

Nebraska Broadband Bridge Program Grant Application

Section I: Applicant Details Original \square Revised \square

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 la	st name):			
5. Applicant e-mail:				
6. Applicant phone number:				
7. Provider name:				
8. Provider contact (first and las	t 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			15a. If yes, does the applicant	
currently report through FCC			clearly offer the minimum	
Form 477 speeds of at least			speeds required on their	
100/100 Mbps provided to			public-facing website:	
customers within the State of				
Nebraska?				
15b. Provide the service				
provider's public-facing				
website URL that reflects the				
currently available speeds:				

Section II: Project Details

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

to open the shapefile must also be attached. (Attachment Letter: B)

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.

\square 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

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 no 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.
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Printed Name of Authorized Person	Date	
Title of Authorized Person		

Signature of Authorized Person