

One Minnesota Budget



Department of Employment and Economic Development

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Office of Broadband Development Update

- Budget Recommendation
 - Governor recommends \$276 million in the FY24-25 biennium for the Border-to-Border Broadband Infrastructure Program.
- Border-to-Border Broadband Grant Program
 - Most recent RFP (\$67.6 million) closes on March 2.
 - Anticipate awards in spring/early summer.
- Line Extension Program
 - Grant of up to \$25,000 for a provider to connect homes and businesses that are unserved.
- Digital Equity planning underway. Final plans due to National Telecommunications & Information Association (NTIA) in November.
 - Further funding opportunities once plan is complete.
- Staffing up.

Broadband Equity, Access, and Deployment (BEAD)

- All states set to receive a base amount of \$100 million plus an additional formula-based amount.
 - Formula based on updated Federal Communications Commission (FCC) maps (expected in June).
- We do not anticipate receiving funding until 2024. If we do not receive state funding in this legislative session, we will miss a construction season this year.
- Preliminary plan due in July.
- Administrative challenges – NTIA wants full plan and to allocate all money at once.

Questions?

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