



NTIA BROADBAND INFRASTRUCTURE PROGRAM

June 10, 2021

NTIA BROADBAND INFRASTRUCTURE PROGRAM

- ▶ **Total Funding Available:** \$288,000,000
- ▶ **Expected Grant Award:** \$5,000,000 to \$30,000,0000
- ▶ **Applications Due:** August 17, 2021
- ▶ **Expected Award Date:** November 15, 2021
- ▶ **Project/Award Period:** One year from the receipt of grant funds

NTIA BROADBAND INFRASTRUCTURE PROGRAM

- ▶ **Eligible Applicants:** A partnership between: (A) a State, or one or more **political subdivisions** of a State; and (B) a provider of fixed broadband service.
- ▶ A covered partnership may include more than one provider of fixed broadband service as part of its application. Additionally, a provider of fixed broadband service may participate in more than one covered partnership.

NTIA BROADBAND INFRASTRUCTURE PROGRAM

- ▶ **13-1612. Political subdivision, defined.** Political subdivision shall include villages, cities, counties, school districts, public power districts, community colleges, natural resources districts, and all other units of local government.

NTIA BROADBAND INFRASTRUCTURE PROGRAM

- ▶ **Eligible Service Area:** The term “eligible service area” means a census block in which broadband service **is not available at one or more** households or businesses in the census block. The NTIA will rely on the **FCC’s Form 477 data and other available information** to validate applicants’ proposed service areas as meeting the Act’s definition of eligible service area.

NTIA BROADBAND INFRASTRUCTURE PROGRAM

- ▶ Qualifying Broadband Service means
 - ▶ (i) a download speed of not less than 25 megabits per second;
 - ▶ (ii) an upload speed of not less than 3 megabits per second; and
 - ▶ (iii) a latency sufficient to support real-time, interactive applications.
- ▶ For purposes of this program, NTIA will interpret the 25/3 standard to mean the ability to provide 25 Mbps downstream and 3 Mbps upstream **simultaneously** to every household in the eligible service area.
- ▶ NTIA will interpret latency to mean 95 percent or more of all peak period measurements of network round trip latency [i.e., the total round-trip latency between the customer premises and the closest designated Internet core peering interconnection point] are at or below 100 milliseconds.


NTIA BROADBAND INFRASTRUCTURE PROGRAM

Unserved household means:

