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# 2022 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 FY22-23 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 (Anoka County, Bridgewater Telephone Co. Enfield Project, City of Buffalo, City of Columbia Heights, City of Duluth, Consolidated Communications: City of Amboy, City of Vernon Center, Frontier: Aitkin, Carlton, Chisago, Chisago-Shafer, Dakota, Goodhue, Kandiyohi, Martin, Mille Lacs-Isle, Pine, Sherburne, Washington, Watonwan, Wright, Gardonville: Buckskin, Carlos, HomeTown, LTD Mower NE, Mediacom-South Kasota, Southeast MN WiFi-Lillehei, Spectrum: Blue Earth, Nicollet, Mower, Pope, St. Louis, Wright County Project 2, and Starwire Technologies City of Rock Creek) or only partially funded (CTC Woods to Water, ECE Isanti North, ECE Kanabec Central, ECE Pine South, Melrose Telephone Company-Stearns, Mille Lacs Energy Coop-Phase 6, Nuvera-Belle Lake and Hutchinson East, Paul Bunyan GigaZone, CenturyLink-City of Harris, and Spectrum-Wright County Project 3). 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)]; 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. If our review of a project indicated it included substantially served areas, or substantial areas were credibly challenged, the application was not scored and is marked as n/a.

2022 Applications Received	Score	Amount Requested	Amount Received
AcenTek - Rural Dakota	90.83	\$3,218,201	\$3,218,201
AcenTek - Rural Eitzen	n/a	\$1,064,776	\$0
Albany Mutual – Stearns East	84.5	\$803,228	\$746,964
Albany Mutual—Watab 3	64	\$812,383	\$0
Anoka County	n/a	\$1,979,088	\$0
Benton Coop - Borgholm	103.43	\$1,118,289	\$1,118,289
Benton Coop – Golden Spike-Mayhew Lake	104.1	\$1,264,602	\$1,264,602
Benton Coop - Milaca	98.63	\$924,887	\$0
Benton Coop – NW Benton	100.08	\$77,726	\$77,726
Benton Coop – Ronneby Oak Park	100.4	\$170,623	\$170,623
BEVCOMM - Faribault and Martin Rural	99.77	\$1,444,030	\$1,444,030
BEVCOMM – Le Sueur County	97.09	\$941,576	\$941,576
Bridgewater Tel (TDS)--Enfield	80.58	\$2,069,927	\$0
Bridgewater Tel (TDS)--Monticello	76.16	\$1,064,416	\$0
City of Buffalo—S. Buffalo	n/a	\$200,000	\$0

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City of Columbia Heights	n/a	\$105,129	\$0
City of Comfrey—Hometown Fiber	70.75	\$260,333	\$0
City of Duluth	n/a	\$3,000,000	\$0
City of South Haven—Hometown Fiber	n/a	\$134,886	\$0
Comcast--Corcoran	93.95	\$1,298,785	\$1,298,785
Comcast—Denmark	87.74	\$2,025,000	\$0
Comcast—Grant	85.78	\$1,515,120	\$0
Comcast--Rogers	88.61	\$643,056	\$643,056
Consolidated Communications—City of Amboy	n/a	\$219,861	\$0
Consolidated Communications—City of Vernon Center	n/a	\$139,302	\$0
Consolidated Tel. Co. (CTC) – Woods to Water	97.31	\$5,000,000	\$4,857,030
East Otter Tail Telco—Otter Tail County	98.07	\$1,140,705	\$1,140,705
East Central Energy (ECE) Isanti North	107.13	\$5,000,000	\$5,000,000
ECE Kanabec	107.17	\$5,000,000	\$4,403,000
ECE Pine N	105.67	\$4,800,000	\$0
ECE Pine S	106.83	\$5,000,000	\$4,750,000
Farmers--Chippewa	98.26	\$4,728,186	\$4,728,186
Federated Tel Co. --Kandiyohi	96.14	\$4,913,506	\$4,913,506
Frontier – Aitkin	n/a	\$2,244,482	\$0
Frontier – Brown and Cottonwood	n/a	\$664,247	\$0
Frontier – Carlton	n/a	\$2,122,655	\$0
Frontier – Chisago	n/a	\$1,578,756	\$0
Frontier – Chisago-Shafer	n/a	\$1,659,873	\$0
Frontier – Dakota	n/a	\$2,305,338	\$0
Frontier -- Goodhue	n/a	\$667,907	\$0
Frontier – Kandiyohi	85.45	\$1,541,837	\$0
Frontier – Martin	n/a	\$363,253	\$0
Frontier – Mille Lacs	88.95	\$770,061	\$0
Frontier – Mille Lacs Isle	n/a	\$925,650	\$0
Frontier – Murray	90.73	\$902,302	\$0
Frontier – Pine	n/a	\$2,600,164	\$0
Frontier -- Sherburne	n/a	\$1,225,643	\$0
Frontier – St. Louis	n/a	\$2,513,977	\$0
Frontier – Washington	n/a	\$2,283,154	\$0
Frontier – Watonwan	87.77	\$2,435,640	\$0
Frontier -- Wright	86.28	\$894,619	\$0
Garden Valley Tel. Co. –Warren-Oslo	99.63	\$1,462,569	\$1,462,569
Gardonville Coop. - Buckskin	92.38	\$1,159,030	\$0
Gardonville Coop. - Carlos	94.13	\$1,127,798	\$0
Gardonville Coop. - Nelson	91.13	\$1,212,338	\$1,212,338
Hanson Communications – Chippewa County	80.27	\$1,240,090	\$0

