



February 19, 2023

Butler County Board of Supervisors
451 N 5th Street
David City, NE 68632

Re: Seeking County Feedback on Proposed Broadband Deployment Project

This letter serves to inform you that Vyve Broadband intends to apply to the Nebraska Public Service Commission for a Capital Projects Fund grant to construct new broadband infrastructure in Butler County.

Our project proposes to serve 386 locations located in unincorporated communities south of Columbus and west of Bellwood, largely along US Highway 81 and 44 Road. Residents in these areas are currently limited to expensive and unreliable wireless internet; by contrast, our project plans to bring the latest in high-speed fiber technology at affordable rates.

We request your feedback regarding the proposed project, as your input will provide valuable information to the Commission about the need for grants in this part of the county. Rural areas have been historically overlooked by private ISPs due to the prohibitive cost of development, and this program represents an opportunity to close that funding gap and help bridge the digital divide.

Please review the details of the proposed project below and provide feedback to the Public Service Commission via the attached Community Feedback Form **no later than April 24, 2023.**

Service Provider	Vyve Broadband
Project Name	Bellwood West Expansion
Project Area	Unincorporated neighborhoods west of Bellwood and south of Columbus, NE
Project Description	Extension of Vyve's gigabit fiber network

Proposed Speed Tiers and Pricing*

105 Mbps down / 105 Mbps up	\$49.99/mo.
200 Mbps down / 105 Mbps up	\$69.99/mo.
960 Mbps down / 105 Mbps up	\$99.99/mo.

*Base prices not including promotions or the FCC Affordable Connectivity Program (ACP) \$30 discount

The enclosed map details the proposed route and locations to be served (minor revisions may occur between now and project submission). The proposed project area may also be viewed on the Nebraska Broadband Map, which will be made available by the Nebraska Public Service Commission on or around March 3, 2023 at <https://psc.nebraska.gov/telecommunications/nebraska-broadband-bridge-program-nbbp>.

If you have questions regarding our proposed project, you may contact us at (785) 301-2096 or Travis.Kohlrus@vyvebb.com. If you have questions regarding the Capital Projects Fund grant program, please email 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.

Sincerely,

Travis Kohlrus
Regional VP of Operations

**Capital Projects Fund
Community Feedback Form**

PROJECT DETAILS

Applying Service Provider: _____

Project Name: _____

Description of Proposed Project Area:

Name of person/entity completing the form: _____

Community Role (mark one):

Community Member

Local Business: _____

Local Government: _____

Local Nonprofit: _____

Tribal Government: _____

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:

Please feel free to include supplemental information regarding the proposed project as attachments to this form.

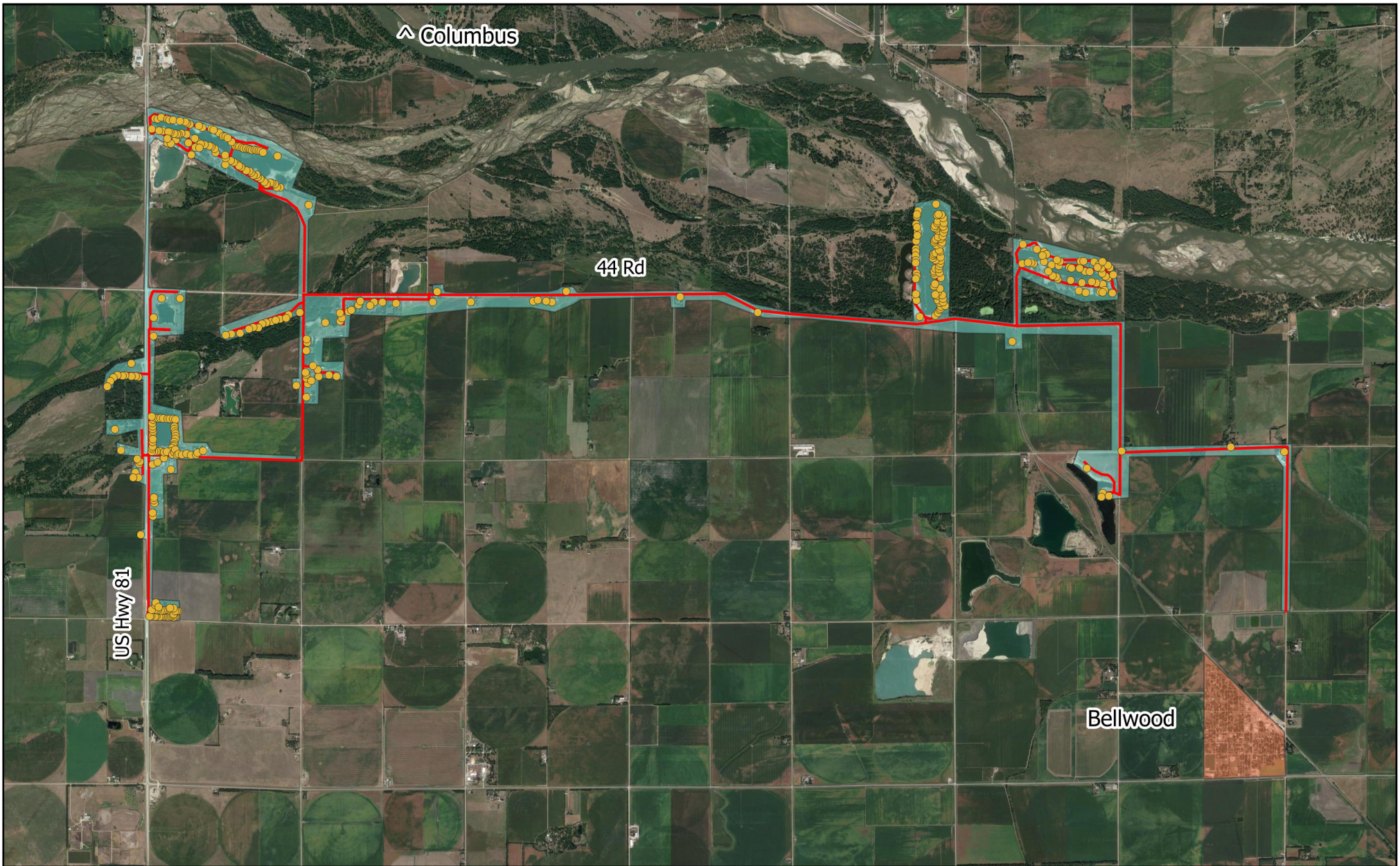
More information about the Capital Projects Fund grant program or the Nebraska Broadband Bridge Program, including a map and an electronic version of this form, can be found on the Nebraska Public Service Commission (PSC) website at: <https://psc.nebraska.gov/telecommunications/nebraska-broadband-bridge-program-nbbp>.

