



# American Rescue Plan Act of 2021 (ARPA) Coronavirus Capital Projects Fund

Senate Capital Investment Committee

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## **Coronavirus Capital Projects Fund**

- Minnesota's Capital Projects Fund allocation is **\$180,702,620**.
- All funds must be expended by December 31, 2026.

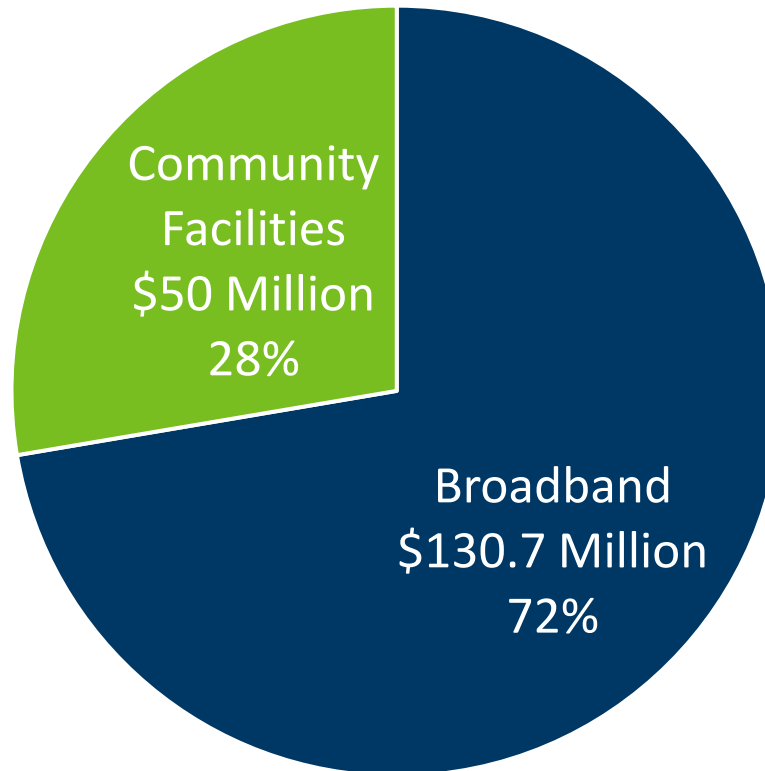
**Treasury guidance requires that for a capital project to be an eligible use of Capital Projects Fund grant funds, it must meet all of the following criteria:**

1. The Capital Project invests in capital assets designed to directly enable work, education, and health monitoring.
2. The Capital Project is designed to address a critical need that resulted from or was made apparent or exacerbated by the COVID-19 public health emergency.
3. The Capital Project is designed to address a critical need of the community to be served by it.

# Project Eligibility

<b>Presumptively Eligible Projects</b>	<b>Ineligible Projects and Projects Not Presumed to be Eligible</b>	<b>Case-by-Case Review</b>
<b>Broadband Infrastructure Projects</b>	General infrastructure projects, such as highways, bridges, transit systems, and ports are ineligible	Must demonstrate that the project satisfies the three criteria identified on the previous slide
<b>Digital Connectivity Technology Projects</b>	General construction and improvement of hospitals and traditional schools are not presumed to be eligible	
<b>Multi-Purpose Community Facility Projects</b>		

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Amount	Program	Date Submitted to Treasury	Treasury Approval Received?
\$ 70,000,000.00	Border-to-Border Broadband	January 2022	July 2022
\$ 15,703,000.00	Border-to-Border Broadband	September 2022	September 2022
\$ 15,000,000.00	Broadband Line Extension Program	September 2022	December 2022
\$ 30,000,000.00	Broadband Lower Population Density Pilot Program	September 2022	December 2022
\$ 49,999,620.00	Multi-Purpose Community Facility Projects	September 2022	No
<b>\$ 180,702,620.00</b>	<b>Minnesota's total allocation</b>		

# Broadband: \$130.7 Million (DEED)

- **Border-To-Border (B2B) Broadband Development Grant Program: \$85.703 million**  
An existing grant program that helps make the business case for new and existing providers to invest in building broadband infrastructure into unserved and underserved areas of the state.
- **Broadband Line Extension Program: \$15 million**  
A new program to address the need of homes and businesses that may have broadband service available at the road but unable to afford the excess construction charge to bring service to their door.
- **Broadband Lower Population Density Pilot Program: \$30 million**  
A new program within the B2B program to address feedback from providers and communities that the program's cap of 50 percent of eligible costs and \$5 million per project was not adequate to support projects in the harder to serve areas of the state. The pilot program enables awards up to 75 percent of eligible project costs and a cap of \$10 million per project.

# Multi-Purpose Community Facility Projects: \$50 Million (MDE)

- **Submitted a \$50 million proposal to the U.S. Treasury.**
  - We have not received feedback yet.
  - Anticipate substantial back and forth with the Treasury to refine our proposal with possible approval in fall 2023.
- Per CPF guidance, multi-purpose community facility projects must support and promote education, work, and health monitoring.
- Funds dedicated to capital/facility projects supporting family resource centers, including but not limited to: full-service community schools, libraries, community centers, community colleges or other organizations running family resource centers.
- MDE will create a framework for grant administration and scoring for potential grantees. Minnesota Initiative Foundations (MIFs) may run process for Greater MN; a metro entity, such as the Greater Twin Cities United Way, may run process for 7-county metro area.

# Thank You!

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