



Nebraska Broadband Bridge Program Grant Application

Section I: Applicant Details

Original

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| 1. Applicant name: | | | |
| 2. Applicant type: | | | |
| 3. Applicant street address: | | | |
| 3a. Applicant city: | | | |
| 3b. Applicant state: | | | |
| 3c. Applicant zip code: | | | |
| 4. Applicant contact (first and last name): | | | |
| 5. Applicant e-mail: | | | |
| 6. Applicant phone number: | | | |
| 7. Provider name: | | | |
| 8. Provider contact (first and last name): | | | |
| 9. Provider e-mail: | | | |
| 10. Provider phone number: | | | |
| 11. Legal representative name (must be an attorney licensed to practice law in Nebraska or an attorney admitted to practice pro hac vice for purposes of this program): | | | |
| 12. Legal representative e-mail: | | | |
| 13. Legal representative phone number: | | | |
| 14. Applicant's Nebraska ETC status: | | | |
| 15. Does the applicant currently report through FCC Form 477 speeds of at least 100/100 Mbps provided to customers within the State of Nebraska? | | 15a. If yes, does the applicant clearly offer the minimum speeds required on their public-facing website: | |
| 15b. Provide the service provider's public-facing website URL that reflects the currently available speeds: | | | |

Section II: Project Details

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| 1. Project name: | | | |
| 2. Project location description (the cities/ communities where the project(s) will take place): | | | |
| 3. Estimated number of locations served in project area: | 3a. Unserved (<25/3 Mbps): | 3b. Underserved (<100/20 Mbps): | 3c. Total: |
| 4. Technology type(s) to be deployed in project area: | | | |
| 5. Current maximum connection speed bandwidth in project area (Mbps): | | 6. Projected minimum connection speeds at completion (Mbps): | |
| 7. Monthly customer rate for proposed 100/100 Mbps service: | | 7a. Does the rate plan for the proposed project area impose data or usage caps? | |
| 7b. Does the rate plan for the proposed project area involve throttling speeds after usage limits are reached? | | 7c. Does the rate plan for the proposed project area involve metered or “pay as you go” service model? | |
| 7d. Does the rate plan for the proposed project area impose early termination fees? | | 7e. Does the rate plan for the proposed project area lock customers into a particular plan or term with a long term contract? | |
| 8. Maximum speeds all serviceable locations in project area will be capable to be scalable to upon completion: | | 9. Expected project completion date: | |
| 10. Project geographic contiguity type: | | 11. If noncontiguous, are the areas included from the same exchange or adjacent exchanges? | |
| 12. Total project costs (based on allowed costs): | | 13. NBBP grant amount requested: | |
| 14. High-Cost Designation (Select <u>one</u> of the following): | <input type="checkbox"/> High-Cost – Select this box if the entire project area is made up of rural, high-cost areas, such as areas outside of cities, villages, or unincorporated areas as defined in the 2010 US Census, and census blocks with less than 20 households and densities lower than 42 households per square mile. -OR- <input type="checkbox"/> Not High-Cost – Select this box if any portion of the project area is not considered high-cost. | | |

Attach/Include:

Please label attachments as follows: “[Applicant Name]_[Project]_[Attachment Letter].” If it is necessary to submit multiple attachments under one attachment letter category, label the attachments to identify the separate attachments. Ex. “[Applicant Name]_[Project]_[Attachment Letter]_1”, “[Applicant Name]_[Project]_[Attachment Letter]_2”, etc.

- A polygon shapefile polygon (.shp) reflecting the project area **must** be included. Any supporting files necessary to open the shapefile must also be attached. (Attachment Letter: A)
- A point shapefile which identifies serviceable locations in the project area **must** also be included. Any supporting files necessary to open the shapefile must also be attached. (Attachment Letter: B)

