

## Capital Projects Fund Community Feedback Form

### PROJECT DETAILS

Applying Service Provider: Nebraska Central Telephone Company (NCTC)

Project Name: Broadband Deployment Project

#### Description of Proposed Project Area:

This proposal is for a Capital Projects Fund grant to provide broadband internet services.

The proposed grant would be used to deploy buried fiber broadband to every serviceable location in Comstock and Mason City. The new fiber would be connected to NCTC's existing buried fiber network.

Name of person/entity completing the form: Keith Ellis, Custer Economic Development Corp.

#### Community Role (mark one):

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Community Member         | <input type="checkbox"/> Local Business: _____   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Local Government: _____  | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Local Nonprofit: <u>Custer County Economic Development</u> |
| <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:**

Custer Economic Development Corporation (CEDC) supports NCTC grant proposal because of our smaller Custer County communities need for advanced telecommunications and internet services to compete in today's economy.

Small rural communities provide tremendous value for people to live in a quality rural community. The CEDC is working on workforce recruitment strategies including workforce housing development, workforce development recruitment, and employer internships. In order to compete for talented employees a strong viable telecommunications and internet infrastructure is expected by today's workforce. This project will advance our ability to recruit the workforce talent we need in Custer County

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](mailto: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: Keith Ellis Date: March 14, 2023

Signature: *Keith Ellis*

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

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