

NEBRASKA BROADBAND BRIDGE GRANT PROGRAM/NEBRASKA UNIVERSAL SERVICE FUND

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Nebraska Public Service Commission



- Program Started after Nebraska Legislature approved it in 2021

- Requires:

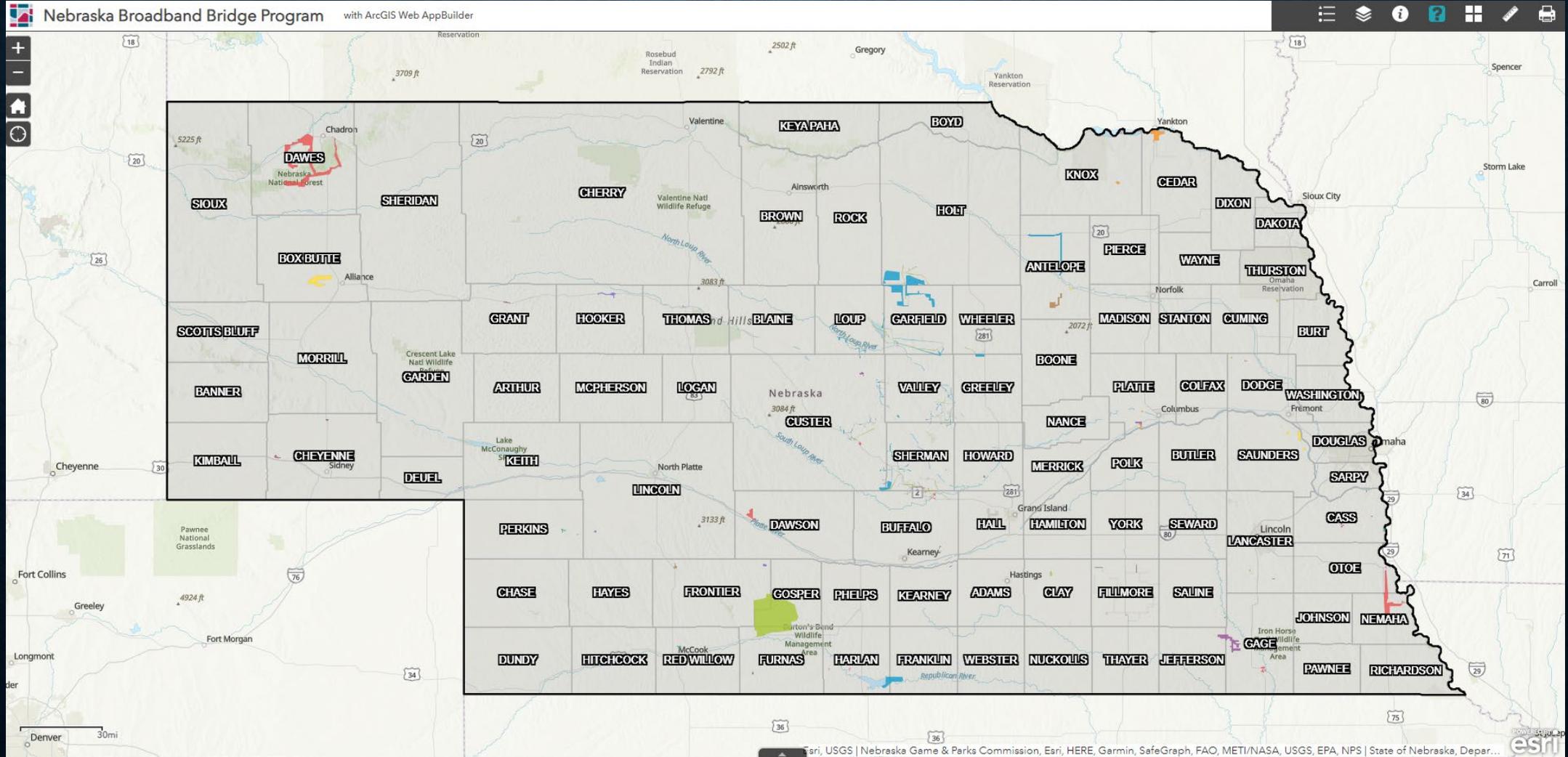
- 100/100 Mbps Speeds
- At least 25% match (50% in Year 1)
- Prioritizes Unserved over Underserved
- Applicants have to show that they are capable of providing the service – demonstrated history
- Have to provide details on the rates to be assessed, and get points awarded if they are within a benchmark rate
- Applicants have to provide GIS shapefiles that show the project area, and GIS shapefiles that show the locations to be served
- Challenge Process – In place to allow providers that either have service, or are in the process of building to provide service, to intervene in an application

Year 1

76 grant applications

61 grants awarded for \$19.3 million

Households covered – 1,149 unserved, 5,748 Underserved



| Criteria | Points Available |
|---|------------------|
| Financial Capability - Points | 10 |
| Legal Capability - Points | 10 |
| <u>Technical Capability</u> | |
| FCC Form 477 | 0-10 |
| Website Offerings | 0-5 |
| Dig. Inclusion Plan/Low-Income Offering | 0-5 |
| <u>Rate Comparability</u> | |
| 100/100+ Mbps Comparability | 0-5 |
| Median Rate Comparison | 0-5 |
| Rate Deductions | (-10) |
| Speed Additive | 0-10 |
| Match Source | 0-10 |
| Match Percentage (50%) (If applicable) | 0-30 |
| Match Percentage (25%) (If applicable) | 0-55 |
| Location Density | 0-20 |
| ETC Certification | 0-5 |
| PPP Participation | 0-5 |
| TOTAL | 155 |