

State of Minnesota **Performance Report**

Capital Projects Fund 2025 Report

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Overview Program Information

Of the **\$180,702,620** in Capital Projects Fund (CPF) allocated to Minnesota, the **Office of Broadband Development (OBD)** was allocated **\$130,702,981** and the **Minnesota Department of Education (MDE)** was allocated **\$49,999,639**. MDE's Multi-Purpose Community Facilities grant (CPF_GP-000307) program is pending awards at the time of this report.

The OBD has used CPF funds in the Border-to-Border Broadband Development Grant Program (B2B), Lower Population Density (LD) Program, and Broadband Line Extension (LE) Connection Program (See [Appendix A](#) for maps of project award areas and [Appendix B](#) for program summaries). Currently, the status on the program project costs are as follows:

- **Border-To-Border Broadband Development Grant Program** (CPF-GP-000062), 1/28/22-12/31/26
 - **\$81,393,964** allocated (after budget modification)
 - Status: **\$81,393,964 awarded via 37 grants**
- **B2B Lower Population Density Pilot Program** (CPF-GP-000267), 11/1/22-12/31/26
 - **\$29,961,246** allocated (after budget modification)
 - Status: **\$29,961,246 awarded via 9 grants**
- **Line Extension Connection Program** (CPF-GP-000189), 11/1/22-12/31/26
 - **\$15,462,681** allocated (after budget modification)
 - Status: **\$15,223,994.96 awarded via 48 grants**
 - \$202,686.04 CPF to be awarded



Projects are being completed! Collaboration between OBD and closed out Round 7 project with Wikstrom Telephone Company has seen 150 new passings with customers now able to utilize a new gigabit capable fiber network and run their business more efficiently and effectively.

Executive Summary

This report details the State of Minnesota's use of its American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) Capital Projects Fund (CPF) allocation. The State's goal with the CPF investment is to **expand broadband infrastructure to unserved and underserved communities through three broadband infrastructure grant programs and one community facilities grant program**. The Minnesota Office of Broadband Development (OBD) administers the broadband infrastructure programs, and the Minnesota Department of Education (MDE) administers the Community Facilities program.

Funding Summary	CPF Dollars Managed	Programs	Outcomes
MN OBD	\$126,781,981 Projects <u>\$ 3,921,090 Admin</u> \$ 130,702,981 Total	Border to Border (B2B), Low Population Density (LD), and Line Extension (LE)	94 Total awarded projects 31,732 Total passings (planned and built)
MN MDE	\$47,499,639 Projects <u>\$ 2,500,000 Admin</u> \$ 49,999,639 Total	Minnesota Multi-Purpose Community Facility Projects Grant	48 fully executed grants; no project costs expended yet; still in negotiations with remaining 56 pre-selected grantees
Total Funding	\$180,702,620		

OBD Activities

Objectives Stated in the Program Plan Narrative

1. Minnesota Broadband Goal – Universal Access and High Speed

It is a state goal that no later than 2022, all Minnesota businesses and homes have access to high-speed broadband that provides minimum download speeds of at least 25 megabits per second and minimum upload speeds of at least three megabits per second; and no later than 2026, all Minnesota businesses and homes have access to at least one provider of broadband with download speeds of at least 100 megabits per second and upload speeds of at least 20 megabits per second.

2. Minnesota Broadband Goal – State Broadband Leadership Position

It is a goal of the state that by 2022 and thereafter, the state be in: the top five states of the United States for broadband speed universally accessible to residents and businesses; the top five states for broadband access; and the top 15 when compared to countries globally for broadband penetration.

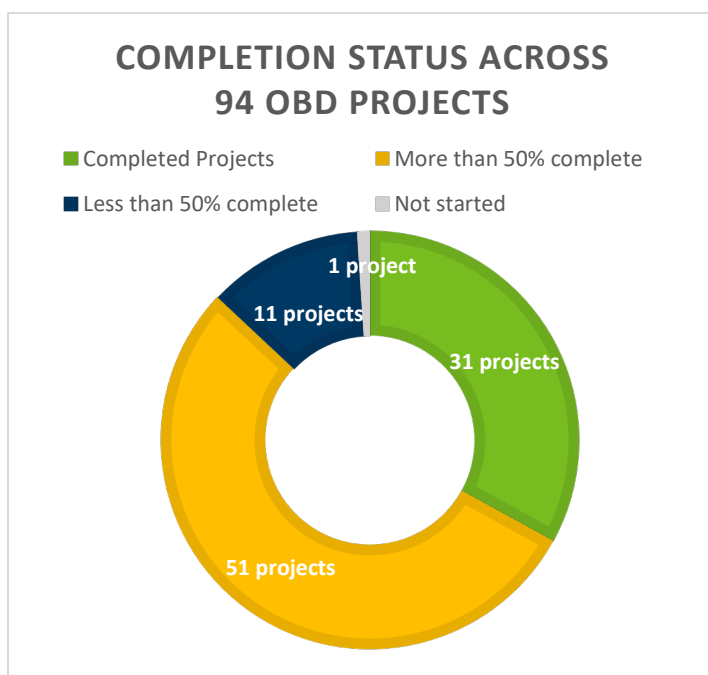
In the 2025 *US News & World Report* MN Ranked #24 in Internet Access, #21 in Broadband Subscription Rate, #31 in Access to Gigabit Internet. Source: [Rankings: Internet Access - Best States \(usnews.com\)](#).

Key Outcomes and Opportunities

Broadband projects that have been administered utilizing CPF dollars are expected to reach a total of 31,732 passings across the state.

In the dates covered by this report, OBD has processed reimbursements and administered project costs of \$29,020,361.20 in grants through B2B, \$19,055,545.37 in grants through LD, and \$3,244,240.68 through LE.

OBD rolled out the third round of Line Extension, which awarded \$7,554,872.31 to 16 providers and will serve 1,087 previously unserved locations in Minnesota. OBD plans to use funds from earlier rounds of B2B, LD, and LE projects, that completed under budget to re-roll out a fourth round of Line Extension Fall 2025. See [Budget Modification](#) for details.



