

## Blandin Broadband Communities 2018-20 Projects

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Community	Project Owner	Project Name	Project Description
<b>Blandin Broadband Communities</b>			
Cannon Falls	Cannon Falls EDA	Cannon Falls Local Foods Initiative	Define, develop and position a brand that promotes Cannon Falls as the local food capital of Minnesota emphasizing the recreational, scenic, and healthy living assets of the community.
Cannon Falls	Cannon Falls EDA	Digital Marketing for Businesses	Promote local business growth and marketing through the use of broadband and technology, including digital marketing, social media, and SEO strategy.
Cannon Falls	Cannon Rivers & The Gardens senior care centers	Wellness VR	Promote wellness, stress reduction, and technology use among older adults through the purchase of four virtual reality headsets and virtual field trip subscriptions for use at the Cannon Rivers and The Gardens senior care centers.
Cannon Falls	Cannon Valley Senior Center (CVSC)	Cannon Valley Senior Center Website	Promote connection and engagement among the elder population during the pandemic through the creation of a new website for the CVSC. The new site will be easier to keep current for the Director, and allow members to navigate the site better, contribute content, and take classes.
Cannon Falls	Cannon Falls Area Schools (CFAS)	Distance Learning Hot Spots	Enable effective distance learning during the pandemic for families and school staff without internet access through the distribution of mobile internet hot spots. At least 28 families and three staff members received a device and internet subscription.
Cannon Falls	Cannon Falls Area Chamber of Commerce	ChamberMaster Software	Increase the competitiveness and efficiency of the Cannon Falls Area Chamber through the purchase of ChamberMaster software, which will allow for better management of member information and the ability to accept payments online. The software will integrate with the current Chamber website.
Cannon Falls	Cannon Falls EDA	Cannon Roots Marketing Campaign	Promote local businesses through the creation and marketing of the Cannon Roots brand. A website and social media presence will increase traffic and visitors at local food and beverage, and retail establishments, currently suffering due to the pandemic.
Cannon Falls	Cannon Falls Area Schools (CFAS)	iPads for Distance Learning	Deliver equitable opportunities for distance learning students by using iPads to stream classroom instruction. This will allow teachers to engage with in-person and at-home students at the same time.
Cannon Falls	Cannon Falls EDA & Chamber of Commerce	Explore Minnesota	Increase the exposure of Cannon Falls outside of the area and attract visitors and tourists to the area by participating in lead generation through Explore Minnesota's website, allowing the Chamber to distribute Discover Cannon Falls guides and targeted materials to people who indicate interest. They'll also advertise on Explore Minnesota and use the exposure to grow their mailing list and social media following.



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Koochiching Technology Initiative	Citizens for Backus / AB	Backus Conferencing Upgrades	Improve community meetings and engagement by upgrading the interactive videoconferencing equipment and capabilities at the Backus Community Center.
Koochiching Tech Initiative	Servants of Shelter	Internet for the Homeless	Improve internet access at Servants of Shelter, which provides emergency shelter to individuals and families in Koochiching County. The upgraded capacity will allow clients to research employment, education and housing opportunities.
Koochiching Tech Initiative	Koochiching County Community Television	KCC TV Local Media: Local Lives	Increase locally generated and relevant media content that reflects the lived experience and perspective of county residents available on Koochiching County Community Television by building a coalition of students and other residents trained to use cameras and editing equipment.
Koochiching Tech Initiative	International Falls Public Library (IFPL)	Coworking Meetups	Create a culture of innovation and entrepreneurship by helping Ballan's iSpace, a new co-working facility in downtown International Falls, offer relevant programming in partnership with the International Falls Public Library and Borderland Young Professionals. Partners will host weekly gatherings of mutual support to share knowledge, build skills, network, and inspire one another.
Koochiching Tech Initiative	I'Falls Public Library (IFPL)	The Library Reaches Into the Community	Increase broadband adoption and use by helping the International Falls Public Library expand its services in the community, including through improved Wi-Fi access at Smokey Bear Park, six LinkedIn Learning mobile internet subscriptions for check-out, expanded reference service to texting and LiveChat, and the addition of Adobe Creative Cloud software for use by patrons in the library's new recording studio.
Koochiching Tech Initiative	I'Falls Public Library (IFPL)	After School Libratory	Improve access to STEM education in the community by purchasing equipment for use by the after-school STEM program kids and expanding coding and technology experiences for younger patrons. The equipment could also be utilized by teachers in the classroom.
Koochiching Tech Initiative	Borderland Young Professionals	Online Meetings	Engage more young people in the organization and community by offering a web-ex participation option for their meetings and events and using their website and social media in innovative ways to engage young professionals.
Koochiching Tech Initiative	Koochiching County Veterans Service Office	Video Teleconferencing	Increase internet access and use and improve access to medical and behavioral health care by offering video teleconferencing equipment for use by veterans. The nearest VA clinics and hospitals are 200 to 600+ miles from International Falls, making it costly and time-consuming to receive medical care. Offering this equipment will greatly improve quality of life for area veterans.
Koochiching Tech Initiative	I'Falls Library (IFPL); Koochiching Aging Options	Virtual Reality and Healthcare	Increase the use of technology throughout the community by offering a set of ten virtual reality headsets for check-out and use at the library for healthcare applications, including