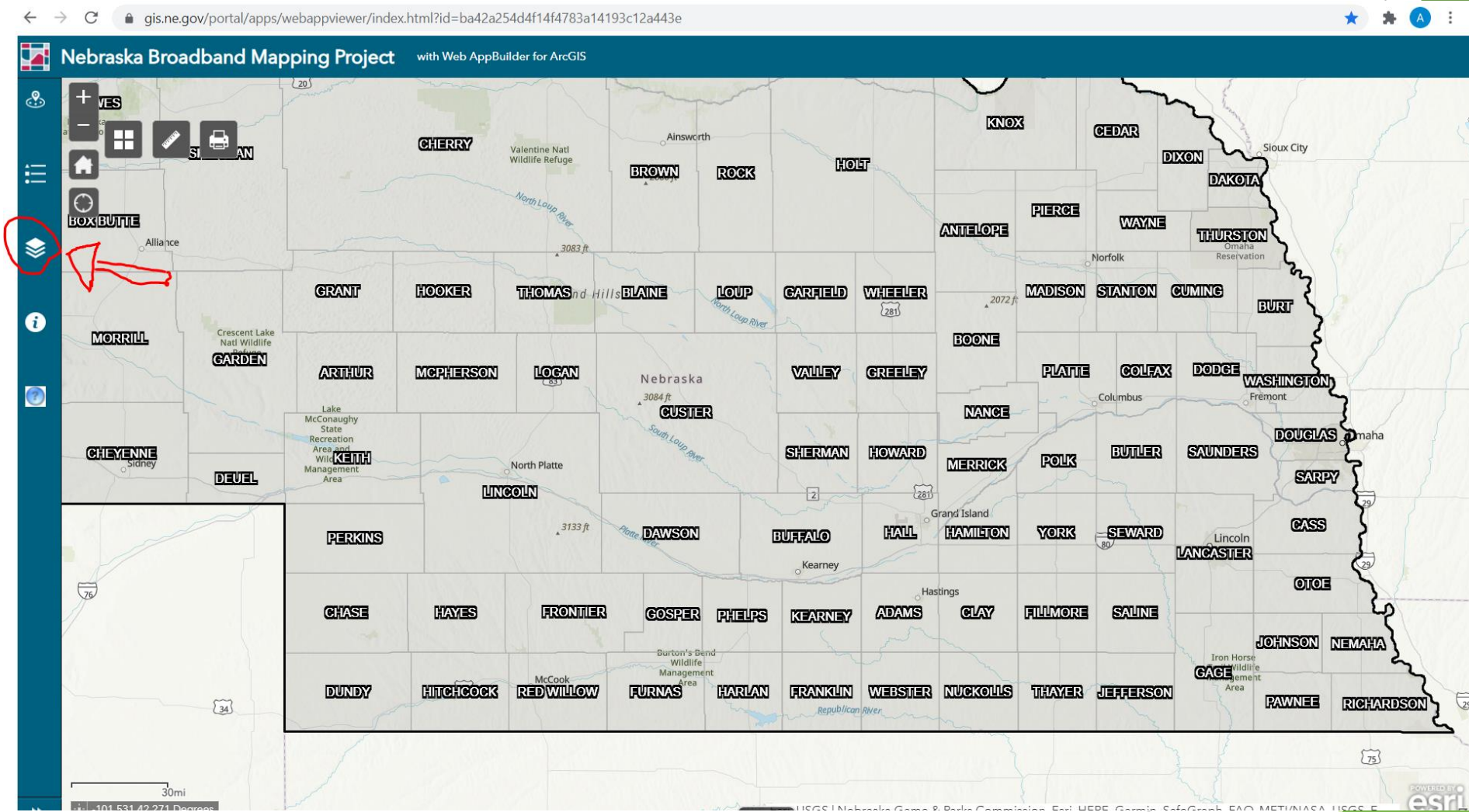
- ▶ (A) the household lacks access to qualifying broadband service; and
- ▶ (B) no broadband provider has been selected to receive, or is otherwise receiving, Federal or State funding subject to enforceable build out commitments to deploy qualifying broadband service in the specific area where the household is located by dates certain, even if such service is not yet available, provided that the Federal or State agency providing the funding has not deemed the service provider to be in default of its buildout obligations under the applicable Federal or State program.

NTIA BROADBAND INFRASTRUCTURE PROGRAM

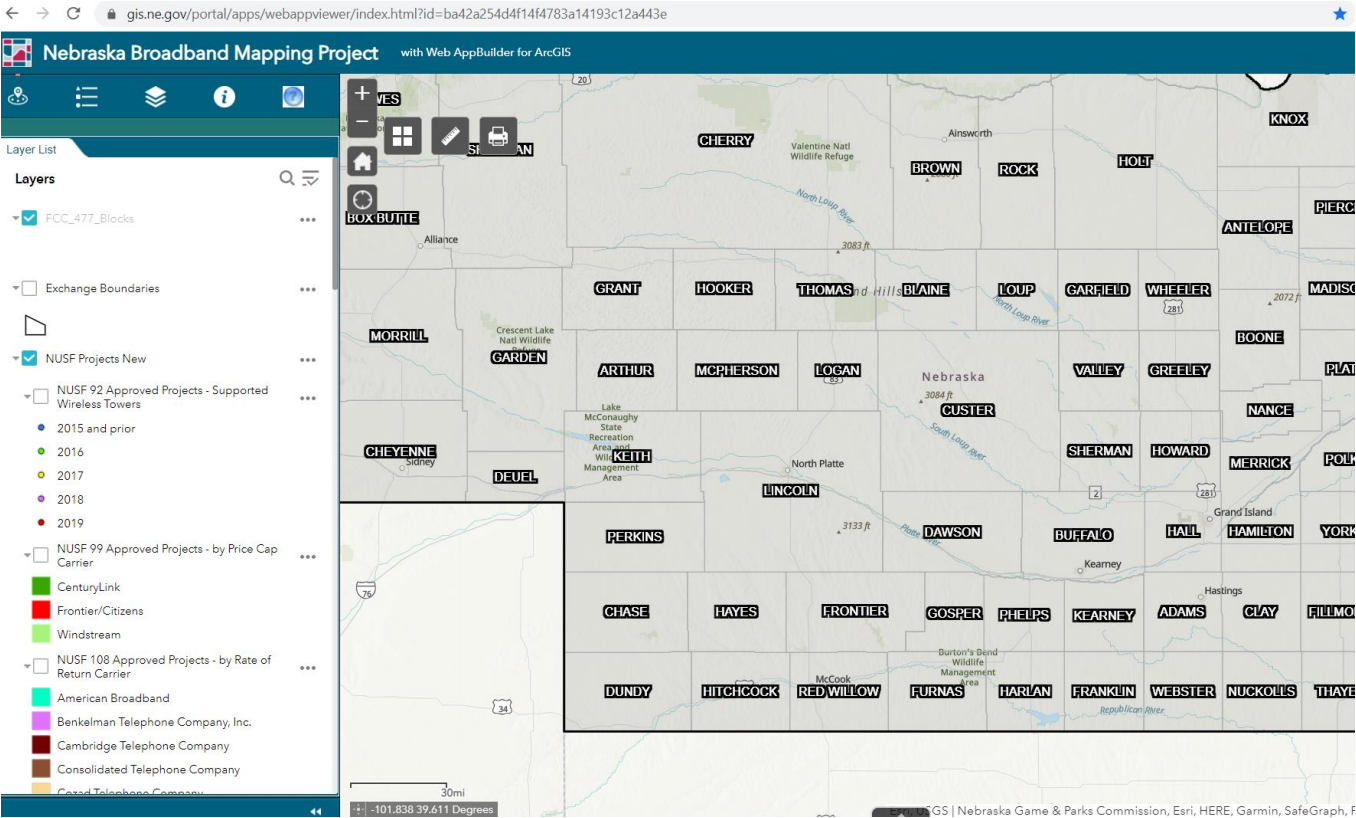
So how do we know what areas are likely eligible?