Key outcomes across the state with broadband projects include:

- Most recent mapping data from December 2024 (Minnesota's [State Program Dashboard](#)) shows the state of Minnesota is overall, 90.32% served (with speeds of at least 100 by 20 Mbps), 7.33% unserved, and 2.36% underserved for wireline service.
- Local partners matched in funding CPF Line Extension Rounds 1 through 3 a total of \$5,069,552.87
- Combined total local matching funds for *all* CPF projects is projected around \$151 million

MDE Activities

The CPF for Multi-Purpose Community Facilities was directed by the state legislature to support coordinated efforts that center communities and respond to family needs across Minnesota. This targeted investment is focused on communities facing critical challenges that were intensified by the COVID-19 public health emergency.

RFP & Grant Review Process Timeline

- Date posted: November 21, 2024
- Duration of posting: 6 weeks
- Information Session: December 4, 2024, at 1 p.m., Central Time
- Q&A period closed: December 12, 2024
- Q&A document posted: December 18, 2024
- Completed applications due: January 3, 2025, by 5 p.m., Central Time

Results

MDE contracted with the Minnesota Initiative Foundations (MIF) and the Greater Twin Cities United Way (GTCUW) to promote the grant opportunity in their regions and recruit reviewers for the review process. MDE received a total of 179 applications requesting an approximate total of \$85 million.

Grant Review Process

To prioritize funding of facilities that will serve historically and persistently disinvested communities, up to 30 priority points were available to each applicant entity based on the Child Opportunity Index for the ZIP code of the proposed project. These targeted demographic points were awarded by MDE, using the [Diversity Data Kids](#) data system to determine the Child Opportunity Index level for Health and Environment, Social and Economic and Education domains, for each project site: Each domain that scores high to very high was awarded two (2) priority points; Each domain that scores moderate was awarded five (5) priority points; and Each domain that scores low to very low was awarded ten (10) priority points.

MDE contracted with approximately 80 reviewers. Per standard grant review processes, each application was reviewed and scored by two different reviewers. We took the average of these scores and added it priority points to get each applicant's final composite score. If both reviewers recommended the application for funding, we marked them as *fully recommended*. If one reviewer said yes and the other said no, we marked them as *partially recommended*.

Uses of Funds

OBD Programs

The following table captures the expenditures for the reporting period. CPF dollars have been spent on administrative costs, which include contracting with grantees, compiling progress reports, monitoring site visits, compiling progress reports, federal reporting and on-site field validations, as well as infrastructure project costs. Of the total CPF dollars allocated to the state in the amount of \$180,702,620.00, OBD has reported total expenditures through FY 2025 of \$69,475,144.63 or about 38% of state funds.

FY25 Minnesota Office of Broadband Development CPF funding

FY25	Administrative Costs	Sub-grantee Projects	Quarterly Total
Quarter 1 7/1/24-9/30/24	\$341,983.26	\$14,145,325.88	\$14,487,309.14
Quarter 2 10/1/24-12/31/24	\$631,460.15	\$16,098,139.90	\$16,729,600.05
Quarter 3 & 4 1/1/25-6/30/25	\$188,397.18	\$21,076,681.47	\$21,275,078.65
FY 2025 7/1/24-6/30/25	\$1,161,840.59	\$51,320,147.25	\$52,481,987.84

Budget Modification

OBD requested and gained approval of a net zero budget modification, increasing the LD and LE budgets, and decreasing the B2B budget to cover the following cumulative budget changes of \$1,287,927.00.

CPF	Original Budget	Budget Change	Budget After Modification
Border to Border (B2B)	\$82,681,891.00	- \$1,287,927.00 (\$426,681.00 + \$861,246.00)	\$81,393,964.00
Low Population Density (LD)	\$29,100,000.00	+ \$861,246.00	\$29,961,246.00
Line Extension (LE)	\$15,000,000.00	+ \$426,681.00	\$15,426,681.00
Total	\$126,781,891.00	\$0.00 (Net Zero Change)	\$126,781,891.00

The budget modifications were completed to align grant balances with legislative directive and to adjust project funding from the original budget. The modification reflected the opportunity OBD saw in the higher demand for LD and LE, via interest and higher applications, from unserved Minnesotan residents and businesses.

As B2B, LD and LE grants close with unspent funds, OBD plans to regrant out LE funding and will complete budget modifications for any B2B and LD with remaining balances, moving the funding over to the LE program. OBD plans to open a Round 4 LE in the fall of 2025 to utilize these funds prior to 12/31/2026 use of funds deadline.

Border-to-Border Broadband Development Grant Program (B2B) and Lower Population Density Pilot (LD) Program

The [Border-to-Border Broadband Development Grant Program](#) was created in [Minn. Stat. 116J.395](#) in 2014. The legislative focus of this grant program is to provide financial resources that help make the business case for new and existing providers to invest in building broadband infrastructure into unserved and underserved areas of the state. The Border-to-Border Broadband Grant Program has been funded with state general fund revenues and a combination of both state general fund revenues and federal American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) Sec. 604 Capital Projects Funds (CPF).

Round	Contracts Executed	Grants Closed	More Than 50% Complete	Grants with Extensions
Round 7, B2B	32	7	21**	4*
Round 8, B2B and LD	14	3	11	0

*Projects given extensions are Harmony Tel, Consolidated Tel, Arvig, and Nuvera.

**Projects are over 50% complete and pending closed.

Round 7 B2B: Among the active projects: 2 grants are 65%-75% complete, 19 grants are 80% to 99% complete and 4 grants are 100% complete. There are 19 field validations that will occur by fall 2025. Reimbursements to grantees for FY25 were \$29,020,361.20, bringing the reimbursement total to 43.4% of the total \$66,901,598.00 obligated funds.