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			patient and family education, student use, elder wellness and stress reduction – including virtual field trips, etc.
Koochiching Tech Initiative	IFalls Nice	Movies in the Park	Improve community events by helping purchase a screen for Movies in the Park and other potential community events to be determined.
Koochiching Tech Initiative	Borderland Young Professionals	Ballan’s iSpace Scholarships	Increase internet access and spur entrepreneurship in the community by offering scholarships to high school and college students, and nonprofit workers to Ballan’s iSpace, the new coworking space in downtown International Falls.
Koochiching Tech Initiative	Koochiching County Historical Society	Digital History	Increase internet use and access to digital exhibits within the museum through the purchase of tablets, allowing visitors to interact with exhibits via pop-up windows and shows, and view delicate materials.
Koochiching Tech Initiative	Koochiching Technology Initiative	Koochiching County Tech Club (KCTC)	Build a culture of technology use through the formation of a Tech Club, with the purpose of networking and knowledge sharing, provide information about tech careers, and perform community services such as device refurbishment, tech support, and staffing the library tech help desk.
Koochiching Tech Initiative	Koochiching EDA	Your Ticket Home	Enhance workforce and family recruitment marketing by the creation of <a href="http://www.yourtickethome.org">www.yourtickethome.org</a> and related social media, with the purpose of matching people with opportunities for employment and entrepreneurship in the area.
Koochiching Tech Initiative	City of Littlefork	Community Center Connectivity	Increase internet access and use in Littlefork by upgrading the internet connection, Wi-Fi capability, screen and projector for use by meeting and event participants and area residents.
Koochiching Tech Initiative	Ballan’s iSpace	Ballan’s iSpace Scholarships	Enable equitable distance learning for students without access to the internet during the COVID-19 pandemic by offering scholarships to high school and college students for Ballan’s iSpace, the new coworking space in downtown International Falls.
Koochiching Tech Initiative	Servants of Shelter	Laptops for the Homeless	Improve access to technology for education, employment, communication, and entertainment for people experiencing homelessness by providing very low-cost refurbished laptop computers to Servants of Shelter clients.
Koochiching Tech Initiative	Koochiching Technology Initiative	VR Headset Hygiene	Improve safety and continued use of VR headsets for health and elder care during the COVID-19 pandemic by purchasing a Cleanbox unit to disinfect between uses.
Koochiching Tech Initiative	Koochiching County Sheriff’s Office	Portable Data Network???	Improve public safety by enhancing communication capabilities in Koochiching County, particularly during disaster situations, through the purchase of a portable data network which serves as a Wi-Fi hotspot, network-in-a-box, and enables cellular, digital-data communications.
Rock County	The Rock County Community Library	Library Hotspots	Provide five mobile Wi-Fi hotspots for check-out free-of-charge to library patrons.

