

Navajo Nation Broadband Office - Telecom Service Provider, Educational Entities and Any other entity seeking for letter of Support from the Navajo Nation Broadband Office (NNBO) or Navajo Nation Office of the President and Vice president (OPVP)

The Navajo Nation Broadband Office is committed to ensuring that broadband projects within the Navajo Nation meet the standards and contribute to the progress of the Navajo Communities. In order to evaluate the request for a letter of support or support of task related planning, development or implementation, we have created the following template. The information requested will provide the Navajo Nation leadership the information needed to assess the request and understand how the request aligns with the Navajo Nation, vision, goals and objectives that include mainly narrowing or eliminating the digital divide, provide affordable connectivity to the people and fostering economic development.

If you have any questions, please contact

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1. Request Overview

- **Service Provider Name:**
 - **Contact Name:**
 - **Contact Position:**
 - **Email and Phone:**
- **Type of Request:** (e.g., NMPRC, RDOF, NTIA grants, Community Connect, ETC. eligibility)
- **Date of Request:**
- **Program/Grant Name:**
- **Amount of Funding Requested (if applicable):**
- **Project Timeline:**
- **Executive Summary of Proposed Project:**
 - (Provide a brief description of the project, including the objectives, scope, and key outcomes expected, areas served, amount of household or people served, what service is improving, current situation and expected outcome.)

2. Project Impact on the Navajo Nation

- **Geographic Area Covered:**

- List the specific Navajo Nation chapters or regions that will be affected by the project.
- Estimate the number of households, individuals, and businesses expected to benefit.
- **Demonstrated Need:**
 - Describe the existing connectivity issues in the area and how your project addresses these needs.
- **Economic and Social Impact:**
 - Outline the potential for job creation, both temporary and permanent.
 - Describe the anticipated economic benefits for local businesses and residents.
 - Explain how the project will improve access to essential services such as education, healthcare, and public safety.

3. Open Access and Competition

- **Open Access Commitment:**
 - State whether your project will allow open access to other service providers. (Yes/No)
 - If yes, describe how open access will be implemented and managed.
- **Competition Encouragement:**
 - Explain how your project will promote competition within the Navajo Nation.
 - Detail any potential impact on existing or future competition in the area.

4. Technical Details

- **Technology Used:**
 - Specify the type of technology you will use (e.g., fiber, fixed wireless, satellite).
 - Discuss how this technology integrates with existing infrastructure within the Navajo Nation.
- **Project Feasibility:**
 - Provide evidence of your technical and financial capability to successfully complete this project.
 - Share details of past performance on similar projects, if applicable.

5. Community Engagement

- **Community Consultation:**
 - Describe any consultations or agreements you have had with local communities and leadership.

- Summarize the outcomes of these consultations and indicate the level of community support for your project.
- **Cultural Sensitivity:**
 - Explain how your project respects Navajo cultural values.
 - Detail the steps taken to ensure the project aligns with cultural practices and traditions.

6. Compliance and Regulatory Considerations

- **Regulatory Compliance:**
 - Confirm whether your project complies with Navajo Nation laws and regulations. (Yes/No)
 - If there are any past or current compliance issues, please explain.
- **Legal Obligations:**
 - List any existing agreements or obligations your company has with the Navajo Nation.
 - Identify any potential legal risks or challenges associated with your project.

7. Summary of Request

- **Summary of Key Reasons for Request:**
 - Provide a short summary of why your project should receive support from the Navajo Nation Broadband Office.)
- **Conditions for Support (if applicable):**
 - List any conditions you are willing to meet to gain support for your project.)
- **Direct Benefit to the Broadband Office and/or OPVP**
 - List a direct benefit to the NNBO, NN OPVP or any other Navajo Entity such as lowering rate, capacity enhancement, better coverage, planning guidelines, ownership, intellectual property, etc.

8. Letter for Support Required (Draft)

- Requestors to provide the draft letter of support, the Navajo Nation Broadband office will not draft the letter but will make edits as needed