



**CITY OF BROKEN BOW
CITY COUNCIL AGENDA
June 4, 2020 @ 6:10 PM
Municipal Auditorium
314 South 10th Avenue, Broken Bow, NE**

A. Call to Order

B. Open Meeting Law: This is an open meeting of the Broken Bow City Council. The City of Broken Bow abides by the Open Meetings Act in conducting business. A copy of the Open Meetings Act is displayed in this room as required by law.

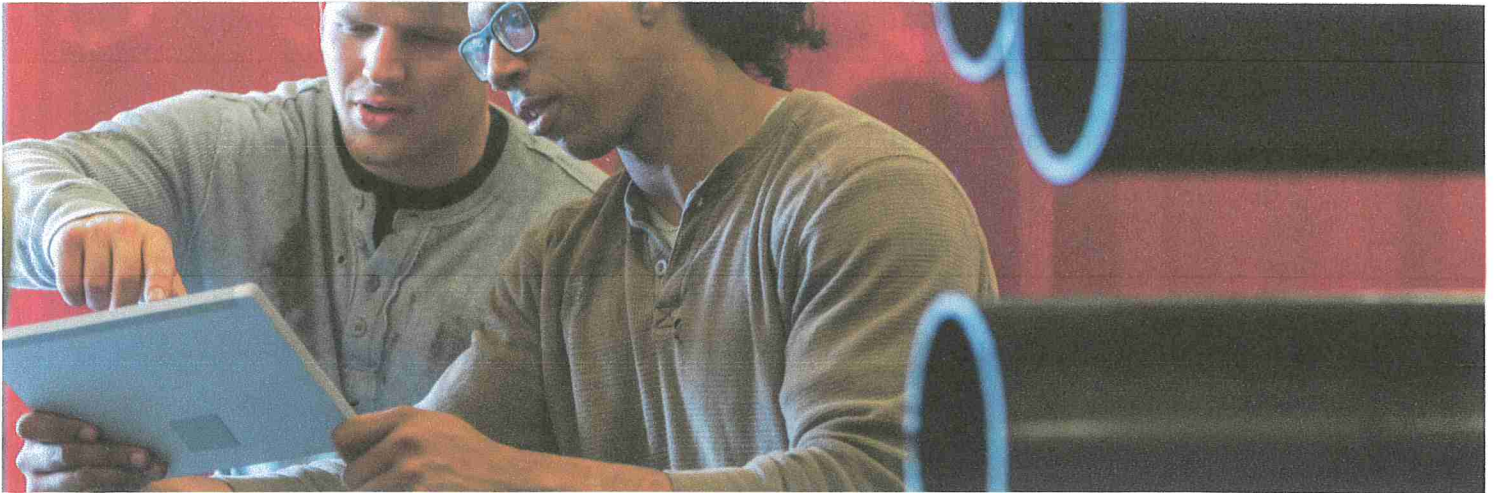
C. Roll Call

D. New Business:

- a. Rural Broadband Remote Access Grant Partnership** – Consideration of approving the partnership with Great Plains Communications for the Rural Broadband Remote Access Grant.

E. Adjournment

The Council will review the above matters and take such action as they deem appropriate. The Council may enter into closed session to discuss any matter on this agenda when it is determined by the Council that it is clearly necessary for protection of the public interest or the prevention of needless injury to the reputation of any individual and if such individual has not requested a public meeting, or as otherwise allowed by law. Any closed session shall be limited to the subject matter for which the closed session was called. If the motion to close passes, immediately prior to the closed session the Mayor shall restate on the record the limitation of the subject matter of the closed session.



Rural Broadband Remote Access Grant

Rural broadband access is essential to attracting, supporting and maintaining quality job creators throughout the state of Nebraska. But apart from being an indispensable business commodity for the 21st century, high speed internet enables important opportunities such as remote work, telehealth and education, entertainment, telecommunications and other quality of life amenities that create thriving communities. The Broadband Grant allocates \$40 million to provide broadband to unserved and underserved communities in Nebraska, supporting the mission to increase the state's overall connectivity.

Who is eligible?

Communities with 1,000 to 5,000 people are eligible to apply, with the stipulations below.

See application guidelines for a complete list of eligible communities.