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Rock County	HRA of Luverne	Blue Mound Towers Computer Lab	Improve technology access for lower income community members by providing computer access to tenants at the Blue Mound Tower, a 70-unit income-based housing facility in Luverne. Tenants will be encouraged to attend computer training classes at the Rock County Senior Center or Community Library.
Rock County	Hills-Beaver Creek & Luverne Schools	School Bus Wi-Fi Implementation	Improve public internet access and use by installing wireless routers on one Luverne school bus and one Hills-Beaver Creek school bus, allowing student riders access to homework and projects via smart devices.
Rock County	Alliance Communications	Educational Videos and Classroom Tech Training	Improve public digital literacy and technical sophistication by creating and publishing on the internet a series of locally contextualized and informed educational videos.
Rock County	A.C.E of Rock County, Library	Sr. Center Computer Lab	Improve technology access for elders by establishing a six-computer lab in a newly renovated senior facility in Luverne.
Rock County	Luverne Community Education	Ag Tech Day	Design and host a day-long community workshop on various ag tech topics.
Rock County	Luverne Community Education	Community Ed Technology Upgrade	Enable instructors to demonstrate internet access, websites and other media for their students through the purchase a quality laptop computer compatible with Community Ed's wall-mounted flat screen TV.
Rock County	Rock County Community Library	Additional PCs for People Computers	Provide computers to community members in need by purchasing and distributing ten additional refurbished computers from PCs for People.
Rock County	Luverne Area Chamber/Convention Visitors Bureau	County Fair Booth	Increase awareness of and engagement in Rock County's Blandin Broadband Community projects through a booth at the Rock County Fair.
Rock County	Luverne Area Chamber/Convention Visitors Bureau	Social Media Optimization	Provide social media training and coaching to ten businesses and ten organizations in Rock County.
Rock County	Blue Mound State Park, Alliance Communications	Blue Mound State Park Wi-Fi	Improve public access to the internet by providing free public Wi-Fi at Blue Mound State Park campground.
Rock County	City of Hardwick, Alliance Communications	Hardwick Campground Wi-Fi	Improve public access to the internet by providing free public Wi-Fi at the Hardwick campground.
Rock County	City of Hills, Alliance Communications	Hills Campground Wi-Fi	Improve public access to the internet by providing free public Wi-Fi at the Hills campground.

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Rock County	City of Magnolia, Alliance Communications	Magnolia Campground Wi-Fi	Improve public access to the Internet by providing free public Wi-Fi at the Magnolia campground.
Rock County	City of Beaver Creek, Alliance Communications	Beaver Creek Baseball Field Wi-Fi	Improve public access to the Internet by providing free public Wi-Fi at the Beaver Creek baseball field and park.
Rock County	Southwestern Mental Health Center (SWMHC)	SWMHC/Avera Health Distance Learning and Telemedicine	Improve access to distance learning and mental health care services through the purchase of telemedicine equipment.
Rock County	City of Jasper, Alliance Communications	Jasper Campground Wi-Fi	Improve public access to the Internet by providing free public Wi-Fi at the Jasper campground.
Rock County	Luverne Community Education	Technology Classes	Improve digital skills and literacy by offering a series of technology-focused community education classes based on community interests and needs.
Rock County	Luverne Community Education	Instruction Equipment	Provide quality Early Childhood instruction for both in-person and distance learners through the purchase of two iPad Pros and keyboards for Discovery Time teachers.
Rock County	City of Hills	Hills-Beaver Creek TV Station	Improve access to school and community activities, announcements and information through the Hills-Beaver Creek television station.
Rock County	Luverne Area Chamber and CVB	Wi-Fi at The Lake	Improve public access to the internet by providing free public Wi-Fi at The Lake family park in Luverne.
Rock County	Luverne Area Community Foundation	Southwest Youth Services (SYS) Online Learning Upgrade	Provide the opportunity for the students incarcerated at SYS to earn education credits by creating learning terminals with computers and printers. SYS is a detention and education center for boys ages 10-19, and they are struggling with teacher retention.
Swift County	Swift County RDA	Training for CNC and Welding	Improve technical skills and employment opportunities by offering a five-week Weld and Computer Numerical Control (CNC) certificate program to Swift County residents through a combination of online, classroom and shop experience.
Swift County	Swift County RDA	Digital Marketing Consulting	Improve local business profitability by engaging seven small business owners (selected through an application process) in hands-on consulting to develop and implement affordable website and social media strategies, resulting in increased brand awareness and customer base.
Swift County	Swift County RDA	Community Websites	Improve individual small community visibility by developing customized economic development profiles and websites for Swift County cities without current websites, including Clontarf, Danvers, DeGraff, and Holloway.

