

Blandin Broadband Communities 2015-16 Projects

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Community	Project Owner	Project Name	Project Description
Carlton County	Carlton County	Carlton County Robust Network Feasibility Study	Project support to conduct a feasibility study to understand options for improving broadband infrastructure and services within the county
Carlton County	City of Cloquet	Makerspace Hot Spots	Project support to provide Cloquet and Moose Lake libraries with makerspace equipment and training, and six mobile hot spots to provide home access for un- and underserved residents of the County
Carlton County	City of Moose Lake	Connect Moose Lake	Project support to expand the Moose Lake Community Digital Messaging System to other community entities enabling them to broadcast messages to the public
Carlton County	Cloquet Public Library	“Appy Life“ Library iPad Training project	Project support to provide mobile technology, Wi-Fi access and training to staff, county residents and visitors of the three Carlton County libraries
Carlton County	ISD 94 (Cloquet)	iPads for Lifelong Learning	Project support for technology training and resources for enrichment activities and parenting skills to pre-K students and their families
Carlton County	Moose Lake Community Schools	Rural Education Community Utilization Expansion	Project support to provide mobile devices to two rural school districts to increase educational attainment and to provide technology training through community education
Carlton County	Moose Lake Community Schools	School Bus Wi-Fi Hot Spots	Capital support to equip school activity busses with Wi-Fi to provide access for students to be able to work on homework assignments when travelling long distances
Central Woodlands	Aitkin County	Web Diagnostics for Small Businesses	Project support to increase the knowledge and use of e-commerce and social media tools for small businesses in Aitkin County
Central Woodlands	Aitkin County	Web Diagnostics for Small Businesses, Part II	Project support to provide technical assistance to businesses to market their products through online presence and social media
Central Woodlands	Audubon Center of the North Woods	Online Public Access to Energy Data	Project support to connect various alternative energy facilities into a unified network for data collection and analysis for integration into curricula and energy management systems
Central Woodlands	Depot Studios	Expanding Access and Learning Opportunities	Project support to provide computer access with a Wi-Fi hotspot at an artist, craft and entrepreneurial center in Isle



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Central Woodlands	East Central RDC	Broadband Inventory and Assessment	Project support to conduct an analysis of the region's existing broadband assets and services to inform community leaders about potential gaps and opportunities
Central Woodlands	East Central RDC	Township Broadband Enhancements	Project support to work with up to five rural townships to identify and implement broadband solutions providing public access in areas with little to no existing broadband access
Central Woodlands	Isle Recreation and Education Center	Expanding Technology and Educational Opportunities	Project support to provide computer classes and a Wi-Fi public access site in the Mille Lacs lakes area
Chisago County	Chisago County HRA-EDA	Community Outreach	Project support to mobilize community stakeholders to gather and share information about existing and proposed broadband services and to develop and implement broadband improvement strategies
Chisago County	Chisago County HRA-EDA	Community Survey and Outreach	Project support to conduct a combined community survey and outreach effort to spur interest and action around broadband networks and services
Chisago County	Chisago County HRA-EDA	Google Mapping Assistant	Project support to increase the number of local businesses that have an online presence
Chisago County	Chisago County HRA-EDA	Old Hwy 61 Grant	Project support to inventory, map and showcase businesses and attractions along Old Highway 61 through online web and mobile devices
Chisago County	Chisago County HRA-EDA	Quality Tech Training for Businesses	Project support to design, promote and conduct multiple e-commerce/social media training sessions throughout the county
Chisago County	Chisago County HRA-EDA	Teleconference Equipment Grant	Capital support for two video conference systems to enable distance learning for the county, local residents, businesses and organizations
Chisago County	Chisago County HRA-EDA	Wi-Fi Hot Spots	Capital support to create 8-10 Wi-Fi hot spots across Chisago County for enhanced public access
Chisago County	Chisago Lakes Area Chamber of Commerce	Chisago Lakes Community Website	Project support to create and maintain a multi-community/area web site to serve visitors and residents with information on activities, attractions and community events
Chisago County	Chisago Lakes School District 2144	Chisago County Community Mobile Wi-Fi	Project support to provide Wi-Fi on school buses to enable more productive use of student time on long bus rides to and from school activities and to provide free Wi-Fi at community events
Chisago County	City of North Branch	North Branch Community Wi-Fi	Project support to create three new Wi-Fi hotspots at public parks within city limits