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Hanson Communications - Comfrey	83.83	\$426,051	\$0
Hanson Communications - Lambertson	83.61	\$923,918	\$923,918
Hanson Communications - Pope	94.23	\$4,248,796	\$4,248,796
Harmony Tel—North Preston	98.63	\$1,129,740	\$1,129,740
HomeTown Internet--Chisago	n/a	\$2,789,518	\$0
JTN -- Eureka Center	86.5	\$113,076	\$113,076
KMTelecom - Rock Dell Adjacent East	89	\$1,620,007	\$1,620,007
KMTelecom - Rock Dell Southeast	93.54	\$1,498,115	\$1,498,115
LTD—Mower County NE	78	\$735,669	\$0
LTD—SW Mower County	82.87	\$1,063,400	\$0
Mediacom – East Scanlon	99.83	\$801,834	\$801,834
Mediacom – Esko	90	\$4,904,645	\$4,400,732
Mediacom – Esquagama	94.59	\$821,758	\$821,758
Mediacom – Hibbing	86.35	\$2,141,135	\$2,141,135
Mediacom - Lake Mary	77.88	\$226,916	\$0
Mediacom – Schultz Lake	84.36	\$459,424	\$0
Mediacom – South Kasota	90.88	\$467,175	\$0
Mediacom – Swan Lake	90.25	\$99,156	\$99,156
Meeker Coop Light & Powe -Big Swan Lake	90.88	\$94,182	\$94,182
Meeker Coop Light & Power – Collinwood Lake	94.81	\$104,337	\$104,337
Meeker Coop Light & Power – Dunns & Richardson L	95	\$80,202	\$80,202
Meeker Coop Light & Power – Lake Erie	93.13	\$19,093	\$19,093
Meeker Coop Light & Power – Long Lake	93.75	\$29,702	\$29,702
Melrose Tel. Co. – Stearns County	110.06	\$4,973,939	\$4,974,570
Midco – Forest Lake	91.79	\$975,131	\$975,131
Midco - Isanti	93.41	\$1,647,321	\$1,647,321
Mid-State Tel. Co. -- Danube	72.67	\$2,396,091	\$0
Mid-State Tel. Co. – Kerkhoven	73.63	\$2,184,164	\$0
Mid-State Tel. Co. -- Sunburg	76.34	\$1,648,700	\$0
Mille Lacs Energy Coop (MLEC) - Phase 6	97.21	\$1,668,389	\$1,231,818
Nuvera – Belle Lake & Hutchinson	96.16	\$1,892,053	\$1,840,250
Nuvera – Brown County	94.09	\$3,839,000	\$3,839,000
Nuvera – Cedar Lake	95.79	\$2,436,427	\$2,436,427
Nuvera – Nicollet County	89.08	\$479,011	\$479,011
Nuvera - Searles	95.38	\$1,199,430	\$0
Otter Tail Tel. – S. Battle Lake	80.26	\$2,069,801	\$0
Otter Tail Tel. –North Fergus Falls	87.43	\$3,381,661	\$3,381,661
Paul Bunyan Communications –Northern MN GigaZone	99.04	\$3,597,840	\$3,052,120
Qwest/CenturyLink—City of Harris	83	\$465,814	\$465,814
Red River RTA--Breckenridge	99.81	\$2,157,663	\$2,157,663
Redwood County Tel.—Redwood County	104.64	\$1,336,037	\$1,336,037

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Runestone Tel. Assn. – Herman-Dumont	95.53	\$2,493,637	\$2,493,637
SCI – Central Pine	91	\$1,420,616	\$0
SCI—Grand Lake	87.03	\$738,306	\$562,098
SCI—N Mille Lacs	83.69	\$476,108	\$476,108
SE MN WiFi – Denmark to Paris	71.25	\$67,500	\$0
SE MN WiFi--Lillehei	68.42	\$421,500	\$0
Spectrum/Charter—Benton	78.68	\$139,078	\$0
Spectrum/Charter—Blue Earth	85.72	\$1,445,050	\$0
Spectrum/Charter—Carver	79.35	\$680,848	\$0
Spectrum/Charter—Cass	75.43	\$522,295	\$0
Spectrum/Charter—Dakota	87.68	\$98,750	\$98,750
Spectrum/Charter—Kandiyohi 1	75.6	\$1,056,490	\$0
Spectrum/Charter—Kandiyohi 2	76.9	\$1,537,442	\$0
Spectrum/Charter—Morrison	n/a	\$1,370,011	\$0
Spectrum/Charter—Mower	89.19	\$239,510	\$0
Spectrum/Charter—Nicollet	78.58	\$428,016	\$0
Spectrum/Charter—Otter Tail	77.2	\$1,831,507	\$0
Spectrum/Charter—Pope	n/a	\$249,902	\$0
Spectrum/Charter—St. Louis	85.97	\$2,251,318	\$0
Spectrum/Charter—Stearns	77.26	\$183,960	\$0
Spectrum/Charter—Steele	79.14	\$158,052	\$158,052
Spectrum/Charter—Wright 1	79.49	\$530,173	\$0
Spectrum/Charter—Wright 2	85.11	\$3,199,916	\$0
Spectrum/Charter—Wright 3	85.35	\$2,273,582	\$1,824,009
Spectrum/Charter—Wright 4	85.18	\$1,008,146	\$1,008,146
Starwire – Rock Creek	n/a	\$2,100,000	\$0
Tekstar--Nowthen	98.09	\$219,727	\$219,727
Tekstar—Sherburne Clear Lake	98.95	\$858,883	\$858,883
Tekstar—Sherburne Elk River	97.31	\$217,061	\$217,061
Treehouse Broadband—Eagles Nest	69.25	\$168,800	\$0
Tri-Co Technologies—Anchor Point	91.31	\$343,552	\$343,552
Wikstrom—NW MN	100.75	\$665,699	\$665,699
Woodstock Tel. Co. – Lake Sarah	94.59	\$1,333,199	\$1,333,199