

Chisago Lakes Blandin Broadband Community Brainstorm Meeting Project Idea Report-Out

1. Implement a comprehensive communications campaign around broadband and why it's needed. Include mailings, social media and newspaper/newsletter articles to reach everyone - Advocacy
2. Conduct a Chisago Lakes Area community broadband market study - Advocacy
3. Create local broadband maps that illustrate actual broadband internet availability - Advocacy
4. Ensure that all industrial parks and business sites have excellent broadband - Advocacy
5. Solicit new broadband providers - Broadband
6. Acquire mobile cellular infrastructure; Central communications center, infrastructure that can be deployed like mobile cellular towers - Broadband
7. Require that all new housing developments include fiber (dig once) - Broadband
8. Create and maintain a map of public Wi-Fi hotspots for visitors and families in need- Broadband
9. Provide technical support and financial incentive to private businesses to offer Wi-Fi at their buildings - Broadband
10. Provide public Wi-Fi in parks, farmers' market, senior centers- Broadband
11. Create a mesh-network - or wireless line-of-sight network - Broadband
12. Provide mobile hot spots for checkout at public library - Broadband
13. Provide technology equipment checkout at schools and libraries, such as Chromebooks, iPads, 3D printers, etc.) - Innovation
14. Offer community ed courses on technology - Knowledge Workforce
15. Provide training and equipment for older adults to support applications like telehealth - Digital Equity
16. Provide community ed classes on internet safety for senior citizens - Digital Equity
17. Facilitate volunteers to teach seniors how to use devices and social media, etc. - Digital Equity
18. Install and maintain computer workstations in senior apartments and centers - Digital Equity
19. Deploy school buses or other portable Wi-Fi to lower income areas - Digital equity
20. Provide broadband in low-income housing - Digital Equity
21. Create and maintain one or more Technology Centers for access, training, demonstration, and collaboration - Innovation
22. Create virtual meeting room(s) for community use - Innovation
23. Provide e-commerce consulting assistance to businesses - Innovation
24. Provide online and on-site training for small business owners to increase online presence - Innovation

25. Enable and promote community members to teach seminars and classes remotely - Innovation
26. Support 1:1 student device initiatives in schools - Knowledge Workforce
27. Create and host virtual manufacturing tours - Knowledge Workforce
28. Utilize Pine Tech technology interns - Knowledge Workforce