

STATE OF MINNESOTA BROADBAND GRANT ROUND 10 AWARDS ANNOUNCED OCTOBER 9, 2024

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Fillmore	Representative Gregory M. Davids, Senator Jeremy Miller	Ace Telephone Association	Rural Canton	\$2,567,200	\$3,850,800	\$6,418,000	The Ace Telephone Association project will work to bring broadband services to southeastern Minnesota's Fillmore County, and rural areas around the community of Canton through Fiber-to-the-Premises (FTTP) technology with data rates of up to 1 Gbps (1,000 Mbps) to each subscriber on the network. This project will bring service to 275 locations, 199 unserved and 76 served, consisting of 212 households, 24 businesses, and 39 farms.
Stearns	Representative Lisa Demuth, Senator Jeff Howe	Arvig	Stearns County Wakefield & Luxemburg Area	\$708,790	\$866,299	\$1,575,089	The Arvig Stearns County Wakefield & Luxemburg Area project will serve locations in Stearns County around the Wakefield and Luxemburg area, bringing fiber-to-the-home up to 10 Gbps download speeds and 1 Gbps upload, and to 10 Gbps for businesses. This project will bring reliable, fast fiber internet to this area for the first time, opening opportunities for 113 locations, including 46 unserved and 67 underserved locations. Stearns County is contributing \$661,537 towards this project.
Morrison	Representative Isaac Schultz, Senator Nathan Wesenberg	Benton Cooperative Telephone Company	Buckman Township	\$1,248,430	\$2,318,518	\$3,566,948	The Benton Cooperative Telephone Company project will provide high-speed Broadband services to Buckman Township in Morrison County. Benton Cooperative Telephone Company currently provides high-speed Broadband to 5,850 customers of which 5,414 are served by fiber allowing them to have speeds of a minimum of 100/100 and a maximum of 1Gig/1Gig. This project will serve a total of 241 locations, including 190 unserved and 51 underserved locations.
Le Sueur	Representative Brian H. Pfarr, Senator Rich Draheim	Bevcomm Inc	Tyrone Township Fiber Expansion Project	\$1,101,801	\$367,267	\$1,469,068	This Low Density Bevcomm Inc. Tyrone Township project will build underground fiber-to-the-premise technology that will enable data rates of up to 1Gbps (1,000Mbps) symmetrically to each subscriber on the network with unlimited data in Tyrone Township in Le Sueur County. This project will serve 148 unserved rural locations including 104 homes, 36 businesses, and 9 farms. Funding partner, Tyrone Township will be contributing \$164,000 to this project.
Waseca	Representative Brian Daniels, Representative John Petersburg, Representative Peggy Bennett, Senator John R. Jasinski, Senator John R. Jasinski, Senator Gene Dornink	Bevcomm Inc	Waseca County Fiber Expansion Project - Ph 2	\$1,186,050	\$395,350	\$1,581,400	This Low Density Bevcomm Inc Waseca County project will deploy underground fiber infrastructure across Alton, New Richland, and Saint Mary townships in rural Waseca County. This project will provide up to symmetrical Gigabit speeds with unlimited data to 163 homes, businesses, and farms, including 151 unserved and 12 underserved locations. Waseca County will be a funding partner for this project with a match amount of \$165,000.
Faribault, Freeborn	Representative Bjorn Olson, Representative Peggy Bennett, Senator Rich Draheim, Senator Gene Dornink	Blue Earth Valley Telephone Company	Faribault County Fiber Expansion Project - Final Phase	\$1,779,163	\$5,337,488	\$7,116,651	The Faribault County Fiber Expansion Project - Final Phase project will build an underground fiber network to serve the remaining unserved and underserved locations in Faribault county's rural Wells and Blue Earth, offering speeds of up to a Gigabit symmetrically with unlimited data. This final phase, last mile project will impact a total of 543 addresses, of which 423 are unserved and 120 are underserved, and includes 205 homes, 59 businesses, and 279 farms. Faribault County EDA has pledged \$5,000 toward this project.

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Carlton	Representative Jeff Dotseth, Senator Jason Rarick	Consolidated Telephone Company	CTC Round 10 Wrenshall Community Broadband Project	\$2,127,530	\$2,127,530	\$4,255,060	The Consolidated Telephone Company Round 10 Wrenshall Community Broadband project will provide fiber-to-the-premise in 770 locations, of which 481 are unserved and 289 underserved. This project will support efforts of residents to work from home, keep up or continue their education, and for businesses to further their community's vitality.
