

February 10, 2023

To Whom it May Concern:

On behalf of the Village of Adams, I am writing this letter in support of Nextlink's Capital Projects Grant Application for Adams, Nebraska. Unfortunately, through the process of COVID-19, the gaps within the coverage of broadband throughout the village and surrounding areas became very evident.

The Village of Adams is very fortunate as we have thriving businesses, schools and medical facilities within the village but with that comes challenges with access to quality broadband services. In the recent census tract speed testing, the Village of Adams had a median speed of 15.36/3.48 while our village specific test on seventeen constituents had a mean of 15.62/20.89 and a median of 17.35/8.59 which unfortunately is considered unserved.

As with many rural communities throughout Nebraska, utilizing Capital Projects Funding to expand our broadband will enable the deployment of broadband infrastructure capable of providing 100/100 Mbps. The benefits are far-reaching and are schools, work, and health care needs.

Again, thank you for your consideration and we fully support Nextlink's application to bring fiber to the Village of Adams.

Sincerely,

Chris Schiebur

Chairman of the Board