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Swift County	KMS (Kerkhoven-Murdock-Sunburg) Community Ed	STEM Camp for Kids	Provide technology enrichment by offering a low-cost summer STEM Camp for children entering 2 <sup>nd</sup> through 7 <sup>th</sup> grade utilizing proven curriculum provided by the National Inventors Hall of Fame to enhance kids' skills in the areas of robotics, coding, and other STEM areas.   A second STEM Camp for kids will be held as soon as pandemic restrictions are lifted and it is deemed safe to do so.
Swift County	U of MN Extension	4-H Extension Mobile App	Improve family engagement by creating a mobile app where 4-H families across Swift County can easily access 4-H information and resources; including schedules, show programs, results, event sign-up, and training.
Swift County	Swift County RDA	Digital Marketing for Community & Economic Dev. Orgs	Convene an ongoing peer communication/marketing roundtable where tools and best practices can be shared, and communication strategies aligned to strengthen community and economic development.
Swift County	Swift County	Online Camping Reservations	Improve the visibility and accessibility of camping in Swift County through the creation of an app that displays availability of sites at multiple campgrounds and allows campers to make reservations and pay online.
Swift County	Swift County RDA	PCs for People Part II	Provide computers to community members in need by purchasing and distributing 20 additional refurbished computers from PCs for People to income-qualified families.
<b>Iron Range Broadband Communities</b>			
East Range Joint Powers Board (ERJPB)	ERJPB / The Northspan Group	East Range Business Retention and Expansion Visits	Strengthen the case for greater connectivity on the East Range by soliciting input from area business on their broadband familiarity, use, needs, etc. and to seek to engage them in the Blandin Broadband Community (BBC) process.
East Range Joint Powers Board	Hoyt Lakes & Aurora Public Libraries	Portable Training Lab	Provide computer/technology training and job search skills to East Range residents by creating and deploying a mobile training lab.
East Range Joint Powers Board	ERJPB / The Northspan Group	ERJPB Website	Create a new website to better inform the community about East Range Joint Powers Board and community activities, including the BBC, with the goal of promoting cooperation across communities, creating a centralized point for information about telecommunications technology in the region, and raising awareness about ERJPB-supported broadband work on the East Range.
East Range Joint Powers Board	East Range Steering Committee member Peter Senarighi	Public Wi-Fi	Improve internet access by expanding public Wi-Fi access in areas inside and outside of public buildings at the City of Biwabik, and libraries in the cities of Hoyt Lakes and Aurora.
East Range Joint Powers Board	East Range Police Department	Squad Car Computer Upgrade	Improve public safety by providing a uniform computer system in all squad cars with faster speeds, downloads, and data request capabilities.
East Range Joint Powers Board	Mesabi East School District	Updated Electronic Communications	Improve communications throughout the school facilities by upgrading software and message boards to push information to teachers, students, and visitors.

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East Range Joint Powers Board	Mesabi East School District	Wi-Fi on Buses	Improve public internet access and use by installing wireless routers on four long-haul school buses, allowing student riders access to homework and projects via smart devices.
East Range Joint Powers Board	Hoyt Lakes Ambulance	Emergency Vehicle Laptop Upgrade	Improve public safety and patient care by upgrading computers and software on emergency vehicles allowing for better communications with county dispatch and faster access to patient information.
East Range Joint Powers Board	Hoyt Lakes Ambulance	Training Equipment Upgrade	Improve public safety and patient care by upgrading the laptop used for training purposes.
East Range Joint Powers Board	Hoyt Lakes Public Library	STEM Kits and STEM Kits To Go	Train residents of all ages about coding, robotics, using apps, and VR systems by providing STEM equipment for use at the library or for check-out to be used at home. The library will host classes, and they plan to engage the Age to Age group so students can help teach older adults.
East Range Joint Powers Board	ERJPB	Facilitation, Training, and Management	Enhance the understanding among community members about the importance of broadband, lead the BBC Process, and lead the Laurentian-Tower-East Range Feasibility Stuff group.
East Range Joint Powers Board	ERJPB	Digital Marketing Training & Technology Audits	Improve the online presence and social media savvy of East Range businesses by providing training and resources from the Northeast Small Business Development Center.
East Range Joint Powers Board	Hoyt Lakes Fire and Police Departments	Public Safety Building Technology Upgrade	Maximize training and community meeting hosting capabilities by upgrading outdated technology and installing a SMART Board in the Hoyt Lakes Public Safety Building. The technology will be utilized by first responders and the public.
East Range Joint Powers Board	Ranger Snowmobile / ATV Club	Technology Upgrades for Snowmobile Club	Improve the safety, efficiency, and engagement of Club leaders and members by upgrading technology, including cell signal boosters, and improving internet access at the Club building and on the trails they maintain. This will help with DNR reporting requirements, groomer and user safety, and allow the club to better communicate with members, tourists, and other clubs.
East Range Joint Powers Board	Town of Palo	Palo Volunteer Fire Dept. Tech Initiative	Improve public safety by purchasing and utilizing technology equipment such as computers and iPads with hotspots for the Palo Volunteer Fire Department.
East Range Joint Powers Board	ERJPB	Broadband Capacity Building	Enhance the understanding among community members about the importance of broadband for community resiliency, the understanding of “smart cities”, and explore how the Intelligent Community process can enhance this work.
Iron Range Tourism Bureau	Iron Range Tourism Bureau	Talent Attraction Microsite	Create and market a fun and informative microsite on Iron Range Tourism Bureau’s website that will provide needed information for those seeking to relocate to the area, including housing, daycare, what to expect during winter, etc.

