

# Sac and Fox Nation

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## Letter of Support – BEAD Application

Date: May 8, 2025

Director Mike Sanders  
Oklahoma Broadband Office  
Oklahoma City, Oklahoma

Dear Director Sanders,

Reliable high-speed internet connectivity is no longer a luxury but a necessity. No one is more effected by the lack of broadband than rural America where connectivity is minimal or non-existent. Households in such rural areas cannot participate in the digital economy and children do not have access to distance learning. Every home in America should have access to high-speed reliable internet and phone capabilities.

The Sac and Fox Nation in partnership with Centranet LLC is building a network in our tribals lands to provide access to gigabit speeds to tribal members within our lands. This network is being built under the NTIA TBCP program. Within the Sac and Fox Nation Tribal lands we would also like to extend and build network to other households as stipulated by us during tribal consultations on May 12<sup>th</sup>, 2023. Within our tribal lands only Centranet is authorized to build and deploy broadband networks.

Centranet is applying for BEAD funds with the Oklahoma Broadband Office and the Sac and Fox Nation supports these applications.

The non-availability of high-speed internet takes a heavy social and economic toll on people living on the tribal lands, keeping them from participating in remote work, distance learning and the digital economy.

We hope that the state will approve the projects submitted by Centranet.

Sincerely,

Audrey Rose Lee  
Acting Principal Chief