

# Budget for One Minnesota



## Governor's Broadband Recommendation

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# Border-to-Border Broadband Grant Program Budget Request

- **Governor Walz recommends \$138 million in FY24 and \$138 million in FY25 from the general fund for the Border-to-Border Broadband Grant Program.**

# Minnesota's Unmet Needs

- **About 88% of the state is at the 2026 speed goal of 100/20mbps; only 62% of rural homes and businesses have access at this speed.**
- **Broadband access is critical for telehealth, business and work needs, education, and economic growth.**
- **Connecting One Minnesota Event (January 25, 2023 – 242 in-person and 193 on-line registrants)**

# “Faster Broadband Service Helps Delavan Business Owners”

- Border-to-Border provided a grant to Bevcomm to build out fiber optic cable.
- Provided speeds 60 times faster than their old connection.
- Allows Greg to connect online for his seed treatment system and get IT support.



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# Questions?