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Iron Range Tourism Bureau	Iron Range Tourism Bureau	Local Pride Campaign	Promote local pride and a positive sense of place by launching a social marketing campaign.
Iron Range Tourism Bureau	Small Business Development Center (Northland Fdn)	Small Business Trainings	Improve the technology and online marketing skills of tourism businesses to enhance their profitability through one-on-one trainings, professional design services, and equipment upgrades.
Iron Range Tourism Bureau	Iron Range Tourism Bureau	Interactive Arts Map	Showcase and promote the work of local artists, cultural opportunities, and cultural sites in the region by creating an interactive online map.
Iron Range Tourism Bureau	Iron Range Tourism Bureau	Community Video Project	Enhance the tourism narrative of the region by developing a monthly video and photo shoot to showcase the region's recreation and attractions.
Iron Range Tourism Bureau	Iron Range Tourism Bureau	Stories of the Mesabi	Empower, support, and educate community members of all ages by teaching them to create their own documentary about life and culture in the region, with a particular emphasis on BIPOC experiences and voices. Resulting short films will be shared at a public screening and curated online.
Iron Range Tourism Bureau	Iron Range Tourism Bureau	Sounds of the Mesabi	Embark on an "adventure in sound" by compiling the sounds of the Mesabi, such as ATV engines, waves on the shore, mining trucks, wind in the pines, and more for use in marketing, and work with a local musician to create a theme song for the region.
Laurentian Chamber of Commerce	City of Gilbert	Gilbert Campground	Improve public access to the internet through the installation of a fiber connection to the Gilbert Campground and a free public internet access point.
Laurentian Chamber of Commerce	Small Business Development Center (Northland Fdn)	Digital Marketing / Technology Audits for Area Businesses	Improve the online presence and profitability of at least ten local businesses by providing technical assistance, including an audit of the businesses' current technology platforms, websites, and use of social media.
Laurentian Chamber of Commerce	Laurentian Chamber of Commerce	Chamber Technology Upgrades	Enhance the ability of the Chamber of Commerce to host businesses and chamber members for meetings and events through the purchase of a new computer with upgraded software, projector, screen and a Bluetooth conferencing unit.
Laurentian Chamber of Commerce	Arrowhead Economic Opportunity Agency	PCs for People Distribution Event Enhancement	Improve digital literacy skills of local residents through training, education and other support to the recipients of computers distributed by PCs for People.
Laurentian Chamber of Commerce	City of Virginia	Wi-Fi in the Parks	Improve public access to the internet by installing Wi-Fi hotspots in three public parks in the City of Virginia.
Laurentian Chamber of Commerce	Laurentian Chamber of Commerce	Small Business Saturday App	Increase small local business profitability on Small Business Saturday and throughout the year through the development of an app that shoppers can use to learn about local options and enable participating businesses to share promotional offers.