Isanti, Kanabec, Mille Lacs	Representative Isaac Schultz, Representative Bryan Lawrence, Representative Brian Johnson, Senator Nathan Wesenberg, Senator Andrew Mathews, Senator Mark Koran	East Central Energy	Mille Lacs Central	\$3,267,902	\$5,111,333	\$8,379,235	The East Central Energy Mille Lacs Central project will expand on ECE's electric and broadband operations in East Central Minnesota and Northwestern Wisconsin, bringing state-of-the-art Fiber to the Premise (FTTP) technology to residents of Mille Lacs, Kanabec, and Isanti Counties. This project will serve a total of 659 locations, including 509 unserved and 150 underserved locations. Funding partners are; Isanti County \$10,000, Kanabec County \$900, Mille Lacs County \$4,200, and South Fork Township \$800, for a total partner contribution of \$15,900.
Mille Lacs	Representative Ron Kresha, Senator Nathan Wesenberg	East Central Energy	Mille Lacs North	\$3,604,567	\$5,637,915	\$9,242,482	The East Central Energy (ECE) Mille Lacs North project will expand on ECE's electric and broadband operations in East Central Minnesota and Northwestern Wisconsin. This project will offer 100/100 Mbps, 250/250 Mbps, and 1 Gbps/1 Gbps service options to a total of 803 locations, 677 unserved and 126 underserved, consisting of 680 households, 101 businesses, and 22 farms. Funding partners are Mille Lacs County with a contribution of \$15,800 and Page Township with a contribution of \$8,000.
Martin	Representative Bjorn Olson, Senator Rich Draheim	Federated Rural Electric Association	Martin County Low Density	\$8,008,419	\$2,669,473	\$10,677,892	This Low Density Federated Rural Electric Association in Martin County will see Fiber to the Premise (FTTP) Network to be built in rural Martin County. The project will enhance the quality of life and foster community growth for businesses, farmers, and residents at 457 locations, including 431 unserved and 26 underserved addresses. Funding partners include contributions from Martin County, Lake Belt Township, Rolling Green Township, for a total partner contribution of \$800,842.
Clearwater, Mahanomen	Representative Matt Bliss, Senator Steve Green	Garden Valley Telephone Company	2024 Rural Mahanomen County	\$4,626,012	\$1,542,008	\$6,168,020	This Low Density Garden Valley Telephone Company in Mahanomen County project is a combination middle mile and last mile Fiber-To-The-Home (FTTH) which will serve locations within the borders of the White Earth Reservation in Mahanomen County. This project recognizes broadband has become essential to economic prosperity in the rural communities and would allow employees to work from home, provide children with access to homework and essential internet related research and improve access to telemedicine at 287 locations, of which 181 are unserved and 106 underserved. Partner funding total of \$250, from local community members.
Olmsted	Representative Steven E. Jacob, Representative Duane Quam, Senator Steve Drazkowski, Senator Carla Nelson	Kasson & Mantorville Telephone Company	Rural North Byron	\$515,564	\$630,134	\$1,145,699	The Kasson & Mantorville Telephone Company project will extend Fiber-To-The-Home (FTTH) capabilities to locations in rural Olmsted County, leveraging existing middle mile fiber and broadband backhaul. This project will enable delivery of up to 1 GB upstream and downstream for internet access with the ability to add additional GBs as needed, serving 83 locations, including 13 unserved locations and 70 underserved locations.

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Nobles	Representative Marj Fogelman, Senator Bill Weber	Lismore Cooperative Telephone Co	City of Bigelow FTTP	\$208,598	\$486,730	\$695,328	The Lismore Cooperative Telephone Co. project will see the establishment and operation of a Fiber to the Premise (FTTP) network, aimed at bridging the digital divide in the rural City of Bigelow, in Nobles County. The proposed project area encompasses approximately 4.16 miles of last-mile buried fiber and fiber drop cabling, serving 113 locations, 19 of which are unserved and 94 underserved. Funding partners are Nobles County \$35,000, and City of Bigelow \$15,000.
