

Capital Projects Fund Community Feedback Form

PROJECT DETAILS

Applying Service Provider: Windstream Nebraska, Inc.

Project Name: CPF 23-Eagle

Description of Proposed Project Area:

Approximately 265 underserved locations in and around the boundaries of Windstream's exchange in Eagle, NE.

Name of person/entity completing the form: Nick Nystrom

Community Role (mark one):

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Community Member | <input type="checkbox"/> Local Business: _____ |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Local Government: <u>Eagle Village Clerk</u> | <input type="checkbox"/> Local Nonprofit: _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Tribal Government: _____ | <input type="checkbox"/> Other (describe): _____ |

I/We DO NOT support the providers application because:

I/We support the provider's application because (select any that apply):

- The proposed service area is not able to receive reliable broadband service of 25/3 Mbps or greater.
- The proposed service area is not able to receive reliable broadband service of 100/20 Mbps or greater.
- The proposed project would result in the entire community having access to high-speed internet at 100/100 Mbps.
- The proposed service provider has consulted with the community in relation to community needs and affordability of the proposed service plans.
- Other reasons (please complete below)

Comments:

On behalf of the Village of Eagle Board of Trustees, I/we strongly support Windstream's intention to submit an application to the Nebraska Public Service Commission for a Capital Projects Fund grant to expand fiber broadband service in and around the boundaries of Eagle. There are approximately 265 under-served locations in and around the boundaries of Windstream's exchange in Eagle that would benefit immensely from a fiber broadband network. Connectivity to services in education, healthcare, public safety and government are vital to the well-being of residents in and around our community. These services require speeds and bandwidth beyond what can be delivered by obsolete technology. Grant funding programs are critical to the development of broadband systems needed to provide access to under-served areas in and around Eagle. We appreciate Windstream's desire to serve our area and expand fiber broadband service to additional residents and businesses.

Please feel free to include supplemental information regarding the proposed project as attachments to this form.

More information about the Capital Projects Fund grant program or the Nebraska Broadband Bridge Program, including a map and an electronic version of this form, can be found on the Nebraska Public Service Commission (PSC) website at: <https://psc.nebraska.gov/telecommunications/nebraska-broadband-bridge-program-nbbp>.

If you have questions regarding the Capital Projects Fund grant program, please e-mail psc.broadband@nebraska.gov or you may contact the Nebraska Public Service Commission Consumer Advocate during regular business hours (Monday-Friday, 8:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m. CT) by calling 402-471-3101 or toll free in Nebraska at 1-800-526-0017.

Name: Nick Nystrom Date: 02/24/2023

Signature: 

Please return completed feedback forms and any supplemental information **no later than April 24, 2023**, via e-mail to psc.broadband@nebraska.gov or via mail to 1200 N Street, 300 The Atrium, Lincoln, NE 68508.

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