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Laurentian Chamber of Commerce	DEED Workforce Center	Virtual Interview Room	Improve employment opportunities for people using the Workforce Center by providing a remote interview cubicle with a computer, camera, and microphone. The equipment may also be used for training purposes, specifically on interview skills.
Laurentian Chamber of Commerce	DEED Workforce Center	Interactive Television	Increase access to training by installing an interactive television (ITV) at the Workforce Center to allow staff and the public to videoconference, participate in remote trainings, increase training opportunities, reduce travel costs, etc.
Laurentian Chamber of Commerce	City of Eveleth	Safe, Accessible Public Wi-Fi	Improve access to the internet by providing dedicated, comfortable, and safe spaces in three public locations in Eveleth where residents, visitors and guests can access Wi-Fi.
Laurentian Chamber of Commerce	Eveleth-Gilbert and Virginia School Districts	Wi-Fi on Buses in the Eveleth-Gilbert and Virginia Schools	Increase public internet access and use by installing Wi-Fi on school buses, allowing students who rely on school bus transportation access for schoolwork.
Laurentian Chamber of Commerce	Town of Fayal	Fayal Township Website Upgrade	Increase community engagement through the creation of an upgraded website for Fayal Township that will include a community calendar, forms and permit applications for download, and enable better communication between residents and Township officials.
Laurentian Chamber of Commerce	Rock Ridge School District	Technology Upgrades and STEM Curriculum	Enhance and improve curriculum offerings in preparation for the new Rock Ridge School District (consolidated from the Eveleth-Gilbert and Virginia school districts) through technology improvements including Adobe Creative Cloud licenses and middle school STEM curriculum. Access to Adobe will allow art and digital photography students to work with local employers on student-led projects, exposing them to tech-enabled creative arts careers. They will also purchase and implement the Pre-Advanced Career Middle Grades STEM Curriculum, which will expose middle school students to skills essential to many of today's jobs.
Laurentian Chamber of Commerce	Mesabi Humane Society	Mesabi Humane Technology	Increase the efficiency and expediency of shelter operations by installing high-speed internet, new IP phones, and other internal technology improvements to improve animal care, intake and adoption.
Laurentian Chamber of Commerce	Arrowhead Economic Opportunity Agency	PCs for People Internet Distribution Event	Increase technology adoption and use by providing one year of internet service to 75 individuals and families who meet PCs for People income eligibility requirements. AEOA is partnering with three local school districts, two government employment programs, Head Start, and the local HRA to identify qualifying households.
Laurentian Chamber of Commerce	Laurentian Chamber of Commerce	Chamber Technology Upgrades 2020	Enhance the ability of the Chamber to host socially distanced businesses and chamber members for meetings and events through the purchase of conference phones, webcams, VPN service, and a Zoom subscription.

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Laurentian / Tower / East Range	City of Virginia	Laurentian-Tower-East Range (LTE) Broadband Feasibility Study	Explore options to expand broadband infrastructure and services by conducting a feasibility study throughout the Quad Cities / Tower / East Range Joint Powers Board area. They will also use this process to identify potential partners to provide these services.
Tower EDA	Township of Breitung	Workstation for Public Access	Improve public access to the internet by providing a workstation with a computer and printer in the new community room at the Breitung town hall.
Tower EDA	City of Tower	Hoo Doo Point Campground Wi-Fi	Improve public access to the internet by providing Wi-Fi throughout Hoo Doo Point Campground.
Tower EDA	City of Tower	Broadband Access to the Tower Depot and Farmer's Market	Improve public access to the internet by providing Wi-Fi access to people using the Tower Depot for information, and to Farmer's Market participants and visitors.
Tower EDA	Tower-Soudan Elementary School	School and Community Connectivity	Improve digital literacy skills and technology use by creating and supporting a mobile computer lab and AV display for the Tower-Soudan Elementary School media center that will be accessible to the community as well as students.
Tower EDA	Vermilion Country School (VCS)	Senior / Public / Student Access Computer Lab	Improve digital literacy skills and technology use by creating a 12-computer lab and AV display that can be used by the school, as an internet café for AEOA Senior Dining clients, and the general public through Tower-Soudan Community Ed classes and VCS after school parental involvement classes.
Tower EDA	Vermilion Country School	Interactive Field Trip and Music Lab	Improve digital literacy skills and training opportunities for students and the public by expanding the Vermilion School computer lab into a space that can be used for interactive educational and community education programming, virtual field trips, visits with scientists and writers, along with technology to create a digital music lab, including a digital piano and other instruments.
Tower EDA	Vermilion Country School	Smartboards in our Classrooms	Improve technology use by installing Smartboards in VCS classrooms, particularly math and science rooms, and to take full advantage of the new fiber optic capabilities to the school building.
Tower EDA	City of Tower	Tower Website	Upgrade the website for the City of Tower to enhance timeliness of content, expand access to city services and information, and improve the site's look and feel.
Tower EDA	Tower BBC Steering Team	Sharing Broadband	Learn about broadband infrastructure, projects, and policy, and share the information with community members to increase knowledge and demand.
<b>Alumni Iron Range Broadband Communities</b>			
Aitkin County	Aitkin County	Wi-Fi Hotspot in Jacobson Community Center	Increase public access to the internet by installing a 25 megabit-per-second Wi-Fi hotspot in the Jacobson Community Center; a hub that hosts many local events and is an East Central Regional Library remote site.

