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# 2024 Border-to-Border Program Application Evaluation Report

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## Application Evaluation Report Background

Minnesota Statute § 116J.395, subdivision 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. For each application, the report must also include 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. This report covers the projects funded with the FY24-25 appropriation for the Border-to-Border Grant Program.

## Border-to-Border Application Evaluation

The table below provides the statutorily required information. Projects which were found to be credibly challenged and not funded included:

- Round 9: Arvig Hennepin County, ECE-Pine North, ECE-Pine Central, Meeker-Kandiyohi Township, Midco-Wright Sherburne, Spectrum Charter-Sherburne and Spectrum-Charter Wright County.
- Round 10: Arvig-Ottertail County Area, City of Buffalo-Critical Infrastructure, Comcast-Washington County, Consolidated Communications Enterprise Services-City of Amboy, Consolidated Telephone Company-RD 10 South St. Cloud, Mediacom-Vernon Center, Meeker Cooperative- Southside Township and Midco-Wright Sherburne.

Other factors that may have resulted in a higher scoring project not being funded include the requirement that the grants be awarded to all areas of the state, another project for the same or overlapping area was funded instead, there was insufficient funding available to award a project, or a project area became ineligible by a broadband infrastructure award made in overlapping application areas by a federal agency.

## 2024 (Round 9) Border-to-Border Applications Received

2024 (Round 9) Border-to-Border Applications Received	Score	Amount Requested	Amount Received
Acentek Rural Canton	92.035	\$3,027,000	\$0
AMTA - Stearns Phase 2	102.660	\$7,123,175	\$7,123,175
Arvig - Hennepin County	79.740	\$1,130,269	\$0
Arvig - Naytahwaush Area	79.987	\$326,111	\$326,111
Benton - Buckman TS	89.270	\$1,248,430	\$0
Benton - Estes Brook	85.187	\$158,835	\$0
Bevcomm (Easton) Rural MN Lake	111.805	\$435,838	\$435,838

<b>2024 (Round 9) Border-to-Border Applications Received</b>	<b>Score</b>	<b>Amount Requested</b>	<b>Amount Received</b>
CTC - RD9 Clinton Twp	100.800	\$2,910,074	\$2,292,790
ECE - Pine North	95.990	\$4,809,674	\$0
ECE Mille Lacs South	96.450	\$4,885,809	\$4,885,809
ECE- Pine Central	100.747	\$4,868,335	\$0
Federated Tel - W Kandiyohi	92.130	\$8,202,000	\$8,202,000
Gardonville - Douglas Cty	94.750	\$250,851	\$223,521
Hanson - Chippewa Cty W	96.880	\$2,083,521	\$2,081,494
Hanson - Comfrey FFTP	95.295	\$395,138	\$395,138
HBC - Dakota, Goodhue, Wabasha	91.337	\$501,355	\$0
JTN Eureka 2	59.750	\$252,741	\$0
KMTel Byron Rural North	85.220	\$423,714	\$0
Mediacom - Chub Lake	84.850	\$1,448,554	\$0
Mediacom - Esquagama Lake	66.855	\$961,102	\$961,102
Mediacom - Oakhill/Spring Valley	78.250	\$33,863	\$33,863
Mediacom - Ostrander	87.140	\$116,905	\$0
Meeker Fahlun	100.380	\$590,709	\$590,709
Meeker Genessee Twp	93.995	\$831,123	\$0
Meeker Kandiyohi Twp	98.060	\$801,389	\$0
Meeker Southside Twp	98.535	\$633,318	\$0
Midco North Central	85.973	\$871,500	\$801,700
Midco Wright Sherburne	95.680	\$1,938,375	\$0
MLEC - Cedar Lake	97.270	\$2,417,512	\$0
Red River - Rural Hawley	100.000	\$986,255	\$970,411
SCI - East Central MN	89.087	\$3,961,269	\$3,563,817
SCI - Industrial Township	82.260	\$1,130,670	\$0
Spectrum-Blue Earth County	93.390	\$3,576,829	\$0
Spectrum-Dakota County	83.500	\$256,969	\$0
Spectrum-Mower County	96.060	\$414,699	\$414,699
Spectrum-Sherburne County	94.543	\$1,523,883	\$0