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Martin County	ISD 2752 Fairmont Area Schools	Digital Responsibility	Project support for the Digital Responsibility project to encourage responsible use of electronic media and inform students, parents, teachers, adults with disabilities, business people and community members about consequences and best practices
Martin County	ISD 2752 Fairmont Community Ed and Recreation	Fairmont Area Community Calendar	Project support to develop and market a shared community calendar and facilities scheduler
Martin County	Martin County	App Camp	Project support for a technology learning workshop on mobile app creation for students
Martin County	Martin County	Wi-Fi Hotspots Throughout Martin County	Project support to create a network of Wi-Fi hotspots throughout Martin County
Martin County	Martin County	Robust Network Feasibility Fund Grant	Project support for a feasibility study to choose and prioritize programs and initiatives to stimulate development of state-of-the-art broadband networks throughout Martin County
Martin County	Martin County	Social Media and Online Presence Skill Training for Business	Project support to provide businesses in the Martin County area relevant training in social media and online presence
Martin County	Martin County	Technology Education and Training	Project support to provide broadband technology training opportunities for Martin County residents
Martin County	Martin County EDA	Devices for Martin County Schools	Capital support to provide a variety of devices for local school districts allowing them to upgrade their use of technology
Nobles County	Greater Round Lake Community Association	Technology Education for Round Lake	Project support for technology education classes at the Round Lake Community Center
Nobles County	Independent School District 518 (Worthington area)	Changing Main Street through Technology and Education	Project support for the Changing Main Street through Technology and Education project, which includes classes on succession planning and technology for area business owners and educational opportunities for individuals interested in running a small business
Nobles County	Independent School District 518 (Worthington area)	Community-Wide Reading Through myON Digital Library	Project support to implement the use of the myON digital library in the Worthington area for the benefit of preschoolers and their families

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Nobles County	Independent School District 518 (Worthington area)	Digital Inclusion Through Community Ed	Project support for online marketing, technology and digital literacy training for area residents
Nobles County	Minnesota West Community & Technical College - Worthington	Introduction to Digital Literacy	Project support to develop a two-credit college course on digital literacy targeted toward high school and college students
Nobles County	Nobles County	BAC Fiber Access	Project support to bring fiber to the Biotechnology Advancement Center (BAC), its teleconferencing room, and the business incubators in the Worthington Industrial Park
Nobles County	Nobles County	Feasibility Study	Project support to conduct a feasibility study to gather information and provide a decision making path for local officials to meet the goal of ubiquitous broadband coverage across Nobles County
Nobles County	Nobles County	NEON Hot Spots	Project support to provide more accessible, reliable and affordable access to internet services for the rural residents of Nobles County by providing up to nine hot spots
Nobles County	Nobles County	Regional data center vision	Project support to determine the feasibility of developing a regional data center and disaster recovery site at the former county jail in downtown Worthington
Nobles County	Nobles County Integration Collaborative	Digital Literacy for Diverse Communities	Project support to provide digital literacy training for diverse communities via a train-the-trainer approach (ethnic leaders will learn to teach basic computer skills in their native language)
Nobles County	Nobles County Library	iPads for Public Use	Capital support for mobile devices within two branches of the Nobles County Library for patron usage and check-out to community groups and preschools
Red Wing	Red Wing Ignite	Innovation to Reality	Project support to facilitate and host community-based activities that will create and support a culture of innovation within Red Wing
Red Wing	Red Wing Ignite	Marketing of Red Wing	Project support to create opportunity by branding and marketing Red Wing to attract people, talent and investment
Red Wing	Red Wing Ignite	Marketing Red Wing in 2016	Project support for a unified marketing and branding initiative across all key stakeholder organizations in Red Wing
Red Wing	Red Wing Ignite	Preparing our Next Generation	Project support to engage community youth in technology skills and discover opportunities within Red Wing for employment and entrepreneurship
Red Wing	Red Wing Ignite	Preparing our Next Generation Part II	Project support for the second phase of the Preparing Our Next Generation project <i>(described above)</i>

