

## Iron Range Broadband Communities Schedule

Date	What	Attendees	Purpose
November 30	IRBC Kick-off	3 -5 from each of six communities Regional resources Blandin team, Wade, Kathy too. IRRRB – Phillips, Ridlon, others	Provide orientation to deeper leadership Create cohort ID Imagine possibilities with regional partners
January 10 – 19	Steering Team Orientation	Community Steering Team (Partners that signed on to participate) Coleman, others	Team Building ICF Intro Benchmarking assignments Plan Vision Meeting Invitation and marketing strategy
February 8 – 22	Vision	Broad-based community representation. Coleman, others?	ICF intro Review benchmarking Desired Outcomes Project brainstorming Prioritization Project champions
Interim	Ad hoc project discussions	Project champions and stakeholders	Identify alternatives and best practices Identify and recruit stakeholders
March 7-16	Project Development	Broad-based community representation Project champions Project stakeholders Coleman	Pitch projects Solidify projects Identify overlap and collaborative opportunities
April 7	1 <sup>st</sup> Round Grant Deadline		Communities finalize community grant request to support local projects to Blandin Foundation
2 <sup>nd</sup> week May	Grant approval		Community presentations to Blandin Broadband Strategy Board
June	Cohort convening	Two or more attendees from each community	Share learnings and best practices, ask questions. Learn and have fun.
July	“Strut Your Stuff” tour	Community Steering Team; Blandin Foundation team (Coleman, Joselyn, Treacy, Magnuson)	Each IRBC will host the Blandin Team and provide a status report on their efforts to date.
September	2 <sup>nd</sup> Round Grant Deadline		Communities finalize community grant request to support local projects to Blandin Foundation
Mid-October	Grant approval		Community presentations to Blandin Broadband Strategy Board
Fall	Annual Broadband Conference	Free registration for two members of each BBC team.	Annual Broadband Conference with a BBC gathering (beyond IRBCs) element
Winter	Cohort convening	Two or more attendees from each community	Share learnings and best practices, ask questions. Learn and have fun.
Winter	“Strut Your Stuff” tour	Community Steering Team; Blandin Foundation team	Each IRBC will host the Blandin Team and provide a status report on their efforts to date.
June	Project close-out and final “Strut Your Stuff”	IRBCs might consider inviting community members to final “Strut Your Stuff” gathering	

**\*Local steering teams should plan to meet monthly**