
2023 Border-to-Border Program

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 FY22-23 appropriation for the Border-to-Border Grant Program.

Border-to-Border Application Evaluation

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 (Frontier-Chisago County, Frontier-Wright County City of Delano, Federated REA-Northrup, Meeker-Southside Twp, Spectrum-Charter Lyon, Spectrum-Charter Morrison, Spectrum-Charter Sherburne.). 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; there was insufficient funding available to award a project so the next smaller project(s) were funded; or a project area became ineligible by a broadband infrastructure award made in overlapping application areas by a federal agency. If our review of a project indicated it included substantially served areas, or substantial areas were credibly challenged, or if the project included areas on tribal lands without evidence of tribal support, the application was not scored and is marked as not applicable.

2023 (Round 8) Applications Received	Score	Amount Requested	Amount Received
AlbanyTel-Stearns2	53.45	\$4,750,000	\$0
Arvig-TekstarBattleLake	88.80	\$1,234,369	\$0
Arvig-TekstarCarlos	83.75	\$1,057,165	\$0
Arvig-TekstarDetroitLakes	83.78	\$948,133	\$0
Arvig-TekstarNaytahwaush	n/a	\$249,513	\$0
Arvig-TekstarSherburne	90.00	\$182,576	\$182,576
Arvig-TekstarWright	87.13	\$1,528,912	\$879,747
Arvig-TekstarYellowMedicine	76.45	\$535,654	\$0
Benton-BentonSouth	100.79	\$3,025,530	\$2,988,275
Bevcomm-Faribault&Waseca	93.08	\$4,999,999	\$0
Comcast-Xfinity-CityofNowthen	94.16	\$2,549,413	\$2,549,413
Comcast-Xfinity-WashingtonCounty	91.55	\$4,778,021	\$2,908,829
ECE-IsantiSouth	101.10	\$4,900,000	\$4,900,000
ECE-PineCentral	95.75	\$4,417,745	\$0

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ECTC-CrowWing-Cass	82.09	\$3,442,785	\$0
FederatedREA-Northrop	n/a	\$198,360	\$0
Frontier-Chisago	91.00	\$784,611	\$0
Frontier-DakotaCounty	81.34	\$394,129	\$0
Frontier-LeSueurCounty	81.73	\$364,000	\$0
Frontier-MartinCounty	81.33	\$238,000	\$0
Frontier-ScottCounty	76.19	\$245,000	\$0
Frontier-WrightCountyCityofClearwater	96.95	\$829,800	\$829,800
Frontier-WrightCountyCityofDelano	n/a	\$403,800	\$0
Gardonville-Buckskin	96.20	\$1,149,358	\$857,013
Gardonville-Carlos	96.40	\$671,409	\$665,950
Hanson-Comfrey	86.63	\$379,891	\$0
Harmonytel-NorthFountainFTTP	96.38	\$2,991,038	\$2,991,038
Harmonytel-RuralPrestonFTTP	91.25	\$1,044,436	\$1,044,436
KMTelcom-ByronSalem	89.82	\$1,931,046	\$1,931,046
Koochiching County	97.75	\$77,300	\$77,300
Meeker-FrenchTwp	94.01	\$1,270,132	\$1,270,132
Meeker-HarrisonTownship	94.20	\$539,746	\$533,959
Meeker-SouthsideTwp	n/a	\$716,652	\$0
Midco-MayTownship	100.62	\$1,580,300	\$1,580,300
Midco-RuralIndependence	96.26	\$1,519,500	\$1,519,500
Nuvera-HutchinsonS	86.98	\$1,277,614	\$0
Nuvera-SearlesFTTP	86.83	\$854,379	\$0
Nuvera-SleepyW	86.95	\$1,041,950	\$0
OtterTail-XBattleLake	90.01	\$2,331,792	\$2,331,792
Runestone-StearnsCountyW	103.10	\$4,800,000	\$4,800,000
SCI-AitkinCounty	89.20	\$794,822	\$794,822
SCI-CarltonCounty	87.07	\$1,271,835	\$1,271,835
SCI-FineLakesTwp	84.13	\$306,000	\$0
SCI-PineCounty	86.93	\$1,849,772	\$0
Spectrum-CharterBlueEarth	74.76	\$3,647,733	\$0
Spectrum-CharterCass	58.08	\$2,805,456	\$0
Spectrum-CharterCrowWing	60.31	\$2,103,819	\$0
Spectrum-CharterDakota	53.83	\$423,278	\$0
Spectrum-CharterDouglas	60.69	\$1,278,944	\$0
Spectrum-CharterKandiyohi1	76.54	\$3,304,818	\$0
Spectrum-CharterLyon	n/a	\$496,827	\$0
Spectrum-Charter-Morrison	n/a	\$2,024,666	\$0
Spectrum-CharterMower	78.60	\$460,256	\$0
Spectrum-CharterOlmsted	73.31	\$1,492,887	\$0

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Spectrum-CharterSherburne	n/a	\$1,199,744	\$0
Spectrum-CharterWright	81.93	\$3,376,882	\$0
TDS-ArvigTel	93.60	\$4,900,393	\$0
TDS-Mid-StateTelProject	86.83	\$4,829,228	\$0
Treehouse-MorseTwpWhitelron	56.90	\$41,000	\$0
WCTA-SWCassCounty	92.92	\$1,717,681	\$0