

Le Sueur Blandin Broadband Community

Brainstorm Meeting

Project Idea Report-Out

1. Create special funding programs to spur last mile connectivity in unique circumstances: rural neighborhoods, fixed wireless and cellphone boosters and business locations – Broadband
2. Create and maintain a local forum (in-person or online) for Improving communications among key stakeholders – schools, hospitals, Internet Service Providers, large businesses, etc. -for bandwidth sharing opportunities, long term planning, coordination of opportunities – Broadband
3. Improve Internet access at the County Fairgrounds to allow more community meetings and improve public safety - Broadband
4. Create a more accurate broadband map that shows actual broadband speeds vs what is advertised as available - Broadband
5. Create 24-hour broadband hot spots across the county, including at access at public parking lots, Elysian rest stop, town halls and churches - Broadband
6. Implement a countywide “Dig Once” policy for fiber installation in conjunction with road and other infrastructure projects - Broadband
7. Work to make broadband more affordable - Broadband
8. Create more safe spaces for people to access technology equipment and the Internet such as libraries, schools, churches, etc. - Digital Equity
9. Start and/or expand wi-fi hotspot lending program at libraries - Digital equity
10. Ensure each student in the county has devices to use - Digital equity
11. Create programs to help low income families with access - Digital Equity
12. Install wi-fi on school buses for school transport purposes. Park them in neighborhoods for student access - Digital Equity
13. Provide Internet access in subsidized housing developments - Digital Equity
14. Provide more technology training and one-to-one technology assistance for businesses, including home business and those located in rural areas with social media/online presence, etc. - Innovation
15. Increase the ability of farmers to access online training and information via Farm Business Management programs - Innovation
16. Create a community technology training program with one-to-one timely advice for residents and businesses - Innovation

17. Install and maintain more digital communication boards throughout the county for information sharing and public safety - Innovation
18. Create a Coworking/training space – with access to internet and training - Innovation
19. Create a county fair networking group - Innovation
20. Host regular Youth Technology Summits with prizes for innovative ideas and technology projects - Innovation
21. Increase county transportation options via ridesharing applications - Innovation
22. Create and support widespread adoption by community organizations and government of a shared set of technology tools, such as provided by Google. Provide training and technical support - Innovation
23. Seek information with medical providers about increasing use of telemedicine/telehealth in the county - Innovation
24. Improve cellular coverage through mapping and collective advocacy campaign - Advocacy
25. Create and maintain a shared countywide broadband website and calendar - Advocacy
26. Bring knowledgeable speakers into community to learn best practices and new information, Senior corps, etc. - Advocacy
27. Communicated directly with residents about broadband via direct mail, email, cable access channels and social media advise them of internet access within the county - Advocacy
28. Hold welcoming events for new residents - Advocacy
29. Community wide mkt tools for businesses, farms, CSAs, etc to share sharing equipment, connecting ag resources, home consumption/business sharing, and more - Advocacy
30. Publish info on tech resources - Advocacy
31. Increase theater arts community involvement - Advocacy
32. Increase technology skills across skill levels and populations, though events and online resources, such as a “Tech Tuesday” - Knowledge Workforce
33. Hold App development camps/classes for youth so kids can learn how to core and create apps - Knowledge Workforce
34. Increase community ed focus on technology activities for kids and community groups - Knowledge Workforce
35. Training – zoom for beginners - Knowledge Workforce
36. Equipment lending, recycling - Sustainability