



Office of Broadband Development Application Evaluation Report

Report to the Legislature
June 30, 2017

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.

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 (Gardonville Lake Ida and Lake Miltona, Red River Rural, Palmer Wireless Palmer Township, Woodstock Balaton) or only partially funded (Lismore-Nobles County). 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) or there was insufficient funding available to award to a project so the next smaller project(s) were funded.

2016 Applications Received	Score	Amount Requested	Amount Awarded
Advantenon - Lyon	N/A*	\$335,482	\$0
Advantenon - Redwood	N/A*	\$354,257	\$0
Advantenon - Steele	N/A*	\$576,492	\$0
AcenTek - Rural Lanesboro	101	\$1,777,936	\$1,777,936
AcenTek - Rushford Rural	100	\$2,352,147	\$0
Albany Mutual Telephone Assn. - Big Watab Lake	71	\$726,185	\$726,185
Arvig – Loretel Systems	68	\$73,656	\$0
Arvig – Redwood County Telephone Company	68	\$27,998	\$27,998
Benton Cooperative Telephone Co. - Bock	88	\$510,000	\$510,000
Benton Cooperative Telephone Co. - Buckman	84	\$276,230	\$276,230
Benton Cooperative Telephone Co. - Ramey	86	\$225,100	\$225,100
BEVCOMM (Cannon Valley Tel.) – Rural Freeborn	95	\$150,700	\$150,700
BEVCOMM (Granada Tel. Co.) – Rural Granada	96	\$157,920	\$157,920
BEVCOMM (Eckles Tel. Co.) – Heidelberg Rural	95	\$188,000	\$188,000
BEVCOMM (Blue Earth Valley Tel.) - Winnebago	95	\$152,828	\$152,828
Broadband Corp. – Middle Mile	58	\$92,093	\$0

CenturyLink – Thief River Middle Mile	75	\$1,324,400	\$1,324,400
CTC – Kandiyohi Phase I	100	\$4,999,996	\$4,936,996
CTC – Fort Ripley Phase III	97	\$1,163,348	\$0
Dakota County – Broadband Project	67	\$907,356	\$0
Farmers Coop Assn. of Canby-Yellow Medicine Co.	52	\$148,920	\$0
Frontier - Kandiyohi	80	\$1,015,275	\$1,015,275
Garden Valley Tel. Co. – Rural Thief River Falls	94	\$2,027,035	\$2,027,035
Gardonville Coop. Tel. Assn. – Lake Ida	101	\$189,188	\$0
Gardonville Coop. Tel. Assn. – Lake Louise	99	\$68,240	\$68,240
Gardonville Coop. Tel. Assn. – Lake Miliona	99	\$156,277	\$0
Halstad Tel. Co. – Kertsonville Area	90	\$296,665	\$296,665
KMTelecom – Rural Mantorville	90	\$764,663	\$764,663
Lismore Coop. Tel. Co. – Nobles County	91	\$3,174,721	\$2,944,578
Martin County – Rural Broadband Initiative	90	\$1,757,323	\$1,677,823
Mediacom – Fayal Township	74	\$263,345	\$263,345
Mediacom – Harris Township	80	\$224,369	\$224,369
Mediacom - Medina	77	\$170,868	\$170,868
Midco – Porter, Taunton, Minneota and Ghent	93	\$623,000	\$623,000
Mille Lacs Energy Cooperative – Phase I	97	\$1,757,640	\$1,757,640
New Ulm Telecom – Goodhue-Bellechester	89	\$332,328	\$332,328
New Ulm Telecom - Hanska	88	\$200,397	\$200,397
New Ulm Telecom - Mazeppa	92	\$317,761	\$317,761
Otter Tail Telcom – Battle Lake	75	\$238,170	\$238,170
Otter Tail Telcom – Fergus Falls	73	\$279,271	\$279,271
Palmer Wireless – Big Lake Industrial Park	85	\$90,988	\$90,988
Palmer Wireless – Del Tone Road	82	\$179,400	\$179,400
Palmer Wireless - Duelm	75	\$119,418	\$0
Palmer Wireless – Palmer Township	83	\$102,831	\$0
Paul Bunyan Comm. – Hubbard, Becker, Itasca	102	\$1,981,156	\$1,742,232
Red River Rural Telco. – West Central MN	79	\$499,500	\$0

Renville County – with HBC and RS Fiber	94	\$807,966	\$807,966
Rice County – with Jaguar and Lonsdale	75	\$1,697,644	\$0
Runestone Telephone Assn. – Holmes City 2	86	\$700,674	\$700,674
Sjoberg’s – Roseau & Lake of the Woods Counties	91	\$354,740	\$354,740
Sub-Sahara African Community	N/A**	\$2,047,700	\$0
Sunrise Township	97	\$1,074,852	\$1,074,852
TDS - KMP	74	\$2,258,943	\$0
TDS – Cass and Crow Wing	77	\$4,200,470	\$3,000,000
TDS – Mid-State	79	\$4,111,108	\$0
United African Soccer Club	N/A**	\$1,899,700	\$0
West Central Tel. Assn. – Rural North Phase II	102	\$718,850	\$718,850
Wikstrom Tel. Co. – Rural Alvarado	98	\$43,481	\$43,481
Wikstrom Tel. Co. – NW MN	99	\$950,823	\$950,823
Winona County - Pickwick	87	\$416,640	\$416,640
Woodstock Tel. Co. - Balaton	97	\$448,200	\$0
Woodstock Tel. Co. - Westbrook	96	\$412,391	\$412,391

N/A* means the application did not meet the requirement in Minn. Stat. §116J.395, subd. 5(9), which requires the applicant to provide evidence that they had contacted, in writing and at least six weeks prior to submitting an application, all entities providing broadband service in the proposed project area for information about the existing providers’ plan to upgrade broadband service in the project area as part of their grant application. This evidence was not submitted with the application as required, and the application was therefore not scored.

N/A** means the application did not meet the requirements in Minn. Stat. §116J.395, subd. 5 as it was not an application for funding for broadband infrastructure nor did it meet the requirement of subd. 7 (a) of requesting funding of 50 percent or less of a project and was therefore not scored.