<b>2024 (Round 9) Border-to-Border Applications Received</b>	<b>Score</b>	<b>Amount Requested</b>	<b>Amount Received</b>
Spectrum-Wright County	93.953	\$4,112,556	\$0

## 2024 (Round 10) Border-to-Border Applications Received

<b>2024 (Round 10) Border-to-Border Applications Received</b>	<b>Score</b>	<b>Amount Requested</b>	<b>Amount Received</b>
Ace Telephone Association-Rural Canton	99.050	\$2,567,200	\$2,567,200
Arvig-Mahnomen County Area	84.900	\$85,071	\$0
Arvig-Ottertail County Area	88.067	\$644,700	\$0
Arvig-Stearns County Grand Lake Area	85.633	\$400,557	\$0
Arvig-Stearns County Wakefield & Luxemburg Area	88.900	\$708,790	\$708,790
Benton Cooperative Telephone Company-Buckman Township	100.833	\$1,248,430	\$1,248,430
Blue Earth Valley Telephone Company-Faribault County Fiber Expansion Project - Final Phase	111.600	\$1,779,163	\$1,779,163
City of Buffalo-Critical Infrastructure FTTP	95.350	\$570,757	\$0
Comcast-Washington County, MN	75.850	\$3,089,462	\$0
Consolidated Communications Enterprise Services, Inc-FTTP City of Amboy	81.750	\$296,812	\$0
Consolidated Communications Enterprise Services, Inc-FTTP City of Vernon Center	82.125	\$188,058	\$0
Consolidated Telephone Company-CTC Round 10 Wrenshall Community Broadband Project	93.100	\$2,127,530	\$2,127,530
Consolidated Telephone Company-Round 10 South St. Cloud	93.733	\$1,716,821	\$0
East Central Energy-Mille Lacs Central	104.433	\$3,267,902	\$3,267,902
East Central Energy-Mille Lacs North	104.267	\$3,604,567	\$3,604,567
East Central Energy-Pine West	104.500	\$4,869,489	\$0
Kasson & Mantorville Telephone Company-Rural North Byron	89.200	\$515,564	\$515,564
Lismore Cooperative Telephone Co-City of Bigelow FTTP	103.500	\$208,598	\$208,598
Mediacom LLC-Chub Lake	93.000	\$306,357	\$0
Mediacom LLC-Lakewood Normanna	90.500	\$145,000	\$145,000
Mediacom LLC-Lakewood South	88.000	\$232,800	\$232,800
Mediacom LLC-Mahtowa	80.000	\$188,145	\$0
Mediacom LLC-Ostrander	91.250	\$77,664	\$0
Mediacom LLC-Ottawa	84.750	\$49,739	\$0
Mediacom LLC-Sturgeon Lake EXT	76.667	\$146,601	\$0
Mediacom LLC-Vernon Center	90.250	\$1,712,100	\$0

<b>2024 (Round 10) Border-to-Border Applications Received</b>	<b>Score</b>	<b>Amount Requested</b>	<b>Amount Received</b>
Mediacom LLC-Wrenshall	91.500	\$229,224	\$0
Meeker Cooperative Light & Power Association-58 - Kandiyohi Township	99.850	\$744,965	\$744,965
Meeker Cooperative Light & Power Association- Cokato Township	96.767	\$945,133	\$945,133
Meeker Cooperative Light & Power Association- Genessee Township	100.767	\$662,430	\$662,430
Meeker Cooperative Light & Power Association- Paynesville Township	99.933	\$542,077	\$542,077
Meeker Cooperative Light & Power Association- Southside Township	97.833	\$596,164	\$0
Midco-Midco Scandia	83.150	\$689,700	\$689,700
Midco-Midco Wright Sherburne	90.800	\$2,955,500	\$0
MiEnergy Cooperative-South West Fremont	97.000	\$3,164,721	\$3,164,721
Mille Lacs Energy Cooperative-MLEC Fiber - Cedar Lake	101.500	\$1,808,768	\$1,808,768
Qwest Corporation-Virginia	84.150	\$325,000	\$0
Savage Communications Inc-Onamia Township Broadband Project	88.500	\$510,688	\$0
Savage Communications Inc-SCI - Industrial Township Broadband Project	81.500	\$1,130,996	\$0
Savage Communications Inc-SCI - Pine County Rd 10 Broadband Project	89.300	\$1,519,540	\$0