

BEFORE THE NEBRASKA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In the Matter of the Commission,) Application No. C-3206
on its own motion, to administer)
the Nebraska Internet)
Enhancement Fund.) ORDER APPROVING PAYMENT
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) Entered: August 23, 2005

BY THE COMMISSION:

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

On January 11, 2005, the Nebraska Public Service Commission (Commission) awarded a Nebraska Internet Enhancement Fund (NIEF) grant to the City of Chappell, in the amount of **\$29,500**.

The City of Chappell filed its signed Grant Agreement on February 28, 2005 and filed its Notice of Commencement on May 2, 2005. Pursuant to the Grant Agreement and Commission order dated May 11, 2005, the City of Chappell previously received payment of ten percent (10%) of its grant award or **\$2,950**.

On August 12, 2005, the City of Chappell submitted its Final Completion report and supporting documentation. The City further requested payment of **\$21,028.82** in funds. The balance of the grant award after the initial payment to the City totaled **\$26,550**. However, it appears from the City's report that the cost of the project was less than originally estimated. The City has expended a total of \$23,978.82 in approved grant funding. Therefore, the City's request for final payment is less than the total of approved funding. In addition to invoices, affidavit, and other supporting documentation, the City has submitted letters of appreciation from individuals who will be utilizing the new service.

The Commission finds that final payment in the amount of **\$21,028.82** should be made to the City of Chappell, with the remainder of the approved funds available for future grant awards.

The City shall also submit, pursuant to section 4.05 of the grant agreement, a "Project Impact" report six (6) months from the date of completion of the project, July 29, 2005. The City shall outline the benefits received from individuals, businesses, and community agencies as a result of the Project, the number of individuals, businesses, and community agencies using the services installed and estimates regarding the sustainability and growth of the Project.

O R D E R

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED by the Nebraska Public Service Commission that final payment in the amount of **\$21,028.82** in NIEF grant funds shall be made to the City of Chappell with the remainder of the approved funds available for future grant awards.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that the City shall no later than **January 30, 2006**, also submit, pursuant to section 4.05 of the grant agreement, a "Project Impact" report six (6) months from the date of completion of the project, July 29, 2005.

MADE AND ENTERED at Lincoln, Nebraska, this 23rd day of August, 2005.

NEBRASKA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

COMMISSIONERS CONCURRING:

Chairman

ATTEST:

Executive Director