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Capital Projects Fund grant

1200 N Street

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Re: CPF 23-Brainard

To Whom It May Concern;

The Board of Trustees of the Village of Brainard would like to submit their support for the project CPF 23-Brainard, deploying a fiber broadband network to locations in and around our Village.

David Avery, Vice-President of Government affairs for Windstream, Inc., attended our monthly board meeting on February 20, 2023, and explained the project to us. As we understand it, there will be 70 locations—who are now unserved or underserved—that will be able to benefit from the 37 miles of fiber laid out. While the project is costly, at approximately \$3 million, the idea that it will provide access to underserved communities, as well as laying infrastructure for future expansion of broadband services for the larger community makes it a project that we can wholeheartedly support.

Thank you for your work on this project, small communities like ours are always grateful for any help we can get to better serve our wonderful community. Please do not hesitate to contact us if we can be of any help on this project going further.

Sincerely,

Joel Vrbka,



Chairman of the Board

**Capital Projects Fund
Community Feedback Form**

PROJECT DETAILS

Applying Service Provider: Windsream

Project Name: CPF 23-Bramard

Description of Proposed Project Area:

See ATTACHED MAP

Name of person/entity completing the form: Yolanda Bailey- Bramard Village Clerk

Community Role (mark one):

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Community Member | <input type="checkbox"/> Local Business: _____ |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Local Government: _____ | <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:

Having Access to Broadband Internet Service is very important for small communities today. As it is very expensive to do, any help for the community is very welcome.
(See attached letter of support.)

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: Yolanda Bailey - Clerk Date: 3/01/23

Signature: Yolanda A Bailey

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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