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Aitkin County	Long Lake Conservation Center	High-Speed Broadband at LLCC	Install high-speed fiber optic broadband at the Long Lake Conservation Center, enabling higher internet speeds and increased educational programming.
Aitkin County	Riverwood Healthcare Center	Increase MyChart Usage at Riverwood Healthcare Center	Increase the use of the MyChart online patient portal amongst patients and caregivers at Riverwood Healthcare Center, which allows patients better access to their electronic health records, and to schedule appointments, contact their provider, view test results, monitor health maintenance, etc.
Aitkin County	Aitkin County	Enhance Interactive Community Conference Centers	Increase access to training and decrease meeting travel by enhancing and expanding the existing interactive capabilities at the well-used community conference centers in Aitkin and McGregor by adding interactive cameras to allow for onsite and offsite use.
Chisholm	Chisholm Public Schools	Wi-Fi Hotspots for Check-out	Increase students' access to the internet at home by making hotspots available for check-out by students at the Chisholm Public School Library.
Chisholm	Minnesota Discovery Center	Distance Learning Program	Improve Minnesota Discovery Center's public outreach by establishing a distance learning program related to Iron Range history and natural history for remote audiences, including a mobile cart with video conferencing capabilities
Chisholm	Balkan Township	Balkan Township Website	Improve community member engagement by updating Balkan Township's website with a user-friendly content management system which will allow them to post more timely information about meetings, services, events and activities.
Chisholm	Chisholm Area Chamber of Commerce	Marketing Chisholm55719.com	Showcase Chisholm to residents and visitors alike with a new billboard and promotional videos to promote the area and drive visitors to the recently-created community portal – <a href="http://www.chisholm55719.com">www.chisholm55719.com</a> .
Chisholm	Chisolm EDA	Technology & Marketing Assistance for Local Orgs	Increase visibility and revenues for ten local businesses and nonprofits by providing individualized 1:1 professional consulting support on digital marketing and improved technology strategies
Chisholm	City of Chisholm	Website Update	Update the City of Chisholm website to offer a user-friendly experience for residents and visitors.
Ely	Incredible Ely	Google Local Listings	Showcase Ely to prospective residents, businesses, and visitors, by creating a website with information on cost of living, the arts, restaurants, churches, business opportunities, infrastructure, etc.
Ely	Incredible Ely	Community Building Skillshares	Improve local business profitability through free professional training on internet and social media use offered through Ten Below Coworking.
Ely	Incredible Ely	Proximity Beacons	Promote local events and businesses by using Wi-Fi enabled Bluetooth proximity beacons to deliver fun, interactive and unique experiences to park visitors.
Ely	Incredible Ely	Ely through my Eyes	Create a promotional video series, starting with four episodes that highlight Ely through diverse stories of the unique characters found within the community.