Round 8, B2B and LD: Among the active B2B projects: one grant is 1% complete, one grant is 70% complete, and one grant is 83% complete. Of the active LD grants, one grant is at 25% complete, one grant is 60% complete, 3 grants are 75-83% complete, and 2 grants are at 90% complete. Many of these will be ready for field validations in the fall 2025. Reimbursements to grantees for FY25 were \$19,055,545.37, bringing the reimbursement total to around 42.9% of the total \$44,453,612.00 obligated funds.



Inside photo of French Lake Auto Parts, a business in Annandale, MN that needed high-speed internet for operations like online sales and web-based portals. This business location was part of the Meeker Cooperative Light & Power's B2B's Round 8 project that was completed.



Benton Cooperative Telephone Company constructed the above fiber hut to service their B2B Round 8 grant project. The Benton Cooperative project is anticipated to be closed by the end of 2025 and will serve 836 households, businesses, farms, and community institutions. The above fiber hut was completely refurbished by Benton Cooperative staff after previously serving as a cellular communications hut.

Broadband Line Extension (LE) Connection Program

In the 2022 Legislative Session, the Minnesota OBD was directed to create a new program, the [Broadband Line Extension Connection Program](#). The purpose of the program is to award grants for the extension of existing broadband infrastructure to unserved locations. An unserved location is a location that does not have a wired broadband service of at least 25Mbps download and 3 Mbps upload. See [Appendix B](#) for the summary table of LE projects and below for a status summary.

Round	Contracts Executed	Grants Closed	More Than 50% Complete	Grants with Extensions
Round 1 LE	19	17	2**	0
Round 2 LE	13	5	8**	0
Round 3 LE	16	0	9	0

***Projects are pending close.*

Round 1 (LE): Construction is complete for all 19 projects. Completion was due by December of 2024. As of 6/30/2025, 17 grants are closed, and 2 grants are pending close. Reimbursements to grantees for FY25 were \$2,282,165.48; bringing the reimbursement total to 70.5% of the total \$3,238,849.14 obligated funds.

Round 2 (LE): Construction is completed on all 13 projects. Completion was due by June of 2025. As of 6/30/2025, 5 grants are closed, and 8 grants are pending close. Reimbursements to grantees for FY25 were \$962,075.20; bringing the reimbursement total to 21.7% of the total \$4,430,273.51 obligated funds.

Round 3 (LE): Construction for all 16 projects is to be completed by December 2025; As of 6/30/2025, 7 grants are under 50% completed and 9 are over 50% completed, with 4 of those grants pending close. No reimbursements have been made to these grantees as of 6/30/2025.

MDE Programs

FY25 Minnesota Department of Education CPF funding

To date, the MDE has drawn down a total of \$164,521.50 in Capital Projects Funds. This amount is expected to increase in the upcoming fiscal year as additional grants are awarded and project activities ramp up.

FY25		Administrative Costs
Quarter 1	7/1/24-9/30/24	\$4,666.23
Quarter 2	10/1/24-12/31/24	\$21,775.23
Quarter 3	1/1/25-3/31/25	\$49,847.17
Quarter 4	4/1/25-6/30/25	\$76,660.26
FY 2025	7/1/24-6/30/25	\$152,948.89

Through CPF grant awards to trusted community-based organizations, this funding will help create safe, welcoming, and accessible community hubs. These spaces are designed to serve as central points where youth, families, and residents can access integrated supports for education, employment, and health. The overarching goal is to promote family economic stability, whole-person well-being, educational

opportunity, and stronger community connections – advancing outcomes that align with legislative priorities and long-term recovery goals

In Minnesota, CPF resources will be specifically dedicated to the development and expansion of family and community resource centers, consistent with the federal definition. According to the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, *“Family resource centers are community-based or school-based, flexible, family-focused, and culturally sensitive hubs of support and resources that provide programs and targeted services based on the needs and interests of families. Family resource centers, sometimes called family support centers, family centers, parent-child resource centers, libraries, or parent education centers, serve diverse populations and are located in a variety of community settings, including school buildings, hospitals, housing projects, restored buildings, and new structures.”* By aligning CPF investments with this established model, MDE aims to ensure funded projects meet community members where they are, in trusted and accessible environments, and are responsive to local needs.

MDE Grantees by Region

7 Regions	Applications Received	Total Funds Available*	Grantees
Metro	60	\$23,750,000	50
Central	30	\$6,774,023	15
Northeast	18	\$3,174,316	8
Northwest	12	\$2,471,858	6
Southern	27	\$6,170,716	14
Southwest	17	\$2,829,711	6
West Central	15	\$2,329,375	5
Total	179	\$47,499,999	104

**5% of the \$50 Million was allocated to admin costs, leaving approximately \$47.5 Million to award on a one-time basis. This amount was divided evenly between two primary regions: the Metro Area and Greater Minnesota, accounted for by the six MIF regions.*

Approximately \$23,750,000 was available for the Seven-County Metro Area (Anoka, Carver, Dakota, Hennepin, Ramsey, Scott, and Washington counties). Additionally, approximately \$23,750,000 was available for Greater Minnesota regions, distributed as follows:

- \$6,774,023 to Central Minnesota/Initiative Foundation (Benton, Cass, Chisago, Crow Wing, Isanti, Kanabec, Lake, Lacs, Morrison, Pine, Sherburne, Stearns, Todd, Wadena, and Wright counties).
- \$3,174,316 to Northeast Minnesota/Northland (Aitkin, Carlton, Cook, Itasca, Koochiching, Lake, and St. Louis counties).
- \$2,471,858 to Northwest Minnesota (Beltrami, Clearwater, Hubbard, Kittson, Lake of the Woods, Mahnomen, Marshall, Norman, Pennington, Polk, Red Lake, and Roseau counties).
- \$6,170,716 to Southern Minnesota (Blue Earth, Brown, Dodge, Faribault, Fillmore, Freeborn, Goodhue, Houston, Le Sueur, Martin, Mower, Nicollet, Olmsted, Rice, Sibley, Steele, Wabasha, Waseca, Watonwan, and Winona counties).
- \$2,829,711 to Southwest Minnesota (Big Stone, Chippewa, Cottonwood, Jackson, Kandiyohi, Lac qui Parle, Lincoln, Lyon, McLeod, Meeker, Murray, Nobles, Pipestone, Redwood, Renville, Rock, Swift, and Yellow Medicine counties).
- \$2,329,375 to West Central Minnesota (Becker, Clay, Douglas, Grant, Otter Tail, Pope, Stevens, Traverse, and Wilkin counties).

