

2022 Border to Border Broadband Grant

Application Evaluation Report

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**Application Evaluation Report**

Minn. Stat. §116J.395, subd. 8 requires the Office of Broadband Development to publish an application evaluation report by June 30 of each year. The report is to contain a list of all Border-to-Border Broadband Development Grant applications received during the previous year and, for each application, the results of any quantitative weighting scheme or scoring system used to award the grants or to rank the applications, the grant amount requested, and the grant amount awarded, if any. The report is to be published on the

Department of Employment and Economic Development’s website and provided to the chairs and ranking minority members of the senate and house committees with primary jurisdiction over broadband. This report covers the projects funded with the FY22-23 appropriation.

The information below is provided in compliance with Minn. Stat. §116J.395, subd. 8. In addition to the total score as a factor in determining which projects were funded, those projects which were found to be credibly challenged were not funded (Anoka County, Bridgewater Telephone Co. Enfield Project, City of Buffalo, City of Columbia Heights, City of Duluth, Consolidated Communications: City of Amboy, City of Vernon Center, Frontier: Aitkin, Carlton, Chisago, Chisago-Shafer, Dakota, Goodhue, Kandiyohi, Martin, Mille Lacs-Isle, Pine, Sherburne, Washington, Watonwan, Wright, Gardonville: Buckskin, Carlos, HomeTown, LTD Mower NE, Mediacom-South Kasota, Southeast MN WiFi-Lillehei, Spectrum: Blue Earth, Nicollet, Mower, Pope, St. Louis, Wright County Project 2, and Starwire Technologies City of Rock Creek) or only partially funded (CTC Woods to Water, ECE Isanti North, ECE Kanabec Central, ECE Pine South, Melrose Telephone Company-Stearns, Mille Lacs Energy Coop-Phase 6, Nuvera-Belle Lake and Hutchinson East, Paul Bunyan GigaZone, CenturyLink-City of Harris, and Spectrum-Wright County Project 3). Other factors that may have resulted in a higher scoring project not being funded was the requirement that the grants be awarded to all areas of the state [Minn. Stat. 116J.395, subd. 6.(c)]; another project for the same or overlapping area was funded instead; or there was insufficient funding available to award to a project so the next smaller project(s) were funded. If our review of a project indicated it included substantially served areas, or substantial areas were credibly challenged, the application was not scored and is marked as n/a.