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Name: _____ Date: _____

Signature: _____

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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2023 Nebraska Capital Projects Fund Bellwood West Expansion (Vyve Broadband)

Legend

- Proposed Homes
- Proposed Fiber
- Proposed Service Area
- Existing Service Area





Company Overview

Quick Nebraska Facts

- 17.8K NE Homes with Access to Vyve
- Local Nebraska Employees
- Local Retail Store in Central City, NE
- Local Care/Tech Jobs Available
- www.vyvebroadband.com

Our NE Network

- 157 Miles of Fiber Deep Network in NE
- Statewide Fiber Ring Architecture
- Redundancy Auto Failover
- Peering -Google, Netflix, Akamai, & More
- 99.9% Network Reliability

Nebraska Services

- 100% Availability to 1Gbps Speeds
- 24/7 Local On-Call Technicians
- 10G Business Services
- High Speed Data, Phone, HD Video

Our Motto

- 100% Responsibility/Zero Excuses
- Our Communities Connected

Currently Serving Many NE Markets

Including but not limited to: Albion, Alma, Bellwood, Cedar Rapids, Central City, Columbus, Franklin, Fullerton, Genoa, Hamilton County, Humphrey, Monroe, Newman Grove, Osceola, Palmer, Platte Center, Polk, Red Cloud, Richland, Rising City, Schuyler, Shelby, Silver Creek, Spalding, St. Edwards, and Stromsburg

National Network/Markets



- Founded in 2012
- 900 Employees
- 650K Serviceable Dwellings
- 250K Customer Relationships
- 12K Miles - Fiber Deep Network
- Serving 344 Communities/16 States



VYVE AWARDED BROADBAND GRANTS IN NEBRASKA

January 11, 2023

Vyve Broadband was recently awarded three grants from the 2022 Nebraska Broadband Bridge Program (NBBP) to launch Fiber Internet in Archer, Chapman and Tarnov, Nebraska. The Nebraska Legislature created the NBBP in 2021 to facilitate and fund broadband development in unserved and underserved areas of Nebraska. The funds will help support the launch and ongoing support of affordable and reliable fiber-to-the-home Internet with symmetrical speeds starting at 105 Mbps, going all the way up to 1 Gig.

Vyve is excited to support Governor Jim Pillen's recent creation of an official office to oversee broadband expansion in Nebraska. As an organization, we are committed to furthering his dedication to broadband expansion, which is transparent, flexible, and proactive to meet Nebraska's broadband needs.

Vyve has been providing service to other Nebraska communities for over 10 years. These additional launches and funds align with Vyve's ongoing dedication to bridging the digital divide. "Providing reliable and fast Internet to rural communities has always been part of Vyve's Business model. We have spent millions of dollars supporting this initiative, and it will continue to be a priority in the future," said Andy Parrott, President, and COO of Vyve Broadband.