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Red Wing	Red Wing Ignite	STEAM in our Schools	Project support to strengthen Red Wing School District's STEAM education by facilitating community partnerships with existing Red Wing technology-oriented companies
Red Wing	Red Wing Ignite	Technology Networks to Build Local Ecosystem	Project support to convene a regional network of IT professionals, improve and promote the co-working spaces at the innovation center, and host regular gatherings of entrepreneurs, startups and others to network and learn.
Redwood County	Lower Sioux Indian Community	Bringing Wi-Fi to the Lower Sioux Community	Project support to provide reliable, high-speed internet access to key tribal buildings for residents, service providers, officials and visitors
Redwood County	Red Rock Central School	3D Printing, Windows 10 & Office 2013 Training	Project support to provide technology training to students, residents, and businesses of the Lamberton area of Redwood County
Redwood County	Redwood Area Development Corporation	Marketing Broadband and Training Opportunities	Project support to market and promote the new Technology Training Center and Lunch-N-Learn technology classes for area residents and businesses while promoting the need for better broadband
Redwood County	Redwood Area Development Corp.	Redwood Connect - Marketing	Project support to promote the new Technology Training Center classes
Redwood County	Redwood Area Hospital	Telemedicine / Health Pilot	Project support to utilize telemedicine and other services that leverage broadband networks to provide advanced and specialized medical care for the convenience of southwest Minnesota residents
Redwood County	Redwood Area School District	Adult Education - Lunch & Learn Technology Series	Project support to provide a series of computer/internet classes for residents and businesses of Redwood County
Redwood County	Redwood Area School District	Early Childhood Family Education SMART Boards	Capital support to provide up-to-date educational technology to preschoolers and their parents to enhance learning and readiness for kindergarten
Redwood County	Redwood County	GIS to the Public	Project support to provide Geographic Information Systems (GIS) to the public via the internet, creating efficiencies for both county staff and the public
Redwood County	Redwood County	Training Facility for Redwood County Citizens and Employees	Project support to equip a training lab in the courthouse to provide a venue for technology training for the general public, employers and Redwood County employees
Redwood County	Redwood Falls Public Library	Computer Upgrades	Capital support to update technology for library patron usage so all community members have access to the latest technology

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Resilient Region	Brainerd Lakes Area Development Corp	Brainerd Lakes Area Talent Recruiter Launch	Project support to launch a talent recruitment program to market the area's technology services industry jobs to ensure a highly qualified workforce is available to the region's business community
Resilient Region	Brainerd Lakes Area Development Corp	Enhanced Marketing of Our Technology Sector	Project support to implement the Tech Services marketing plan
Resilient Region	Brainerd Lakes Area Development Corp	High-Tech Center Research and "Next Steps" Outline	Project support to determine the feasibility/strategy to create and sustain a high tech Live/Work Center in the Brainerd Lakes region
Resilient Region	Brainerd Lakes Area Development Corp	Tech Ready Brainerd Lakes Area Hackfest	Project support for a two-day hack fest to share information, use local skills to problem solve local challenges, and develop new technology solutions
Resilient Region	Brainerd Lakes Area Development Corp	Video Conferencing System	Capital support for video conferencing equipment for use by area businesses and organizations in CTC Technology Room at the BLAEDC/Chamber Offices
Resilient Region	Consolidated Telephone Co. & Region Five Dev. Commission	Economic Impact of Broadband Infrastructure Expansion & Subscription	Project support to measure the changes in the lives of new CTC broadband customers who are now benefitting from a fiber expansion project supported by the DEED Border-to-Border Broadband grant program
Resilient Region	Essentia Health Foundation	Launch Telehealth Development & Implementation	Project support to provide tele-health training sessions in Resilient Region Five's five-county area and on the Leech Lake Reservation
Resilient Region	ISD 181 - Brainerd Public Schools	CTC Schools Technology Bundle	Project support for technology and mobile devices in the Early Childhood and Family Education programs
Resilient Region	MN State Community & Tech College-Wadena	"What the Tech?" Technology Expo	Project support to host a one-day tech expo event in Wadena that will combine active learning by MNSCU students and displays and seminars for the general public
Resilient Region	The Brainerd Baxter Youth Center	PCs for People Youth Project	Project support to continue to train youth to refurbish computers and distribute them to low-income families in the Brainerd area
Resilient Region	Todd-Wadena Electric Cooperative	Rural Broadband Feasibility Study	Project support for a feasibility study to extend broadband services to the under and unserved areas of the Todd Wadena Electric Cooperative service area