- Applicants that answered “Yes” to section I; field 15 should attach documentation that 100/100 Mbps speeds are currently delivered to customers in other areas served by the applicant and that those speeds are advertised. (Attachment Letter: C)
- Applicants that answered “Noncontiguous” in section II; field 11, should provide a statement explaining the reasoning for including noncontiguous areas. This should include an explanation regarding what natural connection the noncontiguous project areas have to each other. (Attachment Letter: D)
- Technical capability statement: Applicants must include a statement relating to their experience providing broadband, whether they currently provide broadband at the minimum 100/100 Mbps speeds, and how the project will be resilient and sustainable in the long-term. This statement should also include the number of technical staff that will be dedicated to serving the project area once the project is complete, a description of how the service area will be maintained throughout the useful life of the facilities, and any other relevant technical expertise of the applicant. (Attachment Letter: E)
- Rate comparability details: Attach information demonstrating that the retail rates for the proposed service area are comparable to the applicant’s rates outside the project area for the same speed tiers. Additionally, information regarding the terms and conditions offered, and the terms of service must be provided. Specifically, a statement must be provided with the application detailing whether the plan involves data caps, throttling speeds after usage limits are reached, long-term contracts, Early Termination Fees, or metered “pay-as-you-go” service. (Attachment Letter: F)
- A business plan for the proposed network: The business plan should include (1) details of the proposed project, (2) the expected useful life of the facilities to be built including a statement as to the technological components used, and, if applicable, which components may require more frequent repair or replacement, (3) a description of any risk factors or legal challenges that must be addressed prior to or during the project in question, such as local zoning, right of way, and permitting processes, and how the applicant intends to mitigate these risk factors or legal challenges, (4) a financial analysis for the project including cash flow projections for the project for a minimum of 5 years. Projections that do not reflect positive capitalization should include a written explanation as to how a project will be maintained over the life of the facilities. (Attachment Letter: G)
- A funding breakdown for the grant must be attached in Excel format. This should include a proposed budget reflecting a clear and detailed breakdown of cost elements based on total allowable project costs. This should also include the total grant amount requested. (Attachment Letter: H)
- Non-ETC applicants should attach the most current year’s audited financial statements. (Attachment Letter: I)
- If the project includes underserved customers, a digital inclusion plan must be attached for consideration. The plan should specify how the project will impact access to and use of information and communication technologies within the communities it serves, including individuals and communities that are the most disadvantaged. The plan must describe the specific needs of the community intended to be served by the project, and how the project will be tailored to meet those needs, including the carrier’s efforts to ensure members of the community to be served will be able to afford the services offered, and must describe any discounts and/or support programs to be offered for low-income individuals. Additionally, the plan should include the pricing structure of the plan being offered to low-income subscribers in addition to the availability of Lifeline or Affordable Connectivity Program (ACP) discounts and any terms and conditions of service. (Attachment Letter: J)
- Applications proposing to use technology other than fiber or proposing to use a combination of fiber and other technologies, must include an attestation from a qualified engineer describing the speed capabilities of the proposed technology, including but not limited to the maximum speeds possible through use of that technology. The attestation should also include an explanation as to whether the technology will be affected by outside factors such as inclement weather, and the results of speed tests performed at customer premises using the same technology during peak usage hours. (Attachment Letter: K)
- Match source documentation: A table detailing the confirmed matching fund commitments by source must be included. Documentation of the match source(s) should also be provided. This could include but is not limited to a signed contribution certification for community partner match, NUSF census block information (in Excel format), documentation regarding timeline for RDOF deployment, justification for the value of any in-kind contributions such as labor, equipment, and inventory on hand. (Attachment Letter: L)
- Other supporting documentation (if applicable), such as supplemental speed test data, letters of support from members of the community, supplemental financial information such as the most recent year’s federal tax return, etc. (Attachment Letter: M)

APPLICANT CERTIFICATION: By signing this statement, the applicant certifies that the information submitted on the application and all supporting documents are true and correct. The applicant agrees to offer broadband internet in the project area for fifteen years after receipt of grant funding and commits to maintaining minimum speed capability of 100Mbps/100Mbps in all locations for which the applicant will receive support for the fifteen years after receipt of grant funding. The applicant agrees to perform and adhere to all grant requirements, and to comply with all state and federal regulations and requirements pertaining to this program. In addition, the applicant agrees not to use equipment prohibited by the FCC within the network, to maintain the rates reflected in their application within the project area for a minimum of five years following completion of the project, to submit network speed testing information as prescribed by the Commission, and to complete the project build within eighteen months following the grant award unless granted an extension.

Printed Name of Authorized Person

Date

Title of Authorized Person

Guy Gunther

Signature of Authorized Person