | 50* |

* To the extent possible, grant recipients serving more than 500 locations in a project area should attempt to test at least 10% of served locations.

¹ See In the Matter of the Nebraska Public Service Commission, on its own motion, to implement standards for verification of broadband service provider coverage and speed data, ORDER SETTING SPEED TEST REQUIREMENTS (Nov. 8, 2022). Detailed requirements regarding testing intervals, testing endpoints, and locations to be tested are contained in that Order.