Types of Projects Funded

- Tribal Organizations
- Public Libraries
- Charter Schools
- Recreation Centers
- YMCAs
- School Districts
- Community-based Health Clinics
- City Municipalities
- Sports Associations
- Community Centers
- Emergency Food Shelves
- Community-based Orgs. / Non-profits

Plan for Oversight and Compliance Monitoring

MDE anticipates awarding grants to approximately 104 grantees under the Capital Projects Fund program. Given the size and complexity of the program, a dedicated team of five full-time employees (FTEs) will be responsible for monitoring grantee activities through December 31, 2026. This team includes three Capital Projects Fund Program Specialists – Authorized Representatives (ARs) – within the Division of Public Engagement, and two Grants Specialists within the Grants Unit of the Agency Finance Division. ARs will work closely with grantees to monitor project progress, provide technical assistance as needed, review and approve quarterly Financial Reporting Forms (FRFs), and participate in regular check-in meetings with the U.S. Department of the Treasury. The Grants Specialists will manage the processing of reimbursement requests and ensure compliance with all applicable federal fiscal and programmatic grant requirements.

Together, these staff will coordinate efforts to make funding adjustments, when necessary, respond to findings and investigations, address issues of noncompliance, and deliver technical assistance and training to grantees throughout the life of the grant program.

Notable Challenges & Outcomes

Administrative Challenges

OBD: On-going efforts to improve the accuracy of state and federal broadband data can lead to the need for revisions in the projected number of broadband serviceable locations (BSLs) in a project area at the time of application and the number of BSLs built-to at the time of project completion. Reviewing these changes to ensure the accuracy of submitted data can be burdensome and time-consuming for staff.

Challenges for Subgrantees

OBD:

- Take-rates amongst customers
- Contractor, labor, materials, and supplies shortages or delays
- Weather (rain and flooding) causing delays for construction and project timelines
- Railroad permitting process, often time-consuming and expensive
- Underground utility locates
- Permitting delays with permits being delayed or difficult to acquire. **OBD continued response to permitting challenges:** Building on success from coordinating with other state agencies in the previous year (Minnesota Department of Transportation, State Historic Preservation Office, Minnesota Indian Affairs Council, Minnesota Historical Society, the Office of the State Archaeologist, Minnesota Department of Labor, and Department of Natural Resources), OBD also hired a Land Use/Permitting Coordinator to build and streamline processes for subgrantees and enhance coordination with other state agencies.

MDE: The grant risk assessment process has proven to be complex, as several grantees have struggled to demonstrate adequate financial viability. To date, MDE has rescinded five grant awards, with additional rescissions anticipated. These decisions are based on concerns about the grantees' financial capacity to deliver services and sustain operations throughout the five-year program monitoring period. MDE continues to follow internal procedures and exercise due diligence by closely reviewing risk assessment results and actively working with grantees to identify and mitigate potential risks.

Addressing Critical Needs

Objectives

It has been well established that there exists a critical need for access to high-quality internet necessary for full participation in school, healthcare, employment, social services, government programs, and civic life. As a general guide, many of the communities who are benefiting from the capital funding are considered rural communities and, after over 10 years of funding broadband infrastructure, are in areas most difficult to build a business case to serve. [USDA definition of rural areas as population of 2500 inhabitants ([USDA ERS - What is Rural?](#))].

Awareness

CPF funded Projects are geographically disbursed (See maps in [Appendix A](#)). Due to the remote nature of many of these households, businesses, farms, and anchor institutions these areas typically do not get the same level of broadband infrastructure expansion as would urban centers due to the high cost to deploy. Broadband service providers tend to overlook investments into these areas and need the grant program to make the business case to invest in this critical infrastructure.

The programs funded by CPF grants including the Low-Density (LD) and Line Extension (LE) programs are designed to help an internet service provider (ISP) to make the business case to serve hard to reach and sparsely populated areas of the state. Line Extension also enables a resident to register for the program as an individual location and document their critical need in an appeal to gain service.

Outcomes

For the OBD, in addition to the need for high-speed internet for education, healthcare, employment, social services, government programs, many locations are agricultural producers who use precision agriculture technologies and will benefit from connectivity with reduced production costs and greater output. The CPF funding for these targeted grants is enabling 2,268 locations to be served with Line



Gordonville Cooperative Telephone's Round 7 Nelson project closed out and connected 303 passings. This project impacted a variety of businesses such as a local turkey farm, construction company, and connected folks who worked from home.

Extension so far and will extend broadband services to another 2,672 of some of the lowest density households in the state through the Low-Density program.

For MDE, each MIF region received a baseline amount of \$2 Million, in addition to funding that was proportionally distributed based on the weighted average of each region's social vulnerability index (SVI), population, and municipality data. Applicants were asked to select in the Application Coversheet if their organization was in the Metro Area or in Greater Minnesota and which one of the six regions they were in. The minimum grant award amount was approximately \$200,000 and maximum grant award amount was approximately \$500,000 for each qualifying applicant, with approximately \$23,750,000 going to 54 grantees in Greater Minnesota.

Labor

The grant recipients are generally well-established broadband providers in Minnesota and have been constructing broadband networks for many years, including with prior Border-to-Border grant funding. OBD is monitoring whether grantees are encountering any labor supply issues and the circumstances when they report them.

In accordance with federal CPF compliance requirements, projects receiving \$5 million or more in CPF funding require Grantees and Grantee's contractors, subgrantees and subrecipients to provide a certification that, for the relevant project, all laborers and mechanics employed by contractors and subcontractors in the performance of such project are paid wages at rates not less than those prevailing, as determined by the U.S. Secretary of Labor in accordance with subchapter IV of chapter 31 of title 40, United States Code (commonly known as the "Davis-Bacon Act"), for the corresponding classes of laborers and mechanics employed on projects of a character similar to the contract work in the civil subdivision of the State (or the District of Columbia) in which the work is to be performed, or by the appropriate State entity pursuant to a corollary State prevailing-wage-in-construction law (commonly known as "baby Davis-Bacon Acts").

