



WRIGHT COUNTY
MINNESOTA

ADMIN Only – Program Administration

ARP Status	ARP Program Managing Agency/Department	ARP Term or End Date
GRANT	WRIGHT COUNTY	12/31/2026
DISPURSE/WARRANTS		Grant Amount Requested
		\$10000000.00
ARP Adopted Program Name	ARP Grant Managing Agency/Department	Grant Amount Awarded
BROADBAND IMPROVEMENTS	WRIGHT COUNTY	\$1925353.00
	ARP Tier Rating	Grant Amount Dispersed
ARP Project Name (if applicable)	ARP Risk Score	
BB-002 BROADBAND GRANT PROGRAM		
ARP Award#		
BB-002		
ARP Funding	Expenditure Category	
ARP Established	5.19	

American Rescue Plan Program Request

Program Name	Description *
BROADBAND IMPROVEMENTS	Implement broadband grant program. Grants will be awarded to cities, townships or internet service providers.
Program Category *	
INFRASTRUCTURE	
Program Type *	
WRIGHT CTY – GRANT PROGRAM	

Eligibility and Requested Funding

American Rescue Plan – Fiscal Recovery Funds – Expenditure Category

5.19 Broadband: “Last Mile” projects

American Rescue Plan – Expenditure Category OLD *

5.16 Broadband: “Last Mile” projects

Grant Contact Information

Legal Name of Business /
Agency *

Wright County

Type of Business

Government

Federal Tax ID

MN State Tax ID

Complete Mailing Address

Location same as mailing
address?

Location Address

Contact Name

Elizabeth Karels

Contact Business Phone *

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Additional Information Based On Program Type

ARP Program Type

WRIGHT CTY – GRANT PROGRAM

Program / Project Information

Explain how the proposed program will work. The narrative should answer the following questions as appropriate.

- What is the purpose of the program?
- Why is the program needed?
- What is included in the program?
- How will the program be structured?
- Who will oversee the program?
- Who will participate in the program?
- If the managing agency will be administering grants, how will the grant award and management process function?
- How long the program will last or what is the overall schedule?

Detailed narrative answering the above: *

The purpose of the broadband grant program is to award grants to broadband improvement projects that wouldn't score well under existing grant programs (such as the Border-to-Border grant) and that can be completed in 2022 or 2023.

The grant criteria includes the following categories: Grant Funding Request Amount, City / Township Contribution, ISP Contribution, Project Readiness / Proposed Schedule, Number of Passings, and Why is this project best suited for the ARP funding source?

The maximum grant award will be \$400,000 and the maximum County contribution will be 50% of total project cost. In order to be eligible technology must meet 100/100 or 100/20, and the ISP must enroll in a low-income subsidy program. Awarded areas cannot include RDOF areas.

How will you measure success of the program? *

By the number of under and unserved homes and businesses served through this grant program.

Provide a narrative explaining why this funding is being requested.

Wright County has several areas meeting the definitions of underserved and unserved in terms of broadband. This grant program is needed to bridge the financial gap and bring broadband to these areas.

Breakdown of Requested Funding

Itemize for multiple allocations, enter one line for One Time allocations (click Add for each line item)

Type	Description	Funding Requested
Grant Awards	Grants to ISP's or Cities/Townships	\$1740215.00

Total of Funding Requested
1740215.00

Is the detailed program or project eligible for funding under the American Rescue Plan – Fiscal Recovery Fund guidelines?

Yes No

Narrative:

Updated 7/25/2022 – approval additional grant from original round, increasing allocation to \$1,925,353. New grant is:

BB-002-11 Buffalo Fiber, City of Buffalo and Buffalo Township (\$185,138)

Updated 5/11/2022 – based on grant applications received, the amount allocated to this must be increased from \$1.2M to \$1,740,215. Projects will include:

BB-002-01 South Haven Broadband (\$67,443)

BB-002-02 LTD Broadband, Middleville Township (\$191,833.40)

BB-002-03 LTD Broadband, Stockholm Township (\$189,448.78)

BB-002-04 LTD Broadband, Victor and Stockholm Townships (\$192,528.17)

BB-002-05 Windstream Lakedale, Southside and French Lake Townships (\$323,859)

BB-002-06 Midcontinent Communication, Silver Creek Township (\$239,000)

BB-002-07 Meeker Cooperative dba VIBRANT Broadband, Stockholm Township (\$115,238)

BB-002-08 LTD Broadband, Middleville and Cokato Townships (\$195,614.75)

BB-002-09 LTD Broadband, Victor Township (\$198,960.84)

BB-002-10 Meeker Cooperative dba VIBRANT Broadband, French Lake Township (\$26,289)

Broadband improvements are eligible expenses.

Originally reviewed 1/26 as request from the EDA. On 2/1 County Board changed course, and the project will now be managed through the county. Committee final review 2/2

Is the detailed program or project eligible for funding under other parts of the American Rescue Plan?

Yes No

Narrative:

American Rescue Plan – Fiscal Recovery Funds – Expenditure Category

5.16 Broadband: “Last Mile” projects

Expenditure Category VALIDATED

Yes No

Reviewed by:	
Member	Date
Elizabeth Karels	02/02/2022
Member	Date
Heather Lemeiux	02/02/2022
Member	Date
Greg Kryzer	02/02/2022
Member	Date
Ryan Kotila	02/02/2022
Member	Date
Lee Kelly	02/02/2022

Review Dates and Forum		
Date	Action	Comments / Directions
02/15/2022	Approved to move forward	Approved.
Forum	Other	
Board Meeting		

Date	Action	Comments / Directions
05/17/2022	Other	Approved increase in allocation.
Forum	Other	
Board Meeting		

Distributions									
Date of Distribution	Warrant #	Acct Code	Distribution Amount	Description/Comment	Date Committee	Committee Members	Date Board	Board Members	Board Members present
					Apr	present	Apr	present	