- The fiber-to-the-home (FTTH) project should occur in communities of 1,000 to 5,000 residents.
 - Only communities with a forecasted growth in FTTH of less than five percent by the end of 2020, as estimated by DED, will be eligible.
 - Communities with a population below 1,000 may be considered if additional funds remain
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- Communities should identify preferred FTTH providers that must:
 - o Currently serve in rural Nebraska communities.
 - o Have positive public support.
 - o Have a proven track record of starting and completing projects within the allocated timeline while remaining on or under budget.
 - o Have a clean financial record.

How can the grant be used:

The grant must be used to provide FTTH to households and businesses in eligible communities

where the provider did not have a project currently underway or planned.

How to apply:

If an applicant meets eligibility requirements, the applicant should submit an electronic pre-application to DED by the deadline stipulated below. The pre-application will be used to verify community and fiber provider eligibility. If the applicant is validated, they will receive an invitation to complete the full application, which must be submitted by the deadline below.

Pre Application: [Hyperlink coming soon](#)

Application deadlines:

Pre Application Deadlines

Opens: To be announced soon

Full Application Deadlines

Opens: To be announced soon

Due: To be announced soon

Questions?

Contact:

855-264-6858

See the Application Guidelines for more information on eligibility, the use of funds, instructions

on how to apply and the selection process. **Application Guidelines coming soon.**

Get Nebraska Growing.

For technical assistance on how to apply, see:
opportunity.nebraska.gov/amplifund

301 Centennial Mall South, 4th Floor, Lincoln, NE 68508

855-264-6858

Nebraska Remote Access Broadband Grant Checklist

SECTION I: APPLICATION CHECKLIST



1. COMPLETE AND SUBMIT PRE-APPLICATION (TO BE COMPLETED AND SUBMITTED BY COMMUNITY)



2. COMPLETE FULL APPLICATION AND SUBMIT (DATE IS CURRENTLY TBD), FULL APPLICATIONS ARE LIKELY TO INCLUDE AT MINIMUM:



a) **LOCATION OF THE PROJECT AND MAP.** Attach a map of the project area, depicting households and businesses in the project area and differentiating between those which will have access to the new broadband.



b) **BROADBAND INFRASTRUCTURE.** The kind and amount of broadband infrastructure to be deployed for the project, including initial speeds to be achieved and initial monthly price of the service to be provided.



c) **BROADBAND PROVIDER'S EXPERIENCE.** Provide evidence that the selected provider has demonstrating experience and ability in building, operating and managing broadband service networks. Attach a resume with Principals of the project and experience.



d) **PROJECT TIMELINE.** Describe a realistic project timeline. If the project is to be phased. If project is to be phased, provide a separate timeline for future phases.



e) **COMMUNITY SUPPORT.** Attach evidence of community support for the project (i.e. support letters, signatures, etc.)



f) **FUNDING.** Have any other Federal, State or Private sources been pursued for this project? If so, what are they and how much funding will be provided by the applicant and/or private entities? A minimum of one percent of total cost of the build is required for grant.



g) **OWNERSHIP.** Describe what the ownership structure will look like (who, what, how).



h) **OTHER.** Any other authorizations, permits, funding, or activities necessary prior to the commencement of the project, including right of way.



i) **LEASE AGREEMENT, if applicable.** Attach any lease agreement associated with this project. Final draft or executed copy only.

Nebraska Remote Access Broadband Grant Checklist

Rules

Program is available through the CARES Act Fund and distributed through the Nebraska Department of Economic Development (DED).

Eligibility

Communities must have an approved pre-application with a broadband provider before proceeding with full application.

Unserved and underserved households and businesses in a Nebraska community with a population between 1,000 – 5,000, based on the 2018 estimated US Census Bureau data.

- a. Underserved is considered households and businesses with less than fifty (50) megabits per second download and fifty (50) megabits per second upload
- b. Unserved is considered households and businesses with less than twenty-five (25) megabits per second download and three (3) megabits per second upload or no connectivity
- c. Communities may only submit one application, providers may be connected to more than one community/project
- d. Communities with population less than 1,000 population may be considered if funds remain
- e. Providers and/or communities and/or private entity must provide at minimum one percent of total cost of the project
- f. Grant funds shall be used for broadband infrastructure, deployment and upgrades **ONLY**
- g. Grants funds shall **NOT** be used for on-going operation or maintenance costs
- h. Requested funding must be used for **NEW** projects only and not a project already in progress. A “progress in progress” means one in which construction of infrastructure has already started

Notifications

Once pre-application is received and approved, a link to the full application will be sent to applicant.