St. Louis	Representative Liz Olson, Senator Jen McEwen	Mediacom LLC	Lakewood Normanna	\$145,000	\$526,325	\$671,325	The Mediacom LLC Lakewood Normanna project will provide a Fiber to the Home (FTTH) broadband solution to unserved and underserved homes, businesses, and community anchors in Normanna Township in St. Louis County. This project will provide speeds of 2,000 Mbps download and 1,000 Mbps upload to 60 underserved addresses. Funding Partners and their matches are; St. Louis County with \$400,000 and Normanna Township with \$5,000.
St. Louis	Representative Liz Olson, Senator Jen McEwen	Mediacom LLC	Lakewood South	\$232,800	\$543,200	\$775,999	The Mediacom LLC Lakewood South project will provide a Fiber to the Home (FTTH) broadband solution to unserved and underserved homes, businesses, and community anchors the southern portion of Lakewood Township in St. Louis County. This project will provide speeds of 2,000 Mbps download and 1,000 Mbps upload to 196 underserved addresses.
Kandiyohi	Representative Dave Baker, Senator Andrew R. Lang	Meeker Cooperative Light & Power Association	Genessee Township	\$662,430	\$809,637	\$1,472,067	The Meeker Cooperative Light & Power Association Genessee Township project will provide fiber-to-the-premise broadband access to rural sites in Genessee Township in Kandiyohi County, Minnesota. This project will improve unserved/underserved levels of service up to 1 gigabit per second download and upload speeds resulting in more efficient and effective e-learning, telemedicine options and enhanced precision agriculture tools to 167 locations, including 120 unserved and 47 underserved addresses. Kandiyohi County has pledged \$327,692 and Genessee Township has pledged \$71,200 towards this project.
Stearns	Representative Lisa Demuth, Senator Jeff Howe	Meeker Cooperative Light & Power Association	Paynesville Township	\$542,077	\$662,538	\$1,204,615	The Meeker Cooperative Light & Power Association Paynesville Township project will provide fiber-to-the-premise broadband access to rural sites in Paynesville Township in Stearns County, Minnesota. This project will improve unserved/underserved levels of service up to 1 gigabit per second download and upload speeds resulting in more efficient and effective e-learning, telemedicine options and enhanced precision agriculture tools to 108 locations, including 102 unserved and 6 underserved addresses. Stearns County and Paynesville Township have pledged \$357,845 towards this project.

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Kandiyohi	Representative Dave Baker, Senator Andrew R. Lang	Meeker Cooperative Light & Power Association	58 - Kandiyohi Township	\$744,965	\$910,513	\$1,655,478	The Meeker Cooperative Light & Power Association Kandiyohi Township project will provide fiber-to-the-premise broadband access to rural sites in Kandiyohi Township in Kandiyohi County, Minnesota. This project will improve unserved/underserved levels of service up to 1 gigabit per second download and upload speeds resulting in more efficient and effective e-learning, telemedicine options and enhanced precision agriculture tools to 188 locations, including 136 unserved and 52 underserved addresses. Kandiyohi County has pledged \$224,000 and Kandiyohi Township has pledged \$71,600 towards this project.
Wright	Representative Dawn Gillman, Senator Glenn Gruenhagen	Meeker Cooperative Light & Power Association	Cokato Township	\$945,133	\$1,155,163	\$2,100,296	The Meeker Cooperative Light & Power Association Cokato Township project will provide fiber-to-the-premise broadband access to rural sites in Cokato Township in Wright County, excluding the area within the city limits of the town of Cokato Minnesota. This project will improve unserved/underserved levels of service up to 1 gigabit per second download and upload speeds resulting in more efficient and effective e-learning, telemedicine options and enhanced precision agriculture tools to 300 locations, including 189 unserved and 111 underserved addresses.
Washington, Chisago	Representative Josiah Hill, Representative Anne Neu Brindley, Senator Karin Housley, Senator Mark Koran	Midco	Midco Scandia	\$689,700	\$689,700	\$1,379,400	The Midco Scandia project will build fiber to the premises (FTTP) in portions of Washington and Chisago County in the communities of Scandia and Franconia Township. This project will extend reliable broadband service ranging up to 5 Gbps symmetrical or under 100/20 Mbps offering to 161 locations, including 145 unserved and 16 underserved locations.
