



# 2019 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 FY20 appropriation. No report was filed in 2019 as there was no funding appropriated for the Border to Border Broadband Development Grant program for FY19.

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 (Garden Valley Telephone Co. – Euclid; Mediacom – Pillsbury Avenue, New Market; Meeker Coop – Cedar Mills; Meeker Coop – Clear Lake; Meeker Coop – Lake Jennie; Meeker Coop – Rice Lake; MiBroadband—Fillmore and Mower Counties; Midco – Grand Meadow; Midco – Mapleton Area; and Tekstar dba Arvig Project near Villard and Forada) or only partially funded ( Paul Bunyan -- North Central Fiber and WCTA Rural Staples). 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.

2019 Applications Received	Score	Amount Requested	Amount Received
AcenTek Rural Houston	107	\$2,895,318	\$2,895,318
Advantenon Mille Lacs County	83	\$1,739,579	\$0
Albany Mutual Watab III & W Holdingford	74	\$696,232	\$0
Benton Coop Ramey Phase I	99	\$936,759	\$936,759
BEVCOMM dba Easton Tel. Rural Faribault Co.	102	\$579,781	\$579,781
Bois Forte Tribal Government FTTH	102	\$1,248,790	\$1,248,790
Bridgewater Tel. Co. dba TDS Enfield	70	\$471,091	\$0
Bridgewater Tel. Co. dba TDS Monticello	70	\$571,331	\$0
Charter Communications Lake Carlos	92	\$74,540	\$74,540
Charter Communications Rosemount North	91	\$499,072	\$499,072
Consolidated Tel. Co. (CTC) Chisago Lake/Franconia	96	\$4,500,000	\$0
Consolidated Tel. Co. (CTC) Fort Ripley/Exec. Acres	100	\$830,587	\$830,587
Cooperative Light and Power Cloquet Valley Area	101	\$5,000,000	\$0
Eckles Tel. Co. dba BEVCOMM Le Sueur County	98	\$1,898,756	\$1,857,376
Emily Coop Esquagamah-Round Lake Fiber	92	\$376,000	\$376,000
Fond du Lac Big Lake Road	103	\$602,916	\$602,916

Garden Valley Tel. Co. Euclid	95	\$1,817,416	\$0
Garden Valley Tel. Co. Rural Thief River Falls West	95	\$1,019,112	\$0
Gardonville Coop. Centennial Drive	85	\$18,739	\$0
Gardonville Coop. East Lake Victoria	86	\$350,914	\$0
Gardonville Coop. Krohnfeldt Drive	87	\$42,921	\$42,921
Gardonville Coop. Lake Charley	85	\$35,389	\$0
Gardonville Coop. Lake Mina	84	\$117,394	\$0
Gardonville Coop. North Lake Andrew	85	\$108,104	\$0
Halstad Tel. Co. Rural East Grand Forks	101	\$446,000	\$440,000
Hanson Communications Minnewaska Phase 2	81	\$2,704,513	\$0
Interstate Tel. Coop Lincoln County	87	\$4,814,280	\$0
Jaguar Communications Rural Cologne	80	\$234,807	\$0
Jaguar Communications Rural Jordan	80	\$219,441	\$0
Jaguar Communications Rural Le Center	83	\$171,183	\$0
KMTelecom Rock Dell North Fiber Build	86	\$1,041,292	\$0
Lismore Coop Tel. Co. Bigelow FTTP	86	\$251,124	\$0
Lismore Coop Tel. Co. Southern Murray County	83	\$890,670	\$0
Loretel Systems dba Arvig Cormorant Area	104	\$430,780	\$430,780
Mediacom Farmhill Road, Minnetrista	86	\$91,803	\$0
Mediacom Independence	87	\$139,039	\$139,039
Mediacom Pillsbury Avenue	86	\$213,967	\$0
Meeker Coop Light & Power Cedar Mills	83	\$49,729	\$0
Meeker Coop Light & Power Clear Lake	84	\$425,468	\$0
Meeker Coop Light & Power Lake Jennie	84	\$110,944	\$0
Meeker Coop Light & Power Lakes Louisa/Marie	88	\$297,940	\$297,940
Meeker Coop Light & Power Manuella Lake	88	\$247,271	\$0
Meeker Coop Light & Power Rice Lake	84	\$416,330	\$0
Meeker Coop Light & Power Star Lake	88	\$83,041	\$0
Melrose Tel. Co. dba Arvig Eden Valley & Melrose	103	\$393,890	\$393,890
MiBroadband Fillmore and Mower Counties	98	\$2,275,133	\$0
Midco Clarkfield Area	101	\$273,145	\$0
Midco Grand Meadow Area	93	\$941,422	\$0
Midco Mapleton	101	\$793,032	\$0
Midco Prinsburg Area	88	\$639,084	\$0
Midco Renville	103	\$230,835	\$230,835
Midco Scandia	90	\$510,358	\$510,358
Mid-State Tel. Co. dba TDS KMP project	72	\$1,751,221	\$0
Mille Lacs Energy Coop (MLEC) Phase 3 Aitkin Co.	102	\$1,253,955	\$1,253,955
Minnesota Valley Tel. Co. Rural Franklin Project	87	\$270,000	\$0
Minnesota Valley Tel. Co. Rural Lucan Project	90	\$635,400	\$635,400
Nuvera Goodhue Co. West	94	\$229,732	\$0

Nuvera Hutchinson West	95	\$346,282	\$346,282
Nuvera New Ulm SW	96	\$385,600	\$385,600
Nuvera Springfield West	88	\$344,113	\$0
Nuvera Webster Township	91	\$467,452	\$0
Otter Tail Telcom Long and Fish Lakes	88	\$156,954	\$156,954
Otter Tail Telcom Wall Lake	87	\$124,408	\$0
Paul Bunyan Communications North Central Fiber	105	\$3,635,536	\$2,562,916
Pine Island Tel. Co. dba BEVCOMM NE Pine Island	103	\$222,222	\$222,222
Qwest Corp. dba CenturyLink Gnesen Township	85	\$2,419,705	\$0
Qwest Corp. dba CenturyLink Nessel Township	100	\$1,657,550	\$1,657,550
Roseau Electric Coop Roseau County FTTP	99	\$1,776,483	\$0
Runestone Tel. Assn. South Alexandria	103	\$1,821,047	\$1,760,423
Savage Communications dba SCI Barnum Township	91	\$282,290	\$0
Savage Communications dba SCI Glen Township	93	\$195,848	\$195,848
Tekstar dba Arvig Forada, Villard, Naytahwaush, CL	104	\$1,058,435	\$0
West Central Tel. Assn. Rural Staples Phase I	104	\$581,275	\$555,355
Wikstrom Tel. Co. NW MN	102	\$1,151,526	\$1,151,526
Winsted Tel. Co. dba TDS Winsted Project	71	\$164,170	\$0
Winthrop Tel. Co. Bismarck Township	91	\$366,300	\$0
Woodstock Tel. Co. Clarkfield FTTP	84	\$544,310	\$0
Woodstock Tel. Co. Lynd FTTP	83	\$454,237	\$0