

Nebraska Broadband Bridge Program (NBBP) Allowed and Disallowed Costs

The Nebraska Broadband Bridge Program (NBBP) can pay up to 50 percent of the eligible costs for a qualifying project. Eligible costs refer to the costs associated with the acquisition and installation infrastructure that can support broadband service scalable to speeds of at least 100 Mbps download and 100 Mbps upload. Examples of eligible construction costs involving the acquisition and installation of broadband infrastructure may include the following:

Allowed expenses:	
Electronics, network equipment, fiber, parts, other <u>direct</u> material costs, freight	✓
Customer Premises Equipment (CPE) costs	✓
Permits, zonings, right of way, obtaining titles, easements, Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) reviews, State Historical Preservation Office (SHPO) expenses, etc. Note: these expenses are only eligible if the item was obtained after the date the grant was awarded.	✓
Direct labor costs related to the project design or build (except for some benefits, see below)	✓
Contract labor for construction of the network	✓
Engineering costs, site surveys, site inspections, tests	✓
Building, foundation, tanks, generators, road, fence	✓
Regulatory and compliance costs	✓

Disallowed expenses:	
Legal Expense	X
Lease Initiation Costs	X
Interest/Financing Expenses (i.e. Interest During Construction)	X
Ongoing Operating Costs, including repairs and maintenance of equipment	X
Contractor Milestone Payments	X
Liability Costs	X
Repair of lawns, sidewalks, utilities	X
System Maintenance Agreements	X
Labor expenses not directly related to the project design or build such as labor expenses for accounting, directors/managers/CFOs/CEOs, etc.	X
Customer Service Labor Expenses	X
Collocation Fees	X
General and administrative costs (i.e. salaries for administrative personnel, not related to construction process)	X
Company Employee Meal Reimbursement	X
Potentially refundable costs, such as deposits	X
Taxes	X

Direct Labor Costs (Any internal labor costs require a further breakdown by category)	
Allowed	
FUTA/SUTA/SUI (Unemployment tax)	✓
Workers' Compensation	✓
FICA (Federal Insurance Contribution)	✓
Disallowed	
Retirement	X
Health Insurance	X
Life Insurance	X
LT Disability	X

Note: This is not an all-inclusive list of allowable and disallowable costs.