Next Level Connections Broadband – Scoring Committee Questions

- **Household/Business Served (75 Points Possible)**

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- **Applicant Match Amount (25 Points Possible)**
  - A percentage of the total eligible project cost. (Match Amount/Total Eligible Project Cost)
  - Minimum of 20% match:
    - 20% = 0 pts
    - 21-50% = 10 pts
    - 51%-75% = 20 pts
    - >75% = 25 pts

- **Project Description and Readiness (35 Points Possible)**

  - Is there a plan to acquire all the needed easements, permits, etc?
  - Is the project fully developed with details?
  - Is there a detailed map(s) of the project area?
  - Is there a detailed project timeline? Does the project proposal outline how potential delays or additional costs will be addressed?
  - Is that applicant match supported with documentation?
  - Is the pricing model affordable to the local residents?
  - Will pricing be stable? (Increases due to inflation understood)
  - Will there be special pricing for LMI households?

- **Capacity/Sustainability/Scalability (70 Points Possible)**

  - Does the applicant have the organizational capacity for the proposed project?
  - Is documentation included?
  - Does the applicant have experience with similar projects?
  - Does the applicant have the financial capacity to complete the project?
  - Is the technical solution logical for the area being covered?
  - Is the technical solution scalable/upgradable?
  - How long is the projected useable life of the technical solution?
  - Were other technologies investigated and why were they not good options?
  - Does this project relate to other planned broadband infrastructure projects?
  - Does the applicant have a sustainability plan for the elements of the project?
  - Has the applicant committed to sustaining this project in the long-term?

- **Community Support and Engagement (25 Points Possible)**
  - Letter(s) of support from community leaders
  - Details on how the Community and Provider Engaged
• Community Impact and Economic Development Review (20 Points Possible)

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<td>Is the residential need outlined and documented?</td>
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<td>How will businesses and/or economic development efforts be impacted by this project? Will the project help address the needs of rural entrepreneurs and teleworkers?</td>
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Total of 250 Points Possible