

SECRETARY'S RECORD, PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

BEFORE THE NEBRASKA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In the Matter of the Nebraska)	Application No. NUSF-92
Public Service Commission, on)	Progression Order No. 13
its Own Motion, to Administer)	
the Nebraska Universal Service)	ORDER OPENING APPLICATION
Fund Broadband Program.)	WINDOW
)	
)	Entered: February 23, 2022

BY THE COMMISSION:

O P I N I O N A N D F I N D I N G S

The Commission initiates the above-captioned Progression Order to open a grant window for its wireless infrastructure grant program. The Commission last modified its criteria for this program in Progression Order No. 9, in an Order issued on November 5, 2019. Pursuant to the criteria set forth in that Order, the Commission hereby finds that the grant window for 2022 universal service fund support should be opened. The application window for the next round of grants will therefore open on March 1, 2022 and extend through April 15, 2022.

We find that the amount made available for the 2022 grant application cycle should be set at \$8 million. This amount includes additional funding due to previously unallocated cash reserves in the NUSF. This additional support is a one-time addition to the typical annual program allocation. The Commission will review the status of the NUSF budget in 2023 but, does not expect to be able to provide support for NUSF-92 projects at this level in future years.

Applicants must file an electronic copy of their application on or before 5:00 p.m. Central Time on April 15, 2022. The proposed budget and census block information should be filed in an Excel format. If the application contains confidential information, each applicant must also file one (1) complete copy, and one (1) redacted copy of the application. All electronic submissions should be directed to psc.nusf-filings@nebraska.gov.

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O R D E R

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED by the Nebraska Public Service Commission that the above-captioned docket relating to the 2022 grant distribution for wireless infrastructure projects be, and is hereby, opened.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that the grant application window for the 2022 grant program shall open on **March 1, 2022** and shall close at 5:00 p.m. Central Time on **April 15, 2022**. All grant applications shall be filed in the manner specified above.

ENTERED AND MADE EFFECTIVE at Lincoln, Nebraska this 23rd day of February, 2022.

NEBRASKA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

COMMISSIONERS CONCURRING:

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Chair

ATTEST:

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