Full applications are expected to be available on 22 June 2020, application deadline is TBD (monitor webpage for program updates).

Applications will be accepted and considered until funds are exhausted

For updated program/application details and information please visit <https://www.getnebraskagrowing.nebraska.gov>

Communities with Populations 1,000 to 5,000 Expecting <5% FTTH Growth in 2020

| Hospital Post-Secondary Ed | Community | County | Sub-Region | Est. Population | Occupied Housing Units | Baseline FTTH |
|---|-------------------|--------------|------------|-----------------|------------------------|---------------|
| | Kimball city | Kimball | 2 | 2,762 | 1,144 | 0.00% |
| | Bayard city | Morrill | 2 | 1,013 | 429 | 0.00% |
| | Mitchell city | Scotts Bluff | 2 | 1,827 | 739 | 0.00% |
| | Ainsworth city | Brown | 3 | 1,722 | 872 | 0.00% |
| X | Valentine | Cherry | 3 | 2,777 | 1,312 | 0.00% |
| | Atkinson city | Holt | 3 | 1,418 | 597 | 0.00% |
| X | O'Neill | Holt | 3 | 3,631 | 1,564 | 0.00% |
| | Grant city | Perkins | 5 | 1,342 | 573 | 0.00% |
| | Arapahoe city | Furnas | 6 | 1,206 | 471 | 0.00% |
| X | Broken Bow | Custer | 7 | 3,522 | 1,626 | 0.00% |
| | Ord city | Valley | 7 | 2,284 | 1,015 | 0.00% |
| | Wisner city | Cuming | 8 | 1,258 | 527 | 0.00% |
| | Creighton city | Knox | 8 | 1,194 | 554 | 0.00% |
| | Battle Creek city | Madison | 8 | 1,339 | 498 | 0.00% |
| | Tilden city | Madison | 8 | 1,136 | 448 | 2.40% |
| | Wakefield city | Wayne | 8 | 1,533 | 559 | 2.10% |
| | Albion city | Boone | 9 | 1,501 | 692 | 0.00% |
| X | David City city | Butler | 9 | 2,831 | 1,256 | 0.00% |
| | Fullerton city | Nance | 9 | 1,459 | 614 | 0.00% |
| | Genoa city | Nance | 9 | 1,075 | 482 | 0.00% |
| X | Osceola city | Polk | 9 | 941 | 369 | 0.00% |
| | Stromsburg city | Polk | 9 | 1,136 | 464 | 0.00% |
| | Wood River city | Hall | 10 | 1,444 | 515 | 0.00% |
| | Ravenna city | Buffalo | 11 | 1,512 | 600 | 2.00% |
| | Shelton village | Buffalo | 11 | 1,201 | 464 | 0.00% |
| | Franklin city | Franklin | 11 | 1,041 | 443 | 0.00% |
| | Alma city | Harlan | 11 | 1,378 | 627 | 0.00% |
| | Harvard city | Clay | 12 | 1,176 | 434 | 2.90% |
| | Red Cloud city | Webster | 12 | 1,118 | 500 | 2.30% |
| | Wymore city | Gage | 13 | 1,438 | 592 | 0.00% |
| | Hickman city | Lancaster | 13 | 2,146 | 722 | 0.00% |
| | Friend city | Saline | 13 | 1,133 | 395 | 0.00% |
| | Wilbar city | Saline | 13 | 1,790 | 711 | 0.00% |
| | Tecumseh city | Johnson | 14 | 1,794 | 761 | 0.00% |
| X | Peru city | Nemaha | 14 | 898 | 240 | 0.00% |
| | Pawnee City city | Pawnee | 14 | 1,062 | 469 | 0.00% |
| | Springfield city | Sarpy | 15 | 1,344 | 587 | 0.00% |
| | Ceresco village | Saunders | 15 | 1,054 | 413 | 2.60% |
| | Oakland city | Burt | 16 | 1,506 | 585 | 0.00% |
| | Pender village | Thurston | 16 | 1,164 | 492 | 0.00% |
| X | Winnebago village | Thurston | 16 | 746 | 207 | 0.00% |
| Population Impact / Housing Units Added / Approx. Cos | | | | 63,852 | | |