

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 AWARDING GRANTS  
  )  
  )  
  ) Entered: February 1, 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 Nebraska Internet Enhancement Fund (NIEF) grants to the following communities in the above-captioned docket:

City of Chappell, Nebraska  
Cheyenne County Commissioners, Sidney, Nebraska  
Box Butte County Commissioners, Alliance, Nebraska  
Dawes County Commissioners, Chadron, Nebraska  
Nemaha County Development Alliance

The Commission in its January 11, 2005, Order directed Commission staff to develop and provide written assurance to each of the grant recipients for their signature containing the terms and conditions of the grant.

Commission staff has provided to the Commission a Grant Agreement, attached hereto as Exhibit A; a Notice of Commencement Form, attached hereto as Exhibit B; and Progress Report Forms, attached hereto as Exhibit C, (collectively "Grant Forms"). The Commission finds that the Grant Forms should be approved for use. The Commission further finds that the terms of the Grant Agreement are consistent with Neb. Rev. Stat. §§ 86-579 through 86-580, Commission rules and regulations, Commission orders, and NIEF guidelines.

All Grant Recipients shall complete a Grant Agreement prior to commencement of the project and receipt of any funds. All Grant Recipients shall be required to adhere to the terms of the Grant Agreement, incorporated herein by this reference. Failure to do so may result in forfeiture of grant funds.

Commission staff is authorized to proceed with disbursement of grant funds consistent with §§ 86-579 through 86-580, Commission Rules and Regulations, Commission Orders and NIEF guidelines.

O R D E R

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED by the Nebraska Public Service Commission that the above-captioned Grant Forms attached hereto as Exhibits A through C are approved for use.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that all Grant Recipients shall complete a Grant Agreement prior to commencement of the project and receipt of any funds and shall be required to adhere to the terms of the Grant Agreement, Neb. Rev. Stat. §§ 86-579 through 86-580, Commission Rules and Regulations, Commission Orders and NIEF guidelines.

IT IS FINALLY ORDERED that Commission staff shall proceed with disbursement of grant funds consistent with Neb. Rev. Stat. §§ 86-579 through 86-580, Commission Rules and Regulations, Commission Orders and NIEF guidelines.

MADE AND ENTERED at Lincoln, Nebraska, this 1st day of February, 2005.

NEBRASKA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

COMMISSIONERS CONCURRING:

Chairman

ATTEST:

Executive Director