- ▶ Go to the Nebraska Broadband map
- ▶ Broadbandmap.Nebraska.gov
- ▶ Select layers 

NTIA BROADBAND INFRASTRUCTURE PROGRAM



NTIA BROADBAND INFRASTRUCTURE PROGRAM



NTIA BROADBAND INFRASTRUCTURE PROGRAM

✓ NUSF 99 Approved Projects - by Price Cap Carrier

- CenturyLink
- Frontier/Citizens
- Windstream

✓ NUSF 108 Approved Projects - by Rate of Return Carrier

- American Broadband
- Benkelman Telephone Company, Inc.
- Cambridge Telephone Company
- Consolidated Telephone Company
- Cozad Telephone Company
- Curtis
- Dalton
- Diller Telephone Company
- Elsie
- Great Plains
- Hamilton Telephone Co.
- Hartman Telephone Exchange, Inc.
- Hershey
- K & M Telephone Company, Inc.
- Nebraska Central Telephone Company
- Pierce Telephone Company Inc.
- Wauneta Telephone Company

NTIA BROADBAND INFRASTRUCTURE PROGRAM

▼ CAF II Auction Areas

- AMG Technology Investment Group LLC
- NE Colorado Cellular, Inc.
- LTD Broadband LLC
- Inventive Wireless of Nebraska, LLC

▼ RDOF Area



▼ Bid Award Areas



- LTD Broadband LLC
- AMG Technology Investment Group LLC
- Hamilton Long Distance Company
- Grain Communications Opportunity Fund II, L.P.
- Cox Communications, Inc.
- Windstream Services LLC, Debtor-In-Possession
- CenturyLink, Inc.
- Pinpoint Bidding Coalition
- Wisper-CABO 904 Consortium
- Skywave Wireless, Inc.

