



## Nebraska Rural Projects Act: Application Checklist

- ☐ Check Nebraska Rural Project Act webpage for current information ☐ Read the Nebraska Rural Projects Act Guidelines and the Application Guide in their entirety ☐ Review the Sample Application provided (NOTE: Applications must be submitted electronically through AmpliFund. DED will NOT accept applications that are mailed or emailed to the Department.) Gather information needed for the application:
  - Applicant's Federal Tax Identification Number (FEIN)
  - Applicant's Nebraska Secretary of State Account Number
  - o Applicant's E-Verify Number(s) to be used at the Project location
  - o Address and legal description of the Project's location
  - o Current use of the Project's location
  - o Applicant Resources (donations specifically for Project) itemized by donor type (e.g. individuals, 501(c) organizations, nongovernmental organizations, and federal, state, or local government)
  - o A detailed description of the Project (NOTE: Applicants will have 3,000 characters to describe the Project. A prepared description of the Project may be copied and pasted into the answer field)
- □ Prepare documents to upload: (NOTE: Applicants need to merge documents to create a single file where there are multiple documents for an upload category (e.g. multiple Project surveys need to be merged.)
  - o Applicant's articles of incorporation or bylaws
  - o The Project Schedule Template completed in the Excel spreadsheets provided by DED
  - o Applicant's IRS 501(c) determination letter
  - o Studies/survey results conducted regarding the Project (Optional)
  - o Commitment letter from a primary rail carrier to provide service to the Project (Optional)
  - o Land purchase option agreement(s) to secure the location for the Project (Optional)
  - o Zoning approval for the Project (Optional)
- Submit Applicant's \$1,000.00 nonrefundable application fee (NOTE: The application fee may be *submitted before the application window opens)*
- Register for an account on AmpliFund (if you do not already have one)
  - User guide: Registering for the Applicant Portal (NOTE: If you are a consultant applying on behalf of another organization, please read 3rd Party Consultant – Registering for the Applicant Portal)
  - o Help video: Getting Started Registering and Application Portal
- Review all resources to learn how to apply through AmpliFund
  - Other guides that may be helpful:
    - How to Login to the Applicant Portal
    - Forgot Password
    - How to Add Users in the Applicant Portal
      - Only needed if more than one person is creating or reviewing the application
    - Errors/Troubleshooting Help
      - Completing the Application General Errors
      - **Browser Troubleshooting**
      - How to Reset a Password
  - Videos that may be helpful
    - Opportunity Details & Project Information

    - Submitting and Downloading an App

## Resources

AmpliFund resources can be found at: https://opportunity.nebraska.gov/amplifund/#application