

## 2018-19 Blandin Broadband Communities Schedule

Date	What	Attendees	Purpose	
<b>2018</b>				
August 2	BBC Kick-off	4-6 from each of three communities	Provide orientation to deeper leadership Create cohort ID Imagine possibilities with regional partners	
Early September	Steering Team Orientation	Community Steering Team (Partners that signed on to participate) Coleman, Blandin team members, others	Team Building ICF Intro Benchmarking assignments Plan Vision Meeting Invitation and marketing strategy Review and begin grant application process	
Early October	Vision Meeting	Broad-based community representation. Coleman, Blandin team members, others?	ICF intro Review benchmarking Desired Outcomes	Project brainstorming Prioritization Project champions
Interim	Ad hoc project discussions	Project champions and stakeholders Coaching by Coleman	Identify alternatives and best practices Identify and recruit stakeholders	
Late October to early November	Project Development Meeting	Project champions, Project stakeholders Broad-based community representation, Coleman, Blandin team members	Pitch projects Solidify projects Identify overlap and collaborative opportunities	
October 1 – with appended Vision meeting summary	1 <sup>st</sup> Round Grant Deadline		Communities finalize community grant request to support local projects to Blandin Foundation	
October 17	Grant approval			
October 23-24	Border to Border Broadband Conference	Up to 5 free registrations for each BBC team.	Knowledge building and networking Introduction to the conference	
<b>2019</b>				
January-February	Cohort convening	Four or more attendees from each community	Share learnings and best practices, ask questions. Learn and have fun.	
March	“Strut Your Stuff” tour	Community Steering Team; Blandin Foundation team (Coleman, Joselyn, Treacy, Magnuson)	Each BBC will host the Blandin Team and provide a status report on their efforts to date.	
March	2 <sup>nd</sup> Round Grant Deadline		Communities finalize community grant request to support local projects to Blandin Foundation	
April 11 Noon-3pm St. Paul	Broadband Strategy Board meeting / Grant approval		Community presentations to Blandin Broadband Strategy Board Grants approved	

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Summer	Cohort convening		
September	"Strut Your Stuff" tour	Community Steering Team; Blandin Foundation team BBCs might consider inviting community members to final "Strut Your Stuff" gathering	Each BBC will host the Blandin Team and provide a status report on their efforts to date.
Fall	Annual Broadband Conference	Up to 5 free registrations for each BBC team.	Annual Broadband Conference with a BBC gathering element
<b>2020</b>			
April	Final "Strut Your Stuff" tour	Community Steering Team; Blandin Foundation team (Coleman, Joselyn, Treacy, Magnuson)	Each BBC will host the Blandin Team and provide a status report on their efforts to date.
	Project close-out		
<b>*Local steering teams should plan to meet monthly</b>			