▼ USDA Reconnect Program



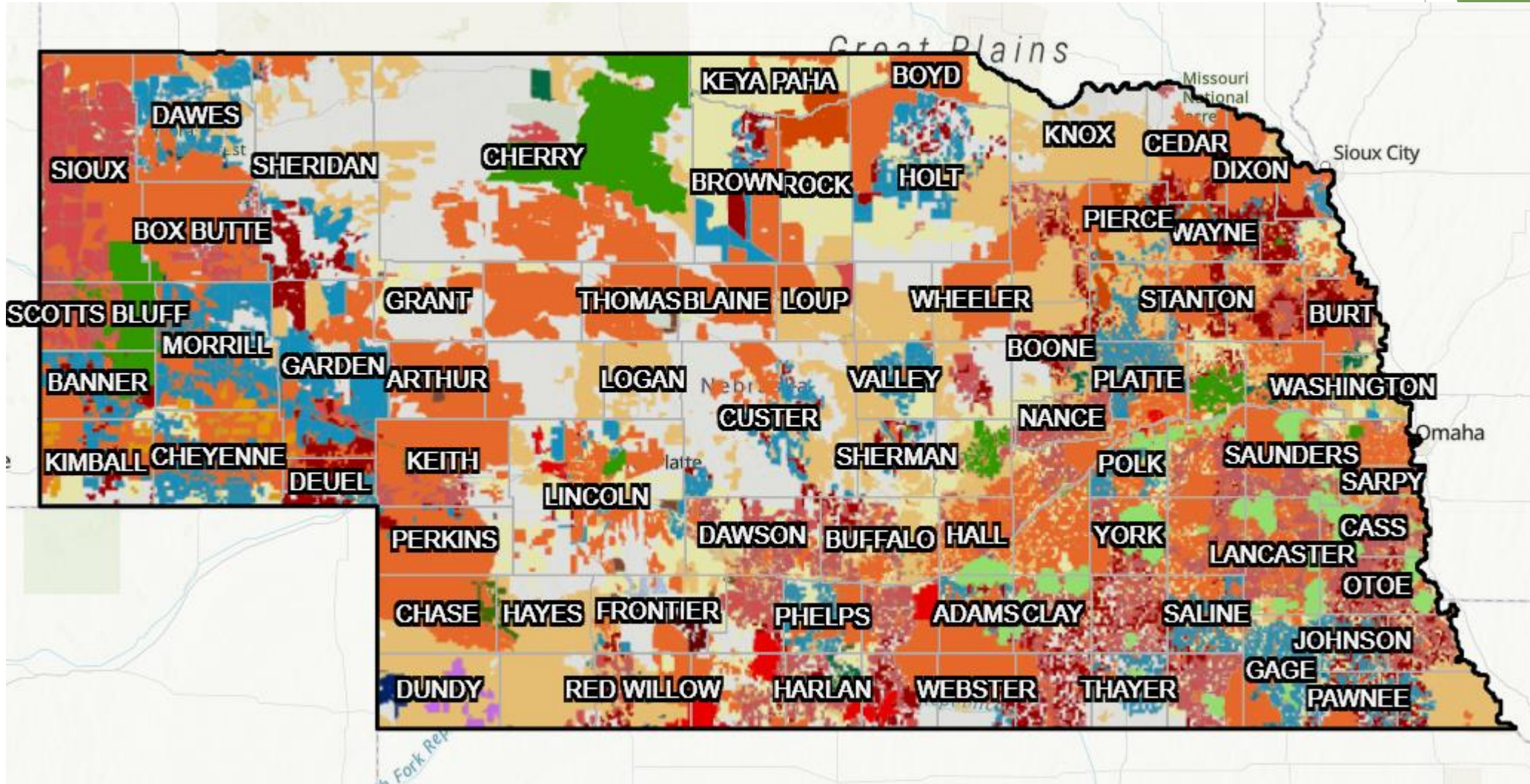
▼ USDA Reconnect



NTIA BROADBAND INFRASTRUCTURE PROGRAM

- Speed Tiers ...
- 100 Mbps DL / 20 Mbps UL ...
- ...
- 50 Mbps DL / 3 Mbps UL ...
- ...
- 25 Mbps DL / 3 Mbps UL ...
- ...