If such certification is not provided, a Grantee and Grantee's contractors, subgrantees and subrecipients must provide a project employment and local impact report detailing: The number of employees of contractors and sub-contractors working on the project; the number of employees on the project hired directly and hired through a third party; the wages and benefits of workers on the project by classification; and whether those wages are at rates less than those prevailing. (As determined by US Secretary of Labor in accordance with subchapter IV of chapter 31 of Title 40, United States Code ("Davis-Bacon Act").

Community Engagement



Garden Valley Technologies (GVT) and OBD staff at a Line Extension Round 2 site visit. The GVT project has been built, includes 17 locations and the grant is in the process of being closed out. The project has involved collaboration with the White Earth Nation ensuring Tribal-specific permitting requirements were met for the project locations on Tribal land.

From the inception of the application process, OBD stressed the importance of community support being demonstrated as a part of the project application. This ensured providers and community partners continue to have mutually beneficial relationships long after the tax dollars have been expended, equally ensuring public investments yielded the maximum impact.

At the time of writing of this report, all the infrastructure program funds for B2B and LD programs have been awarded and contracted. When the Round 3 Line Extension program application window closed the ask was more than twice the funding available and the need was apparent. Accordingly, our community engagement focus has shifted to visiting projects and helping address questions or concerns from the public about allowing construction on their properties and the needed activities to inform the public and internet providers about the upcoming Round 4 of Line Extension expected Fall 2025.

On-going project engagement included:

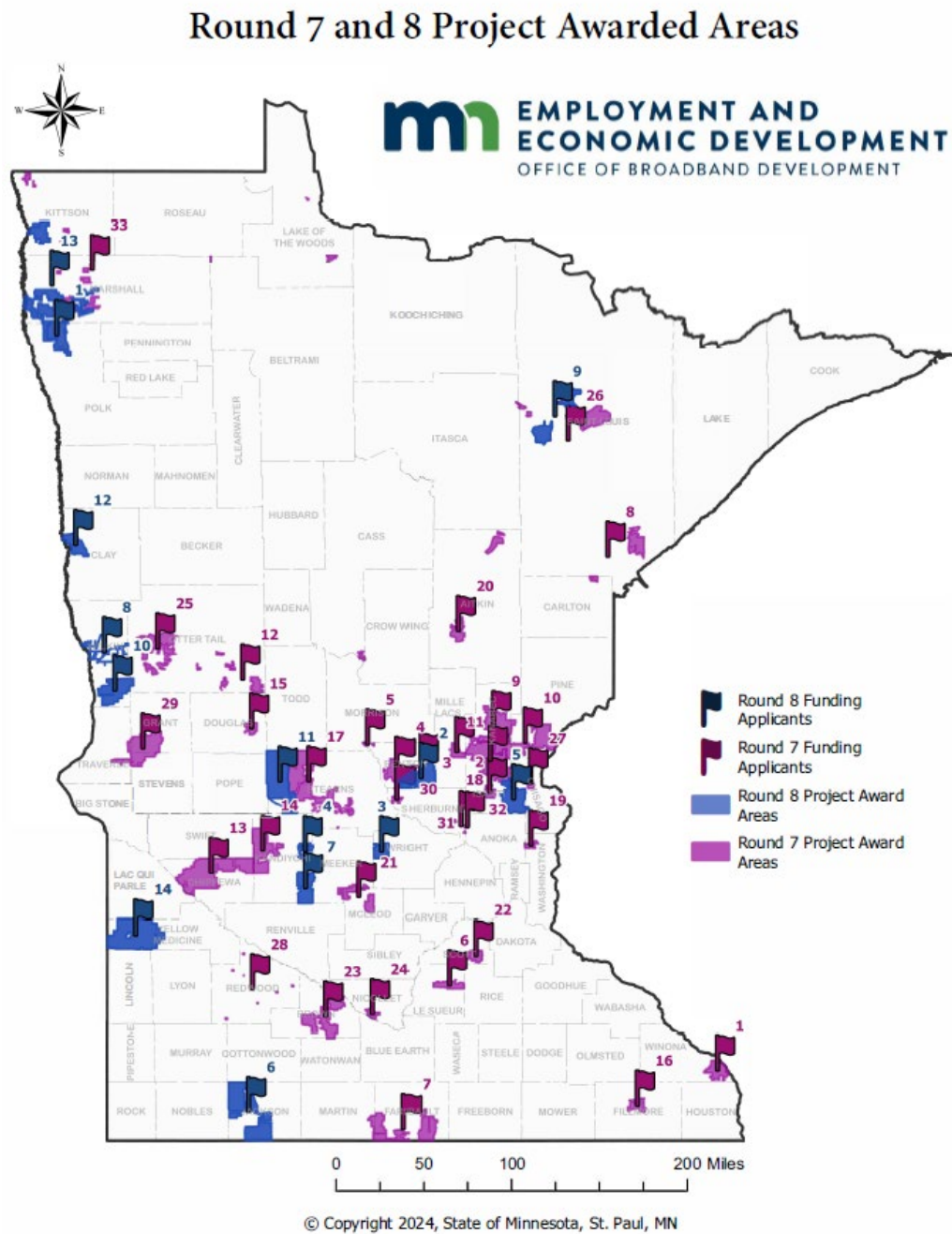
- Since July 2024 OBD has taken 89 calls on LE and since January 2025 assisted 37 residents in signing up for the program
- Sent out email blasts in June 2025 to the broadband listserv containing LE opportunities and updates, reaching over 10,280 subscribers
- Attended groundbreaking events and community events; performed site monitoring visits where OBD drive the route and may visit with residents and businesses along the way; and performed field validation visits where, upon invitation, OBD may meet with a customer who has volunteered to have a speed test conducted at their home or businesses.

