

NEBRASKA BROADBAND BRIDGE GRANT PROGRAM/NEBRASKA UNIVERSAL SERVICE FUND

Commissioner Tim Schram

Nebraska Public Service Commission



- Program Started after Nebraska Legislature approved it in 2021

- Requires:

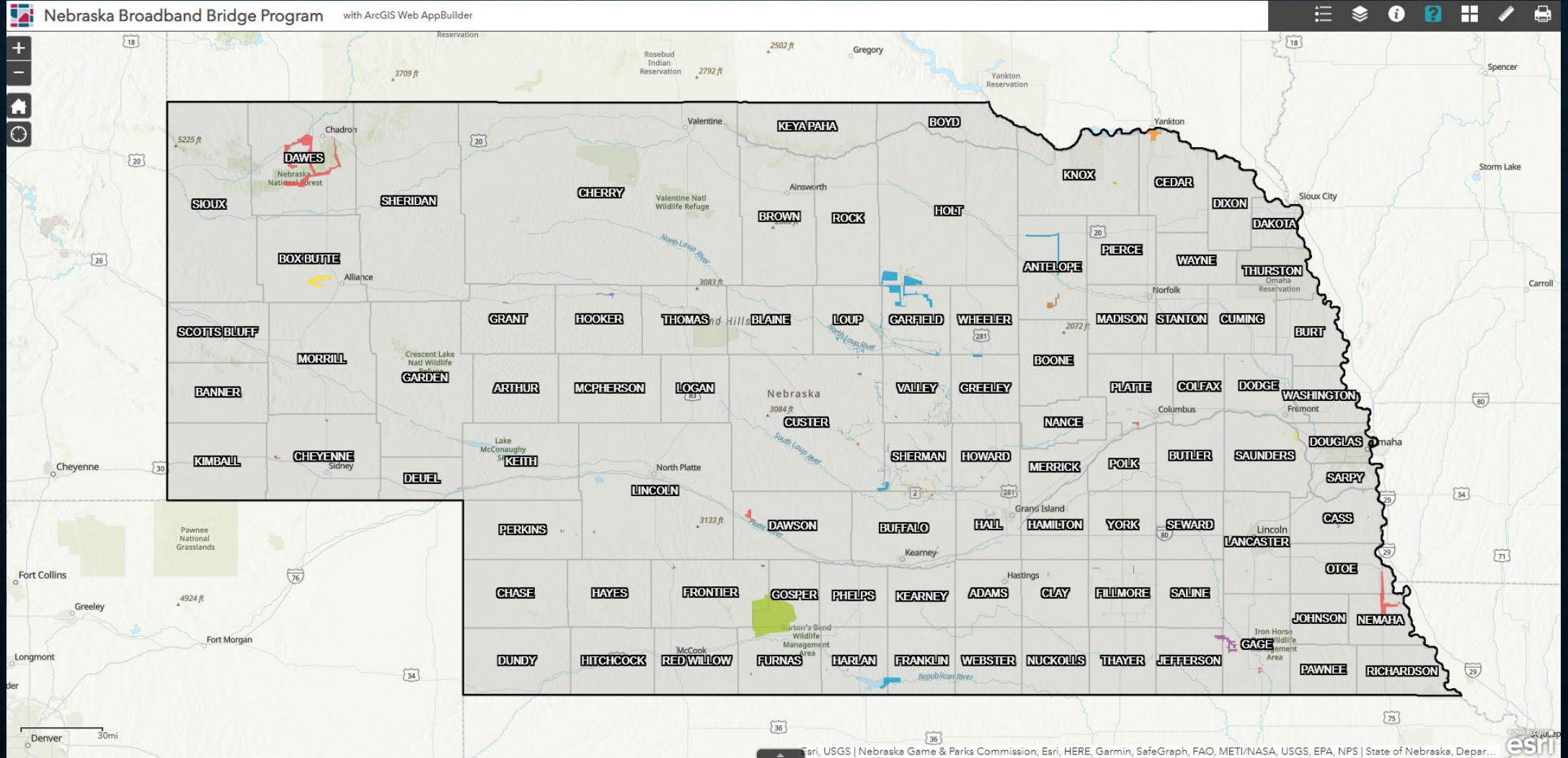
- 100/100 Mbps Speeds
- At least 25% match (50% in Year 1)
- Prioritizes Unserved over Underserved
- Applicants have to show that they are capable of providing the service – demonstrated history
- Have to provide details on the rates to be assessed, and get points awarded if they are within a benchmark 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