NTIA BROADBAND INFRASTRUCTURE PROGRAM



NTIA BROADBAND INFRASTRUCTURE PROGRAM

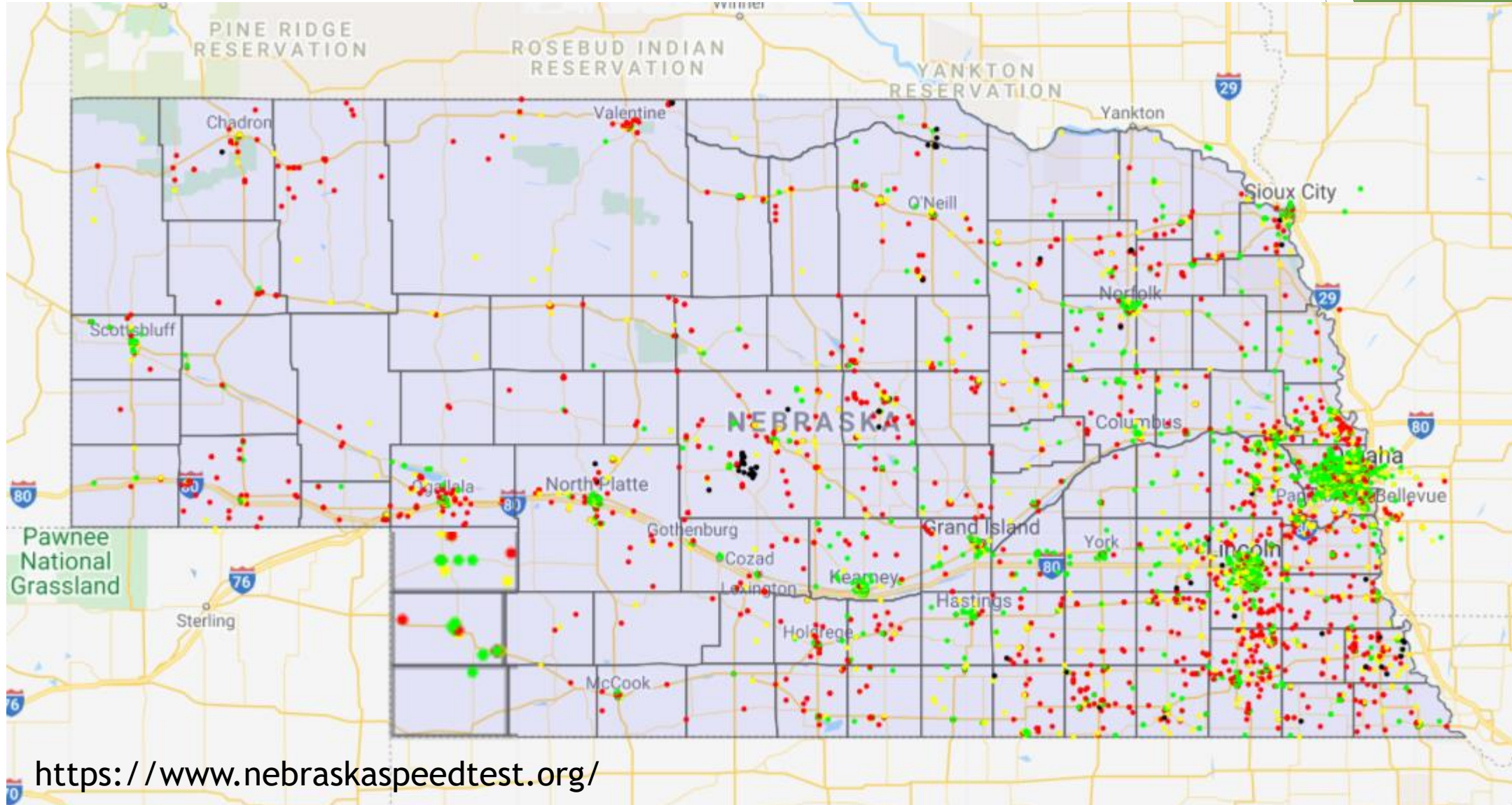
<https://governor.nebraska.gov/press/gov-ricketts-announces-recipients-rural-broadband-grants>

Media Release:

Gov. Ricketts Announces Recipients of Rural Broadband Grants

LINCOLN – Today, Governor Pete Ricketts announced the award of more than \$29.5 million in funding under the Remote Access Rural Broadband Grant program, administered by the Nebraska Department of Economic Development (DED).

NTIA BROADBAND INFRASTRUCTURE PROGRAM



<https://www.nebraskaspeedtest.org/>

NTIA BROADBAND INFRASTRUCTURE PROGRAM

- ▶ **Notice of Funding Availability**

<https://www.grants.gov/web/grants/view-opportunity.html?oppld=333684>

- ▶ **Webinars**

<https://broadbandusa.ntia.doc.gov/events/latest-events>

Next webinars: July 14 and 15

- ▶ **FAQs**

<https://broadbandusa.ntia.doc.gov/broadband-infrastructure-program>

Anne Byers

anne.byers@nebraska.gov

402 471-3805