| **2022 Applications Received** | **Score** | **Amount Requested** | **Amount Received** |
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| AcenTek - Rural Dakota | 90.83 | $3,218,201 | $3,218,201 |
| AcenTek - Rural Eitzen | n/a | $1,064,776 | $0 |
| Albany Mutual – Stearns East | 84.5 | $803,228 | $746,964 |
| Albany Mutual—Watab 3 | 64 | $812,383 | $0 |
| Anoka County | n/a | $1,979,088 | $0 |
| Benton Coop - Borgholm | 103.43 | $1,118,289 | $1,118,289 |
| Benton Coop – Golden Spike-Mayhew Lake | 104.1 | $1,264,602 | $1,264,602 |
| Benton Coop - Milaca | 98.63 | $924,887 | $0 |
| Benton Coop – NW Benton | 100.08 | $77,726 | $77,726 |
| Benton Coop – Ronneby Oak Park | 100.4 | $170,623 | $170,623 |
| BEVCOMM - Faribault and Martin Rural | 99.77 | $1,444,030 | $1,444,030 |
| BEVCOMM – Le Sueur County | 97.09 | $941,576 | $941,576 |
| Bridgewater Tel (TDS)--Enfield | 80.58 | $2,069,927 | $0 |
| Bridgewater Tel (TDS)--Monticello | 76.16 | $1,064,416 | $0 |
| City of Buffalo—S. Buffalo | n/a | $200,000 | $0 |
| City of Columbia Heights | n/a | $105,129 | $0 |
| City of Comfrey—Hometown Fiber | 70.75 | $260,333 | $0 |
| City of Duluth | n/a | $3,000,000 | $0 |
| City of South Haven—Hometown Fiber | n/a | $134,886 | $0 |
| Comcast--Corcoran | 93.95 | $1,298,785 | $1,298,785 |
| Comcast—Denmark | 87.74 | $2,025,000 | $0 |
| Comcast—Grant | 85.78 | $1,515,120 | $0 |
| Comcast--Rogers | 88.61 | $643,056 | $643,056 |
| Consolidated Communications—City of Amboy | n/a | $219,861 | $0 |
| Consolidated Communications—City of Vernon Center | n/a | $139,302 | $0 |
| Consolidated Tel. Co. (CTC) – Woods to Water | 97.31 | $5,000,000 | $4,857,030 |
| East Otter Tail Telco—Otter Tail County | 98.07 | $1,140,705 | $1,140,705 |
| East Central Energy (ECE) Isanti North | 107.13 | $5,000,000 | $5,000,000 |
| ECE Kanabec | 107.17 | $5,000,000 | $4,403,000 |
| ECE Pine N | 105.67 | $4,800,000 | $0 |
| ECE Pine S | 106.83 | $5,000,000 | $4,750,000 |
| Farmers--Chippewa | 98.26 | $4,728,186 | $4,728,186 |
| Federated Tel Co. --Kandiyohi | 96.14 | $4,913,506 | $4,913,506 |
| Frontier – Aitkin | n/a | $2,244,482 | $0 |
| Frontier – Brown and Cottonwood | n/a | $664,247 | $0 |
| Frontier – Carlton | n/a | $2,122,655 | $0 |
| Frontier – Chisago | n/a | $1,578,756 | $0 |
| Frontier – Chisago-Shafer | n/a | $1,659,873 | $0 |
| Frontier – Dakota | n/a | $2,305,338 | $0 |
| Frontier -- Goodhue | n/a | $667,907 | $0 |
| Frontier – Kandiyohi | 85.45 | $1,541,837 | $0 |
| Frontier – Martin | n/a | $363,253 | $0 |
| Frontier – Mille Lacs | 88.95 | $770,061 | $0 |
| Frontier – Mille Lacs Isle | n/a | $925,650 | $0 |
| Frontier – Murray | 90.73 | $902,302 | $0 |
| Frontier – Pine | n/a | $2,600,164 | $0 |
| Frontier -- Sherburne | n/a | $1,225,643 | $0 |
| Frontier – St. Louis | n/a | $2,513,977 | $0 |
| Frontier – Washington | n/a | $2,283,154 | $0 |
| Frontier – Watonwan | 87.77 | $2,435,640 | $0 |
| Frontier -- Wright | 86.28 | $894,619 | $0 |
| Garden Valley Tel. Co. –Warren-Oslo | 99.63 | $1,462,569 | $1,462,569 |
| Gardonville Coop. - Buckskin | 92.38 | $1,159,030 | $0 |
| Gardonville Coop. - Carlos | 94.13 | $1,127,798 | $0 |
| Gardonville Coop. - Nelson | 91.13 | $1,212,338 | $1,212,338 |
| Hanson Communications – Chippewa County | 80.27 | $1,240,090 | $0 |
| Hanson Communications - Comfrey | 83.83 | $426,051 | $0 |
| Hanson Communications - Lamberton | 83.61 | $923,918 | $923,918 |
| Hanson Communications - Pope | 94.23 | $4,248,796 | $4,248,796 |
| Harmony Tel—North Preston | 98.63 | $1,129,740 | $1,129,740 |
| HomeTown Internet--Chisago | n/a | $2,789,518 | $0 |
| JTN -- Eureka Center | 86.5 | $113,076 | $113,076 |
| KMTelecom - Rock Dell Adjacent East | 89 | $1,620,007 | $1,620,007 |
| KMTelecom - Rock Dell Southeast | 93.54 | $1,498,115 | $1,498,115 |
| LTD—Mower County NE | 78 | $735,669 | $0 |