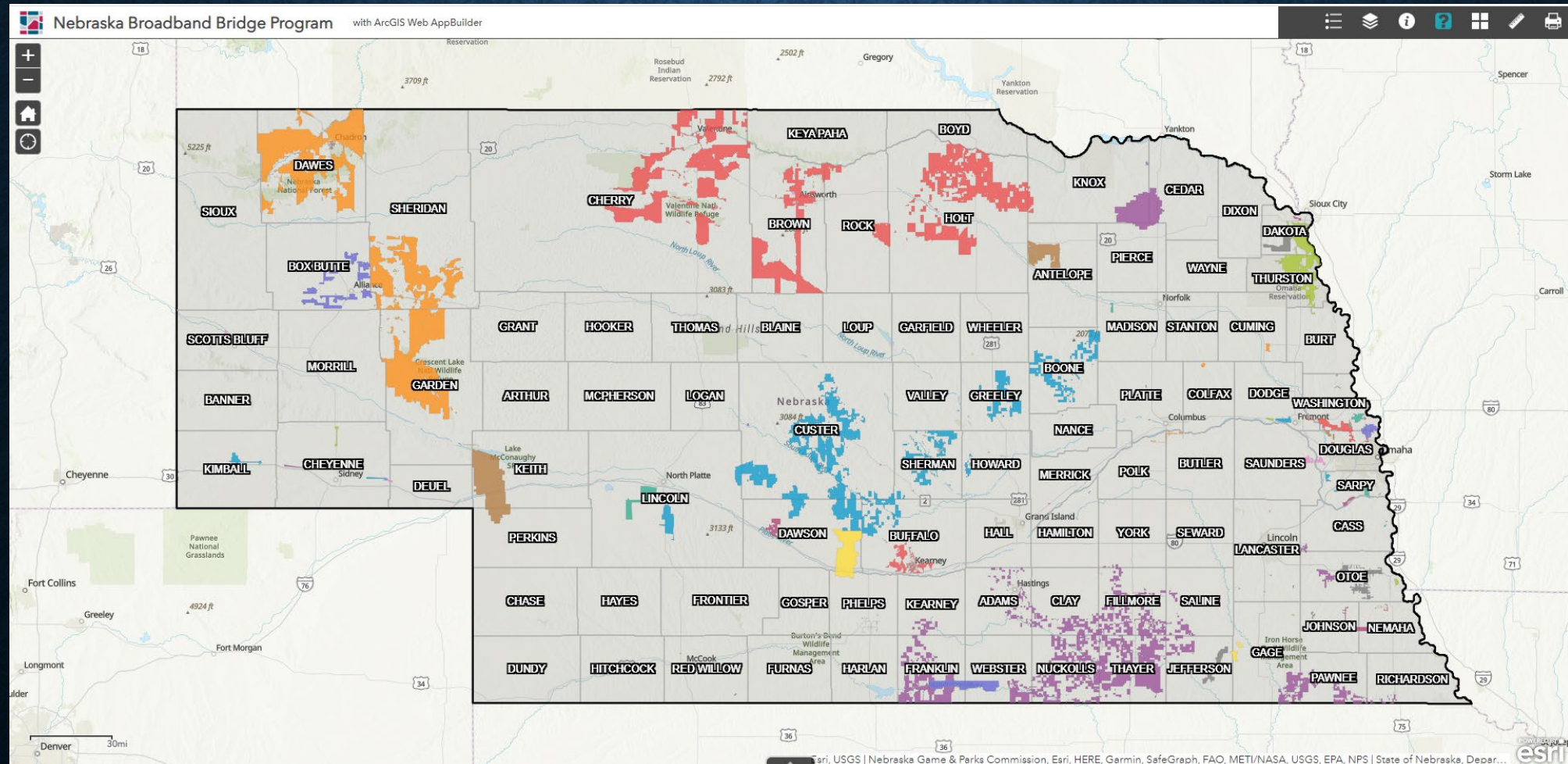


Year 2

115 applications, \$74.75 million in grant dollars requested

Grants will be awarded in December

Applications cover 22,346 underserved households and 13,265 unserved households



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