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RS Fiber	City of Gaylord	Tech Center Marketing and Planning Project	Project support to market the concept of tech centers/maker spaces across the Renville/Sibley Fiber area and determine the feasibility/market demand/next steps in the development process
RS Fiber	Gibbon Fairfax Winthrop Schools ISD 2365	Wi-Fi on Buses	Project support to outfit school buses with Wi-Fi to enable more productive use of student time on long bus rides to and from school activities, and to use those busses to provide free Wi-Fi at community events
RS Fiber	Joseph R Brown Heritage Society	Community Applications	Project support to create an e-marketing platform and tourism apps for communities in the Renville/Sibley Fiber Project area
RS Fiber	Joseph R Brown Heritage Society	Community Wi-Fi Project	Capital support to create 26 Wi-Fi hot spots in five communities in Renville and Sibley counties
RS Fiber	Sibley County	Business and Resident Computer Training	Project support to provide computer and online technology training to area residents and businesses
RS Fiber	Sibley County	Marketing in a Digital World	Project support to connect local businesses with high school students to increase the online activity of the businesses and provide real-life training opportunities for students
RS Fiber	Sibley County	Website and Social Media Development	Project support to provide one-on-one consulting assistance to local small businesses as they develop and implement enhanced online presence and social media strategies
Sherburne County	City of Big Lake	Lakeside Park Wi-Fi	Project support to install Wi-Fi access points at the Big Lake City Park for community events as part of the Broadband Program for rural MN
Sherburne County	City of Elk River	Downtown Rivers Edge Commons Park Public Wi-Fi Project	Capital support for Wi-Fi access in downtown Elk River
Sherburne County	City of Elk River	Elk River - Zimmerman Fiber Connection	Capital support to extend an existing City of Elk River fiber network from Zimmerman School to Zimmerman City Hall to provide fiber-based broadband to the tenants and users of City Hall campus
Sherburne County	Independent School District 728	ISD 728 Expansion of Public Access to Broadband	Project support to increase public Internet access by opening the Community Education Center an additional 240 hours on nights and weekends
Sherburne County	Sherburne County	BAC Internet Access Project	Capital support to build fiber and install wireless networking equipment to provide visitors to the Becker Athletic Complex with broadband access

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Sherburne County	Sherburne County	RNFF Feasibility Grant	Project support to complete a broadband feasibility study in Sherburne County that will identify needs, existing services and infrastructure, and partnership and operations options
Sherburne County	Sherburne County	Sherburne County Broadband Coalition	Project support to do research and create a shared marketing program to engage citizens and elected officials around the concept of improving broadband services in Sherburne County
Sherburne County	Sherburne County	Sherburne History Center Broadband Service	Project support to provide public access to computers in the Sherburne County Historical Building and equip a community meeting room with appropriate technology, including a robust Wi-Fi network
Sherburne County	Spectrum High School	Chromebooks for Spectrum	Capital support for classroom technology
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Cook County	Cook County	Broadband Connections	Project support to expand county Wi-Fi access through creating and maintaining public hotspot and video conferencing locations
Cook County	Cook County	Co-Working facility	Project support to create a co-working center in Grand Marais that will provide space for entrepreneurs and tele-workers to congregate and work using the fiber optic network and center equipment
Fond du Lac Band	Fond Du Lac Band of Lake Superior Chippewa	Age to Age Mobile Learning	Project support for the Age to Age mobile learning program, where elders will receive instruction on the use of mobile devices from sixth grade students
Fond du Lac Band	Fond Du Lac Band of Lake Superior Chippewa	Application Creation Workshop "App Camp"	Project support for two sessions of a two-week technology learning workshop on mobile app creation for students
Fond du Lac Band	Fond Du Lac Band of Lake Superior Chippewa	Application Creation Workshop "Data Driven Apps"	Project support for development of device applications for youth in grades 4-12
Fond du Lac Band	Fond Du Lac Band of Lake Superior Chippewa	Interactive Conference Rooms	Capital support for the purchase and installation of interactive devices to enhance internal and external communications for government and community use
Fond du Lac Band	Fond Du Lac Band of Lake Superior Chippewa	Network Extension	Capital support for classroom technology to enhance staff professional development and encourage collaboration between school staff, students and community members
Fond du Lac Band	Fond Du Lac Band of Lake Superior Chippewa	Tablets for Community Ed	Project support to allocate appropriate devices to reservation community centers to increase technology knowledge and use through training programs, outreach and service delivery