As OBD continues to close out projects in the coming year data has come in on take-rates for broadband projects. For FY25, projects closed reported on average 64% of eligible locations subscribed to service.

As MDE moves forward with contracting, the resource centers will serve as vital infrastructure for strengthening families, promoting well-being, and connecting Minnesotans to essential opportunities in education, employment, and health.

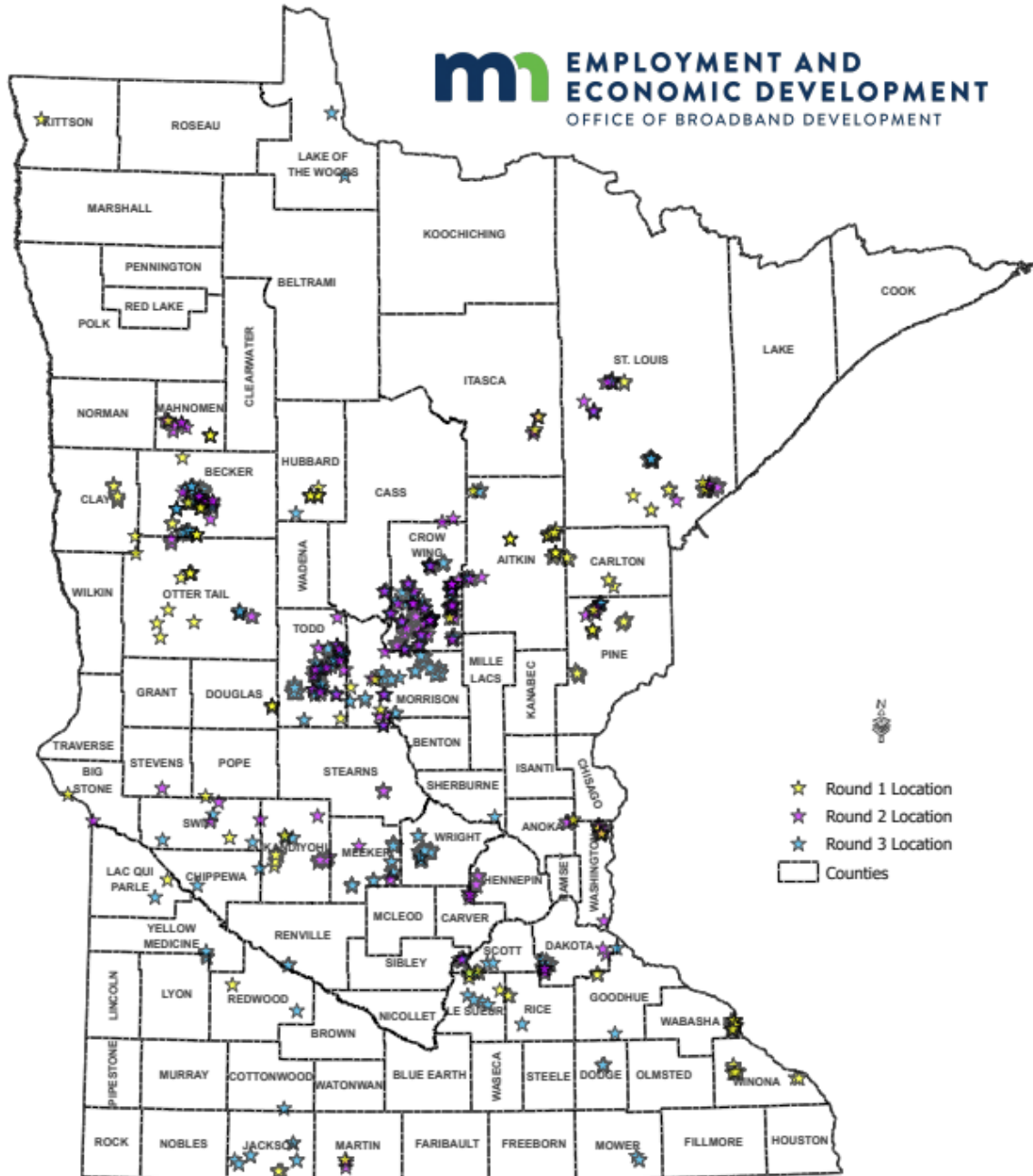
Appendix A: CPF Grant Project Maps

Round 7 and 8 Project Awarded Areas



LINE EXTENSION CONNECTION PROGRAM

AWARDED LOCATIONS (ROUNDS 1-3)



