



2020 Border to Border Broadband Grant

Application Evaluation Report

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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 FY21 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 (Charter Lake Jessie, Lakeshore, Ridgeview/So. Lake Victoria and Spicer; CTC Franconia and Chisago Lakes Townships; Mediacom Wykoff; Midco Wright County; and SkyNet Co. Rd. 15/Bridgeview) or only partially funded (Arvig Hawley; CTC Borden and Ross Lake; Garden Valley Thief River Falls and Euclid; and Wikstrom Tel. Co. NW MN). Other factors that may have resulted in a higher scoring project not being funded was the recent conclusion of the FCC Rural Digital Opportunity Fund (RDOF) Auction 904 announcing a winner bidder to deploy gigabit speed service in the same or overlapping area; 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.

2020 Applications Received	Score	Amount Requested	Amount Received
AcenTek - Rural Peterson	103	\$1,492,096	\$1,492,096
Advantenon - Mille Lacs County	70	\$2,105,836	\$0
Albany Mutual - Watab III & W Holdingford	91	\$632,347	\$0
Arvig (Tekstar) - Sauk Osakis Lakes	96	\$741,755	\$486,458
Benton Coop - Barley Road	85	\$323,840	\$0
Benton Coop - Ramey Phase 2	90	\$338,011	\$338,011
BEVCOMM - Faribault and Martin Counties Rural	95	\$1,182,818	\$1,182,818
BEVCOMM - LeSueur County Phase 2	91	\$718,592	\$0
BEVCOMM - Rural Morrystown	95	\$210,692	\$210,692
Charter - Cambridge Hills	86	\$28,950	\$28,950
Charter - East Lake Burgen	77	\$200,350	\$0
Charter - Getchell Road, Duluth	79	\$11,400	\$11,400
Charter - Lake Jessie	79	\$113,800	\$0
Charter - Lakeshore	89	\$435,250	\$0
Charter - Ridgeview/So. Lake Victoria	84	\$75,850	\$0
Charter - Spicer	85	\$31,000	\$0

Charter - West Burgen Estates	88	\$55,500	\$0
Charter - West Lake Carlos	83	\$24,450	\$24,450
Consolidated Tel. Co. (CTC) - Chisago Lake/Franconia	103	\$2,883,856	\$0
Consolidated Tel. Co. (CTC) - Stark-Ross Lakes	88	\$748,705	\$350,805
Cooperative Light and Power - Cloquet Valley Area	90	\$3,318,325	\$0
Crosslake Communications - O'Brien & Goodrich	87	\$618,970	\$618,970
Emily Coop - Waukenabo Lake	85	\$350,000	\$0
Garden Valley Tel. Co. - Thief River Falls-Euclid	98	\$2,054,527	\$1,640,722
Gardonville Coop. - County Road 34	88	\$1,551,370	\$1,551,370
Gardonville Coop. - Hazel Hill Road	87	\$692,929	\$692,929
Gardonville Coop. - Town Hall Road	91	\$90,251	\$90,251
Halstad Tel. Co.- North Fisher	96	\$619,000	\$619,000
Hanson Communications - Comfrey	85	\$287,148	\$0
KMTelecom - Rock Dell Northwest	100	\$385,173	\$385,173
KMTelecom - Rock Dell Southwest	95	\$404,709	\$404,709
Lismore Coop Tel. Co. - Iona	97	\$219,714	\$219,714
Mediacom - Cedar Lane, Sturgeon Lake	82	\$87,199	\$0
Mediacom - Field of Dreams, Hermantown	85	\$624,751	\$624,751
Mediacom - Minnetrista	84	\$189,752	\$189,752
Mediacom - Wykoff	87	\$88,966	\$0
Meeker Coop Light & Powe - r Big Swan Lake	86	\$118,752	\$0
Meeker Coop Light & Power - Fairhaven-South Haven	87	\$197,794	\$0
Meeker Coop Light & Power - Lake Koronis	88	\$41,927	\$41,927
MetroNet - LeSueur County	97	\$437,525	\$0
MetroNet - Waseca County	92	\$344,085	\$0
MiBroadband - Preston FTTP	95	\$1,173,330	\$1,173,330
Midco - Scandia	97	\$108,520	\$78,824
Midco - Town of Morse	88	\$114,044	\$0
Midco - Wright County	82	\$1,446,155	\$0
Mille Lacs Energy Coop (MLEC) - Phase 4	96	\$1,445,237	\$198,607
Minnesota Valley Tel. Co. - Franklin FTTP	96	\$226,800	\$226,800
Nuvera - Goodhue Co. West	93	\$532,232	\$532,232
Nuvera - Goodhue Welch	92	\$340,790	\$340,790
Nuvera - Hutchinson SE FTTP	88	\$169,369	\$169,369
Nuvera - New Ulm	90	\$444,386	\$444,386
Nuvera - Webster	90	\$431,260	\$431,260
Park Region - Underwood & Dalton	81	\$480,735	\$0
Paul Bunyan Communications - North Central MN	100	\$2,209,946	\$311,254
Runestone Tel. Assn. - Villard	102	\$1,534,491	\$1,463,259
SCI - Mille Lacs Band of Ojibwe Onamia	91	\$206,000	\$70,261
SkyNet - Co. Rd. 15 Bridgeview	73	\$1,211,796	\$0

Sytek - Morrison, Todd, Stearns Counties	91	\$1,081,604	\$1,048,668
Valley Telephone Co. - Browns Valley	79	\$428,804	\$0
West Central Tel. Assn. - Rural Staples Phase II	99	\$496,240	\$465,050
Wikstrom Tel. Co. - NW MN	92	\$883,003	\$490,997
Winnebago Coop - SE Faribault/W Freeborn Co.	101	\$953,842	\$953,842
Winthrop Tel. Co. - Bismarck & Transit Townships	95	\$716,000	\$716,000
Woodstock Tel. Co. - Lynd FTTP	100	\$325,548	\$325,548