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Itasca Area	Itasca Economic Development Corporation	BBC Alumni Grant	Project support to increase the technology sophistication of businesses and organizations through online resources, training and networking
Itasca Area	Itasca Economic Development Corporation	Itasca Area BBC Alumni II	Project support to increase the technological sophistication of businesses and organizations by providing educational and networking opportunities
Kandiyohi County	Kandiyohi County & City of Willmar EDC	Connecting with Wi-Fi	Project support to increase Wi-Fi access in Kandiyohi County by installing access points on busses, a mobile daycare center and at the community center
Kandiyohi County	Kandiyohi County & City of Willmar EDC	Robust Network Feasibility Study	Project support to conduct a study to determine the feasibility of a new Fiber to the Premise network throughout Kandiyohi County
Kandiyohi County	Kandiyohi County & City of Willmar EDC	Willmar Hackfest	Project support to promote and host a hackfest in Willmar
Lac qui Parle Valley School District	Lac qui Parle Valley ISD 2853	Pathways to a Knowledgeable Workforce	Project support for student career pathways programming
Lake County	Community Partners, Two Harbors: Living at Home Block Nurse Program	Using Tablets to Help Senior Citizens Access Healthcare Information	Donation to provide senior citizens of Lake County with access to online health information through the use of mobile devices and staff assistance
Lake County	Lake Superior School District #381	Lake County Telepresence	Project support to implement and promote distance learning opportunities in Lake County for students, teachers, and community members
Lake County	Lake Superior School District #381	PCs for People	Project support to provide refurbished computers to low-income families with school-aged children
Lake County	Two Harbors Community Radio	Leveraging Broadband to Web Stream	Project support to provide live streaming capacity for Two Harbors Community Radio, allowing interested listeners to hear broadcasts beyond the limited reach of the FM signal
Lake County	Wolf Ridge Environmental Learning Center	Broadband Upgrade for Education	Capital support to provide reliable, high-speed internet access to promote the learning of K-12 students, graduate school students and community members visiting Wolf Ridge

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Lake of the Woods County	Lake of the Woods School ISD 390	Lake of the Woods School Digital Expansion Project	Project support to increase access to technology for students and area residents
Lake of the Woods County	Pioneer Youth Center	Baudette Youth Broadband Expansion	Project support to provide interactive learning experiences for at-risk youth through access to Wi-Fi to enhance student success
Leech Lake Band of Ojibwe	Leech Lake Band of Ojibwe	LLBO Replicates "The Shop"	Project support to create a tribal computer refurbishment program that will provide refurbished computers to Leech Lake Band members while also providing job and skills training
Leech Lake Band of Ojibwe	Leech Lake Band of Ojibwe	Leech Lake Temporary Employment Program	Project support to continue and expand the Temporary Employment Program-hosted digital literacy program at four locations on the Leech Lake Reservation
Mille Lacs County	Mille Lacs County	Community Education, Outreach and Demand Survey	Project support to conduct educational outreach and a consumer demand survey of county residents to develop a business plan for a fiber ring/wireless network for rural Mille Lacs County
Mille Lacs County	Mille Lacs County	Feasibility Study Part 1: Detailed Fiber to the Tower Wireless Study	Project support for a feasibility study of using a wireless broadband system throughout the county as a part of the Broadband Program in rural Minnesota
Mille Lacs County	Mille Lacs County	Feasibility Study Part 2	Project support to facilitate implementation of a county-wide broadband feasibility study to review existing network services and infrastructure, market demand and technology alternatives for broadband
Mille Lacs County	Mille Lacs County	Technology Training	Project support to provide a series of technology workshops to increase the online presence of businesses via websites and social media
Southwest MN Broadband Services	60/90 Corridor Initiative	60/90 Corridor Initiative	Project support to promote collaborative economic development activities through the use of social media and internet-based marketing and sales tools
Stevens County	Chokio-Alberta Public Schools	Chokio-Alberta Schools	Project support to prepare students to work in a technology-based future through exposure to career opportunities and insight into the necessary skill sets for those jobs
Stevens County	Hancock Public Schools	Chromebooks for School and Community	Project support to provide technology training to students and community members
Stevens County	ISD 2769 Morris Area School	One to the World	Project support to fully integrate technology into classrooms for each learner through internet access and mobile devices

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Upper Minnesota Valley	Upper Minnesota Valley RDC	Public Sector Broadband Feasibility Study	Project support for a study to determine the feasibility of constructing a fiber network connecting all public buildings in the Upper Minnesota Valley Region
Upper Minnesota Valley	Upper Minnesota Valley RDC	Regional Technology Team	Project support to create a regional IT professional network to ignite cross-industry collaborations so the region can fully integrate technology in day-to-day efforts and large scale planning efforts
Upper Minnesota Valley	Upper Minnesota Valley RDC	IT Connect II	Project support to maintain a regional IT professional network in the Upper Minnesota Valley region
Upper Minnesota Valley	Upper Minnesota Valley RDC	Rural Connect	Project support to create a shared marketing message and implementation strategy for the region in an effort to attract people and investment
Upper Minnesota Valley	Upper Minnesota Valley RDC	Rural Connect Phase II	Project support for the Rural Connect Phase II