Appendix B: CPF Grant Project Awards Summary by Year

Updated 2022 CPF Grant Projects Awarded*

<u>Grantee</u>	<u>Project Name</u>	<u>Locations Served</u>	<u>Project #</u>	<u>Grant Award Amount</u>
Ace Telephone Association (AcenTek)	Rural Dakota Exchange FTTP Project	608	BCPF-22-0001-K-FY23	\$3,218,201
Benton Cooperative Telephone Company	Borgholm Township Project	440	BCPF-22-0002-K-FY23	\$1,118,289
Benton Cooperative Telephone Company	Golden Spike - Mayhew Lake	395	BCPF-22-0003-K-FY23	\$1,264,602
Benton Cooperative Telephone Company	Northwestern Benton County Project	21	BCPF-22-0004-K-FY23	\$77,726
Benton Cooperative Telephone Company	Ronneby (Oak Park) Project	67	BCPF-22-0005-K-FY23	\$170,623
Bevcomm, Inc. dba Bevcomm	Rural Le Sueur County Broadband Project - Ph 2	222	BCPF-22-0006-K-FY23	\$941,576
Blue Earth Valley Tel. Co. and Cannon Valley Telecom, Inc, dba Bevcomm	Rural Faribault and Martin Counties Fiber Expansion Project - Phase Three	373	BCPF-22-0007-K-FY23	\$1,444,030
Consolidated Telephone Company	CTC Woods to Waters Broadband Initiative	1,804	BCPF-22-0008-K-FY23	\$4,857,030
East Central Energy	Isanti North	2,486	BCPF-22-0009-K-FY23	\$4,982,371
East Central Energy	Kanabec Central	2,563	BCPF-22-0010-K-FY23	\$4,403,000
East Central Energy	Pine South	2,535	BCPF-22-0011-K-FY23	\$4,750,000
East Otter Tail Telephone Co. dba Arvig	Otter Tail County Area Fiber Build	271*	BCPF-22-0012-K-FY23	\$564,227*
Farmers Mutual Telephone Company	Chippewa County Rural FTTP Project	636	BCPF-22-0013-K-FY23	\$4,728,186
Federated Telephone Cooperative	Kandiyohi County West FTTP Project	645	BCPF-22-0014-K-FY23	\$4,913,506
Gardonville Coop. Telephone Association	Nelson	300	BCPF-22-0015-K-FY23	\$1,212,338
Harmony Telephone Company	North Preston Rural FTTP	112	BCPF-22-0016-K-FY23	\$1,129,740
Melrose Telephone Co. dba Arvig	Stearns County Area Fiber Build	2,149	BCPF-22-0017-K-FY23	\$4,974,570
Midcontinent Communications	Midco Forest Lake	323	BCPF-22-0018-K-FY23	\$975,131
Midcontinent Communications	Midco Isanti County	562	BCPF-22-0019-K-FY23	\$1,647,321
Mille Lacs Energy Cooperative	Phase 6 MLEC Fiber to the Home	250	BCPF-22-0020-K-FY23	\$1,231,818
Nuvera Communications, Inc.	Belle Lake and Hutchinson East FTTP	454	BCPF-22-0021-K-FY23	\$1,840,250
Nuvera Communications, Inc.	Brown County FTTP	678	BCPF-22-0022-K-FY23	\$3,839,000
Nuvera Communications, Inc.	Cedar Lake Township FTTP	572	BCPF-22-0023-K-FY23	\$2,436,427
Nuvera Communications, Inc.	Nicollet County RTF DTF FTTP	91	BCPF-22-0024-K-FY23	\$479,011
Otter Tail Telecom LLC	North Fergus Falls	1,186	BCPF-22-0025-K-FY23	\$3,381,661

Paul Bunyan Communications	Northern Minnesota GigaZone Fiber	218	BCPF-22-0026-K-FY23	\$529,920
Redwood County Telephone Co. dba Arvig	Redwood County Area Fiber Build	1,870	BCPF-22-0027-K-FY23	\$1,336,037
Runestone Telephone Association	Herman-Dumont	406	BCPF-22-0028-K-FY23	\$2,493,637
Tekstar Communications, Inc. dba Arvig	Nowthen Area Fiber Build	81	BCPF-22-0029-K-FY23	\$219,727
Tekstar Communications, Inc. dba Arvig	Sherburne County Clear Lake & Haven Townships Area Fiber Build	212	BCPF-22-0030-K-FY23	\$858,883
Tekstar Communications, Inc. dba Arvig	Sherburne County - Elk River Area Fiber Build	42	BCPF-22-0031-K-FY23	\$217,061
Wikstrom Telephone Co. Inc	Wiktel NW MN Broadband 2022	150	BCPF-22-0032-K-FY23	\$665,699
TOTAL	22,722* – 125 = 22,597	22,597		\$66,901,598

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2023 CPF Grant Projects Awarded*

<u>Grantee</u>	<u>Project Name</u>	<u>Locations Served</u>	<u>Project #</u>	<u>Grant Award Amount</u>
Benton Cooperative Telephone	Benton County South of Trunk Hwy 23	836	BCPF-23-0010-FY23	\$2,988,275
East Central Energy	Isanti South	1,990	BCPF-23-0011-FY23	\$4,900,000
Meeker Coop Light & Power	French Lake Twp Wright Co.	525	BCPF-23-0012-FY23	\$1,270,132
Meeker Coop Light & Power	Harrison Township	216	BCPF-23-0013-FY23	\$533,959
Runestone Telephone Assoc.	Stearns County West Phase 2	628	BCPF-23-0014-FY23	\$4,800,000
TOTAL		4,195		\$14,492,366

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Lower Population Density Pilot Program 2023 CPF Grant Projects Awarded:

Grantee	Project Name	Locations Served	Project #	Grant Award Amount
702 Communications	Western Clay County including Kragnes Township	369	BCPF-23-0001-FY23	\$2,624,830
Federated Rural Electric Assoc.	Jackson County FTTP	480	BCPF-23-0002-FY23	\$7,068,222
Garden Valley Tech	GVT-Warren SW	96	BCPF-23-0003-FY23	\$1,488,322
Interstate Telecommunications Company	Yellow Medicine County West FTTH Project	483	BCPF-23-0004-FY23	\$4,988,174
Meeker Coop Light & Power	Lake Elizabeth-Lake Lillian Twp	185	BCPF-23-0005-FY23	\$1,428,066

Paul Bunyan Rural Telephone Coop (pending contract)	Paul Bunyan Communications Rural GigaZone Fiber	646	BCPF-23-0006-FY23	\$5,569,281
Red River Rural Telephone Assoc.	North Wilkin County	128	BCPF-23-0007-FY23	\$2,227,363
Red River Rural Telephone Assoc.	Rural Campbell	86	BCPF-23-0008-FY23	\$2,035,500
Wikstrom Telephone Co.	Wiktel NW MN Broadband 2023	199	BCPF-23-0009-FY23	\$2,531,488
TOTAL		2,672		\$29,961,246

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Broadband Line Extension Connection Program