| LTD—SW Mower County | 82.87 | $1,063,400 | $0 |
| Mediacom – East Scanlon | 99.83 | $801,834 | $801,834 |
| Mediacom – Esko | 90 | $4,904,645 | $4,400,732 |
| Mediacom – Esquagama | 94.59 | $821,758 | $821,758 |
| Mediacom – Hibbing | 86.35 | $2,141,135 | $2,141,135 |
| Mediacom - Lake Mary | 77.88 | $226,916 | $0 |
| Mediacom – Schultz Lake | 84.36 | $459,424 | $0 |
| Mediacom – South Kasota | 90.88 | $467,175 | $0 |
| Mediacom – Swan Lake | 90.25 | $99,156 | $99,156 |
| Meeker Coop Light & Powe -Big Swan Lake | 90.88 | $94,182 | $94,182 |
| Meeker Coop Light & Power – Collinwood Lake | 94.81 | $104,337 | $104,337 |
| Meeker Coop Light & Power – Dunns & Richardson L | 95 | $80,202 | $80,202 |
| Meeker Coop Light & Power – Lake Erie | 93.13 | $19,093 | $19,093 |
| Meeker Coop Light & Power – Long Lake | 93.75 | $29,702 | $29,702 |
| Melrose Tel. Co. – Stearns County | 110.06 | $4,973,939 | $4,974,570 |
| Midco – Forest Lake | 91.79 | $975,131 | $975,131 |
| Midco - Isanti | 93.41 | $1,647,321 | $1,647,321 |
| Mid-State Tel. Co. -- Danube | 72.67 | $2,396,091 | $0 |
| Mid-State Tel. Co. – Kerkhoven | 73.63 | $2,184,164 | $0 |
| Mid-State Tel. Co. -- Sunburg | 76.34 | $1,648,700 | $0 |
| Mille Lacs Energy Coop (MLEC) - Phase 6 | 97.21 | $1,668,389 | $1,231,818 |
| Nuvera – Belle Lake & Hutchinson | 96.16 | $1,892,053 | $1,840,250 |
| Nuvera – Brown County | 94.09 | $3,839,000 | $3,839,000 |
| Nuvera – Cedar Lake | 95.79 | $2,436,427 | $2,436,427 |
| Nuvera – Nicollet County | 89.08 | $479,011 | $479,011 |
| Nuvera - Searles | 95.38 | $1,199,430 | $0 |
| Otter Tail Tel. – S. Battle Lake | 80.26 | $2,069,801 | $0 |
| Otter Tail Tel. –North Fergus Falls | 87.43 | $3,381,661 | $3,381,661 |
| Paul Bunyan Communications –Northern MN GigaZone | 99.04 | $3,597,840 | $3,052,120 |
| Qwest/CenturyLink—City of Harris | 83 | $465,814 | $465,814 |
| Red River RTA--Breckenridge | 99.81 | $2,157,663 | $2,157,663 |
| Redwood County Tel.—Redwood County | 104.64 | $1,336,037 | $1,336,037 |
| Runestone Tel. Assn. – Herman-Dumont | 95.53 | $2,493,637 | $2,493,637 |
| SCI – Central Pine | 91 | $1,420,616 | $0 |
| SCI—Grand Lake | 87.03 | $738,306 | $562,098 |
| SCI—N Mille Lacs | 83.69 | $476,108 | $476,108 |
| SE MN WiFi – Denmark to Paris | 71.25 | $67,500 | $0 |
| SE MN WiFi--Lillehei | 68.42 | $421,500 | $0 |
| Spectrum/Charter—Benton | 78.68 | $139,078 | $0 |
| Spectrum/Charter—Blue Earth | 85.72 | $1,445,050 | $0 |
| Spectrum/Charter—Carver | 79.35 | $680,848 | $0 |
| Spectrum/Charter—Cass | 75.43 | $522,295 | $0 |
| Spectrum/Charter—Dakota | 87.68 | $98,750 | $98,750 |
| Spectrum/Charter—Kandiyohi 1 | 75.6 | $1,056,490 | $0 |
| Spectrum/Charter—Kandiyohi 2 | 76.9 | $1,537,442 | $0 |
| Spectrum/Charter—Morrison | n/a | $1,370,011 | $0 |
| Spectrum/Charter—Mower | 89.19 | $239,510 | $0 |
| Spectrum/Charter—Nicollet | 78.58 | $428,016 | $0 |
| Spectrum/Charter—Otter Tail | 77.2 | $1,831,507 | $0 |
| Spectrum/Charter—Pope | n/a | $249,902 | $0 |
| Spectrum/Charter—St. Louis | 85.97 | $2,251,318 | $0 |
| Spectrum/Charter—Stearns | 77.26 | $183,960 | $0 |
| Spectrum/Charter—Steele | 79.14 | $158,052 | $158,052 |
| Spectrum/Charter—Wright 1 | 79.49 | $530,173 | $0 |
| Spectrum/Charter—Wright 2 | 85.11 | $3,199,916 | $0 |
| Spectrum/Charter—Wright 3 | 85.35 | $2,273,582 | $1,824,009 |
| Spectrum/Charter—Wright 4 | 85.18 | $1,008,146 | $1,008,146 |
| Starwire – Rock Creek | n/a | $2,100,000 | $0 |
| Tekstar--Nowthen | 98.09 | $219,727 | $219,727 |
| Tekstar—Sherburne Clear Lake | 98.95 | $858,883 | $858,883 |
| Tekstar—Sherburne Elk River | 97.31 | $217,061 | $217,061 |
| Treehouse Broadband—Eagles Nest | 69.25 | $168,800 | $0 |
| Tri-Co Technologies—Anchor Point | 91.31 | $343,552 | $343,552 |
| Wikstrom—NW MN | 100.75 | $665,699 | $665,699 |
| Woodstock Tel. Co. – Lake Sarah | 94.59 | $1,333,199 | $1,333,199 |