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Ely	ARTS in Ely	Arts Directory	Promote area artists by creating a web-directory that will link artists, art consumers, and material providers in an easy-to-access and easy-to-maintain website.
Ely	Hak Ely	Ely Meetup	Increase the sophistication of Ely’s web presence through the use of Meetup.com software by businesses and organizations to consolidate and post all community event listings online in one location.
Ely	Incredible Ely	2020 Training and Marketing Skillshares	Educate and support local businesses on using broadband for marketing and maximize the impact of the upcoming broadband deployment in downtown Ely, through a series of free, monthly professional trainings on marketing and social media.
Ely	Ely Chamber of Commerce	Workforce and Leadership Development	Provide continued support to local businesses exploring how broadband can enhance their marketing efforts by offering a series of workshops on workforce development and leadership skills.
Grizzlies (Bois Forte, Cook, Orr)	Orr Center	Community Education	Increase internet access, digital literacy and technology use by providing adult education classes and public Wi-Fi at the Orr Center.
Grizzlies (Bois Forte, Cook, Orr)	Cook Library	Wi-Fi Hotspots and Adult Education	Increase internet access, digital literacy and technology use by providing public Wi-Fi, Wi-Fi hotspots for check-out, and technology training and activities at the Cook Library.
Grizzlies (Bois Forte, Cook, Orr)	Bois Forte Reservation	QuickBooks Business Training	Improve business technology skills by providing technical training and support for small business owners on QuickBooks.
Grizzlies (Bois Forte, Cook, Orr)	Bois Forte Reservation	Native Video Archive	Establish a Native Video Archiving program with videos of various events so future generations can see, about learn about culturally significant activity throughout the reservation.
Grizzlies (Bois Forte, Cook, Orr)	North Woods School District	Grizzlies Sports Blog and Website	Provide digital literacy and skills to students and community members through training in journalism, web design, and blogging while promoting a sense of one-ness between the three communities in the North Woods school district by establishing a webpage designed specifically to cover all Grizzlies sporting events and programs.
Grizzlies (Bois Forte, Cook, Orr)	North Woods School District	Wireless to Ball Fields	Enable the broadcasting of athletic competition and provide access for teachers and students by extending Wi-Fi access to the athletic fields surrounding the school.
Grizzlies (Bois Forte, Cook, Orr)	Bois Forte Reservation	Zup’s Online Ordering Process	Assist community members social distance during the COVID pandemic by helping to establish a web-based grocery ordering system from the local Zup’s IGA.
Hibbing	Access North Center for Independent Living	Aging in Place Through Technology	Increase internet use by utilizing smart home technology to create environmental control and enhance safety and security within homes to allow seniors to successfully age in place.
Hibbing	HRA of Hibbing	Public Housing / Downtown Wi-Fi Network	Increase public access to the internet by providing affordable Wi-Fi to up to 60 low-income families at the public housing facility, with the potential to provide free access in public areas and to businesses in the downtown area within two blocks of the facility.

**Blandin Broadband Communities ~ 2018-20 Projects**

<b>Community</b>	<b>Project Owner</b>	<b>Project Name</b>	<b>Project Description</b>
Hibbing	Tech Tank, Entrepreneur Fund	Monthly Business Meetup Meetings	Increase the profitability of Hibbing area businesses by offering free monthly meetups with paid facilitators that focus on topics such as entrepreneurship, financial management, human resources, marketing, workflow management, and technology.
Hibbing	Fairview Range	iPads in Emergency Dept, Hibbing Fire Dept, and Ambulances	Provide critical visual connectivity between first responders and emergency department providers by placing iPads in the Fairview Range Emergency Room, six Hibbing Fire Dept vehicles, three Nashwauk ambulances, and two Chisholm ambulances.
Hibbing	Fairview Range	Infusion Treatment Center iPads	Provide internet access to patients and family members visiting Hibbing for cancer treatments by offering two iPads at the Fairview Hibbing Infusion Center.
Mt. Iron-Buhl	Mesabi Family YMCA	Internet Upgrades	Increase internet access and digital literacy skills by expanding Wi-Fi throughout the Mesabi Family YMCA facility, offering science and technology programs for youth, and through implementing the Open Y platform which allows for more up-to-date website, apps, etc.
Mt. Iron-Buhl	Mt. Iron-Buhl School District	Environmental Community Learning Center	Invite and encourage students and community members to engage with technology to enrich their environment learning by establishing an outdoor learning lab with 12 GPS units, geocaching containers, a weather station, and a community greenhouse.
Mt. Iron-Buhl	Mt. Iron-Buhl School District	Technology Inspired Design Program	Improve digital literacy and technology skills by making the school's STEM Lab available and accessible to the broader population, and to develop a multi-faceted approach to teaching students and community members about the endless creative possibilities of using the internet and design software.
Mt. Iron-Buhl	Mt. Iron-Buhl School District	Collaborative Community Journalism	Improve digital literacy and technology skills by showcasing the school's technology to teach community members and students to develop and produce various types of videos, social media, advertisements, posters and more.
Mt. Iron-Buhl	City of Mt. Iron	City Services App	Develop an app for of the City of Mountain Iron to provide a wide variety of information to its residents.