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It is because of our unique community driven (public, private, nonprofit, philanthropic, citizen) partnership that we won the \$2 Million grant to expand broadband in Crow Wing, Cass, and Morrision Counties!

Lt. Governor Tina Smith visited the Brainerd Lakes Chamber last week to announce a \$2 million Border-to-Border Broadband Development Grant to CTC, which will match the funds to expand broadband service in Crow Wing, Cass, and Morrision Counties. We are so excited and want to thank all those who helped make this possible by working to prepare the proposal, testifying on the video produced <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=2aGx572Juv&feature=youtu.be> and/or writing letters of support (see those listed below).

We also know that we still have 18,737 households and businesses in the region who are either unserved or underserved – therefore, we have a long way to go before we reach the goal set by 600 citizens during the Resilient Region Planning process that 95% of all households in the five-county region will have access to high-speed broadband.

Thank you!

National Joint Powers Alliance (NJPA) and USDA RCDI for your financial support and West Central Telephone Association (WTCA) for your in-kind staff support for this proposal!

Thank you ALSO to all who helped with the video or provided letters of support!

Elected Officials:

- Robert Kangas, Chairman, Cass County Board of Commissioners
- Rosemay Frazen, Chair, Crow Wing County Board of Commissioners
- Jeffrey J. Jelinske, Board Chair, Morrision County Board of Commissioners
- Mark Anderson, State Representative, District 9A
- Joe Radinovich, former State Representative, District 10B
- Ron Kresha, State Representative, District 9B
- Dave Brown, State Senator, District 15
- John Ward, former State Representative, District 10A
- Paul Gazelka, State Seantor, District District 9

Private, Public, Nonprofit, Philanthropic Partners:

- 120 citizens from Fairview Township
- 16 citizens of 371 Neighborhood
- 33 residents of Crow Wing Lake

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Andrea Lauer, Mayor, City of Royalton
 Anthony V. Mayer, General Manager/CEO, WTCA
 Arlene M Jones, Owner and Operator, The Farm at St. Mathias
 Bernadine R. Joselyn, Director, Public Policy & Engagement, Blandin Foundation
 Bob Heaton
 Brenda Thomes, City Administrator, City of Long Prairie
 Brent, Jenny, Claire, and Connor Gunsbury
 Bruce and Sandy Narr
 Carol Anderson, Community Development Morrison County
 Chris Hadfield, Dean of Career and Technical Education and the Staples Campus, Central Lakes College
 Christine Maxsom
 Corky T. McQuiston, Chief of Police, Brainerd Police Department
 Dale Bosch, Executive Director, Mt. Ski Gull
 Dan Carter, Faculty Member, Minnesota State Community and Technical College
 Darryl and Jamie Stout
 Deanna Hemmesch, Executive Director, Central Minnesota Housing Partnership
 Don Hickman, Vice President of Community and Economic Development, Intiative Foundation
 Dr. Brian T. Briggs
 Dr. Chad Coauette, Executive Director/CEO, National Joint Powers Alliance
 Dr. Jennifer Mahling-Stadum, Essentia Health, Brainerd Clinic
 Dr. Klint Willert, Superintendent, Brainerd Schools
 Dr. Larry Lundblad, President, Central Lakes College
 Dr. Peggy Kennedy, President, Minnedota State Community and Technical College
 Dr. Timonhy S. Yeh, Brainerd Hematology Oncology, PC
 Duane Luithle
 Greg Bergman, Regional Director, Small Business Development Center (SBDC)
 Jacob J. Wert
 James Weizenegger, Fairview Township Chair
 Janelle R. Riley, President, Syvantis Technologies
 Janet Johnson, Faculuty, Minnesota State Community and Technical College
 Janie Weston, CEO, Greater Lakes Association of Realtors
 Jason Edens, Director, Rural Renewable Energy Alliance (RREAL)
 Jim Sabas, Mayor, City of Pine River
 Justin, Sherry and Alex Pape
 Kevin Wroolie, Township Supervisor, Fort Ripley
 Lynn Hunt, CEO/Founder Hunt Utilities Group
 Mark Schmitz, Superintendent, Staples Motley Schools
 Marla Yoho, Clerk, Fairview Township
 Mary Gottsch, Director, Briedges Workpace Connection, Brainerd Lakes Chamber
 Matt Killan, President, Brainerd Lakes Chamber
 Maureen Ideker, Rn, BSN, MBA, Director of Telehealth, Essentia Health
 Mick Qualer, Nisswa, MN
 Pat and Gary Bluth
 Philip and Coni Trusty, Owners/Operators, Crow Wing Lake Campground
 Randy Lee, Chief, Pillager Area Fire Protection Assn.
 Rick Utech, Executive Director, Todd County Development Corporation
 Robert L. McLean, Executive Director, Happy Dancing Turtle a member of the Resilient Living Council
 Ron Noon, Commissioner, Wadena County
 Sheila Haverkamp, Executive Director, Brainerd Lakes Area Economic Development Corporation
 Stephen O. Jones, Superintendent, Little Falls Community Schools
 Sue and Larry Friedrichs
 Timothy J. Houle, Chair, Resilient Region Champions
 Tom Burch, Sheriff, Cass County

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