2023 Round 1 Line Extension Awards and Updates*

<u>Grantee</u>	<u>Project Name</u>	<u>Locations Served</u>	<u>Project #</u>	<u>Grant Award Amount</u>
Arvig - East Otter Tail Telephone Co.	RD1 LECP	26	BCPF-23-LE01-FY24	\$172,220.48
Arvig - Loretel Systems, Inc.	RD1 LECP	7	BCPF-23-LE02-FY24	\$65,841.18
Arvig - Osakis	RD1 LECP	9	BCPF-23-LE03-FY24	\$24,756.40
Arvig - Redwood County Tel.	RD1 LECP	1	BCPF-23-LE04-FY24	\$20,222.99
Arvig - Tekstar Communications	RD1 LECP	74	BCPF-23-LE05-FY24	\$542,433.10
Arvig - Twin Valley Ulen Tel.	RD1 LECP	1	BCPF-23-LE06-FY24	\$17,087.56
Bevcomm, Inc. dba Bevcomm	Bevcomm - RD1 LECP	11	BCPF-23-LE07-FY24	\$85,734.78
Farmers Mutual Telephone Coop.	Farmers RD1 LECP	1	BCPF-23-LE10-FY24	\$4,800.00
Federated REA Coop.	Federated Broadband RD1 LECP	29	BCPF-23-LE11-FY24	\$62,263.25
Federated Telephone Coop.	Fed Tel RD1 LECP	15	BCPF-23-LE09-FY24	\$138,000.00
Hiawatha Broadband Comm. (HBC)	RD1 LECP	138*	BCPF-23-LE12-FY24	1,173,169.32*
Johnson Telephone	Johnson RD1 LECP	1	BCPF-23-LE13-FY24	\$24,010.44
Mediacom	Mediacom RD1 LECP	37	BCPF-23-LE14-FY24	\$190,501.15
Midco - Midcontinent Comm.	Midco-Scandi Columbus RD1 LECP	21	BCPF-23-LE15-FY24	\$166,800.00
Otter Tail Telecom	Otter Tail RD1 LECP	4	BCPF-23-LE16-FY24	\$38,361.70
Paul Bunyan Telephone Co.	PBC RD1 LECP	10	BCPF-23-LE17-FY24	\$86,286.00
Savage Communications, Inc. (SCI)	SCI RD1 LECP	104	BCPF-23-LE18-FY24	\$354,445.72
Sytek Communications	Sytek RD1 LECP	4	BCPF-23-LE19-FY24	\$57,348.00
Wikstrom Telephone Co. Inc. (Wiktel)	Wikstrom RD1 LECP	1	BCPF-23-LE20-FY24	\$14,568.07
19 Providers		494		\$3,238,850.14

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2024 Round 2 Line Extension Awards with Update*

<u>Grantee</u>	<u>Project Name</u>	<u>Locations Served</u>	<u>Project #</u>	<u>Grant Award Amount</u>
Arvig - Tekstar	RD2 LECP	69	BCPF-24-LE01-K-FY24	\$543,244.99
Consolidated Tel. Co. (CTC)	RD2 LECP	371*	BCPF-24-LE02-K-FY24	\$1,566,707.81*
Federated REA	RD2 LECP	2	BCPF-24-LE04-K-FY24	\$8,169.72
Federated Telephone Coop.	RD2 LECP	5	BCPF-24-LE05-K-FY24	\$58,200.00
Garden Valley Tel.	RD2 LECP	17	BCPF-24-LE06-K-FY24	\$198,972.51
JTN	RD2 LECP	15	BCPF-24-LE07-K-FY24	\$81,089.31
Mediacom	RD2 LECP	25	BCPF-24-LE08-K-FY24	\$625,000.00
Meeker Vibrant	RD2 LECP	33	BCPF-24-LE09-K-FY24	\$202,423.82
Midco Midcontinent Comm. (pending contract)	RD2 LECP	132	BCPF-24-LE10-K-FY24	\$591,149.00
MLEC Mille Lacs Electric Coop.	RD2 LECP	1	BCPF-24-LE11-K-FY24	\$17,946.00
Savage Communications (SCI)	RD2 LECP	10	BCPF-24-LE12-K-FY24	\$182,766.86
SE MN Wifi	RD2 LECP	3	BCPF-24-LE13-K-FY24	\$54,800.00
Sytek	RD2 LECP	4	BCPF-24-LE14-K-FY24	\$73,776.00
13 Providers		687		\$4,357,471.02

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2024 Round 3 Line Extension Awards*

<u>Grantee</u>	<u>Project Name</u>	<u>Locations Served</u>	<u>Project #</u>	<u>Grant Award Amount</u>
Access Networks	RD3 LECP	15	BCPF-24-LE16-FY25	\$153,225.00
Arvig Mainstreet	Arvig-MainSt	2	BCPF-24-LE11-FY25	\$18,022.22
Arvig Tekstar	Arvig-Tekstar	368	BCPF-24-LE14-FY25	\$3,434,167.84
Arvig Tekstar 2	Arvig-Tekstar (2)	35	BCPF-24-LE03-FY25	\$267,299.39
BEVCOMM	Bevcomm	11	BCPF-24-LE10-FY25	\$186,557.35
Consolidated Tel Co. (CTC)	CTC RD3 LECP	423	BCPF-24-LE15-FY25	\$2,059,442.00
Farmers Mutual Tel	Farmers	3	BCPF-24-LE08-FY25	\$44,900.00
Federated Tel	Fed Tel Rd3 LECP	6	BCPF-24-LE07-FY25	\$56,100.00
KM Tel	Johnson Tel RD3	8	BCPF-24-LE12-FY25	\$36,972.25
Johnson Tel	Johnson Tel RD3	5	BCPF-24-LE05-FY25	\$125,000.00
JTN	JTN	47	BCPF-24-LE06-FY25	\$64,998.00
Mediacom	Mediacom-LoganLake	11	BCPF-24-LE04-FY25	\$165,000.00
Meeker Vibrant	Meeker LECP RD3	130	BCPF-24-LE13-FY25	\$676,558.76
SW MN Broadband	SWMN Broadband LECP 3	10	BCPF-24-LE17-FY25	\$92,929.50
Sytek	Sytek LEP Round 3	11	BCPF-24-LE02-FY25	\$134,909.00
Wiktel	Wiktel Line Ext RD3	2	BCPF-24-LE01-FY25	\$38,791.00
16 Providers		1,087		\$7,554,872.31

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