Fillmore, Olmsted, Winona	Representative Gene Pelowski Jr., Representative Gregory M. Davids, Representative Steven E. Jacob, Senator Jeremy Miller, Senator Steve Drazkowski	MIEnergy Cooperative	South West Fremont	\$3,164,721	\$4,747,086	\$7,911,807	The MIEnergy Cooperative project will see built Fiber to the Premise (FTTP) in the rural areas Southwest of Fremont, Minnesota located primarily in Winona and Fillmore Counties. This project will provide services to 396 addresses, including 342 unserved and 54 underserved, and bridge the digital divide by offering residents access to essential services such as telemedicine, online education, and remote work opportunities. Funding partner Mabel Cooperative Telephone Company is contributing \$2,373,543.
Aitkin	Representative Ron Kresha, Senator Nathan Wesenberg	Mille Lacs Energy Cooperative	MLEC Fiber - Cedar Lake	\$1,808,768	\$2,266,272	\$4,075,040	The MLEC Fiber - Cedar Lake project will see continued collaboration between Mille Lacs Energy Cooperative (MLEC) and Consolidated Telecommunications Company (CTC) to expand fiber-to-the-home (FTTH) to a significantly unserved area in Aitkin County. The project will expand off the existing MLEC Fiber network to bring vital communications to help with distance learning, remote working, and telemedicine needs in Aitkin County at 421 locations, including 317 unserved and 104 underserved residential and season homes, small farms, and home businesses. Aitkin County has pledged \$25,000 to this project.

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Otter Tail	Representative Jeff Backer, Senator Jordan Rasmusson	Otter Tail Telcom	West Fergus Falls	\$3,700,198	\$1,233,399	\$4,933,598	This Low Density Otter Tail Telcom West Fergus Falls project will construct a fiber to the home/fiber to the premise (FTTH/FTTP) network to residents and businesses in rural western Otter Tail County. Improving broadband services will enable agriculture producers, farmers, ranchers, telecommuters, business owners and independent professionals to work from home via videoconferencing; cultivate an opportunity for new businesses to relocate to Otter Tail County's rural area; and increase job and population growth, providing a significant economic impact for the county. This project will serve 286 unserved locations. Funding partners include; Otter Tail County-\$379,200, Aastad Township-\$36,360, Buse Township-\$17,793, Carlisle Township-\$57,248, Orwell Township-\$58,021, Oscar Township-\$27,077, and Western Township-\$41,002.
St. Louis	Representative Roger J. Skraba, Representative David Lislegard, Senator Grant Hauschild, Senator Robert Farnsworth	Paul Bunyan Rural Telephone Cooperative	NW St. Louis County GigaZone Expansion	\$3,924,157	\$2,099,108	\$6,023,265	This Low Density Paul Bunyan Rural Telephone Cooperative NW St. Louis County will begin construction on the Northwest St. Louis County GigaZone Project, which will serve rural portions of northwest St. Louis County. This project will serve a total of 420 locations, including 355 unserved and 65 underserved homes, businesses, farms, and community anchor institutions. Funding partners include; St. Louis County Broadband Infrastructure-\$400,000, IRRRB Broadband Infrastructure-\$400,000, Alango Township-\$41,200, Field Township-\$17,800, Sturgeon Township-\$40,000.
Stearns	Representative Paul H. Anderson, Senator Torrey Westrom	Runestone Telecom Association	Crow Lake	\$1,538,614	\$512,875	\$2,051,489	This Low Density Runestone Telecom Association Crow Lake project will be a Last Mile project within Crow Lake Township in rural western Stearns County, improving the available broadband service speeds from under 25 Mbps to 1,000 Mbps, with room for future bandwidth needs for schools, farms, businesses, anchor institutions, and residents. This project will serve 153 locations, including 114 unserved and 39 served locations. Crow Lake Township is a funding partner with a contribution of \$18,000.
Murray	Representative Chris Swedzinski, Senator Gary Dahms	Woodstock Telephone Company	Skandia FTTH Low Density	\$2,914,733	\$971,578	\$3,886,311	This Low Density Woodstock Telephone Company Skandia FTTH project will cover a rural area east of Skandia in Murray County, and is for a Fiber-To-The-Premises Network that would utilize existing Woodstock-owned middle-mile fiber and offer speeds up to 1G upload and 1G download. This project will serve a residents and businesses at 190 unserved locations. Funding partner, Murray County is contributing \$485,789.
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