



**EMPLOYMENT AND  
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# **Broadband Update**

**House Industrial Education and Economic Development**

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# 2021 Legislative Session and Broadband Grants

- During the 2021 Legislative Session, the Legislature appropriated \$70 million from the federal Capital Projects Fund to be used for Border to Border Broadband Grants
- No money was appropriated from the General Fund
- DEED did not launch a broadband grant round in 2021
- The Capital Projects Fund process caused delays in launching a grant round
  - State funds allow for much more flexibility and predictability

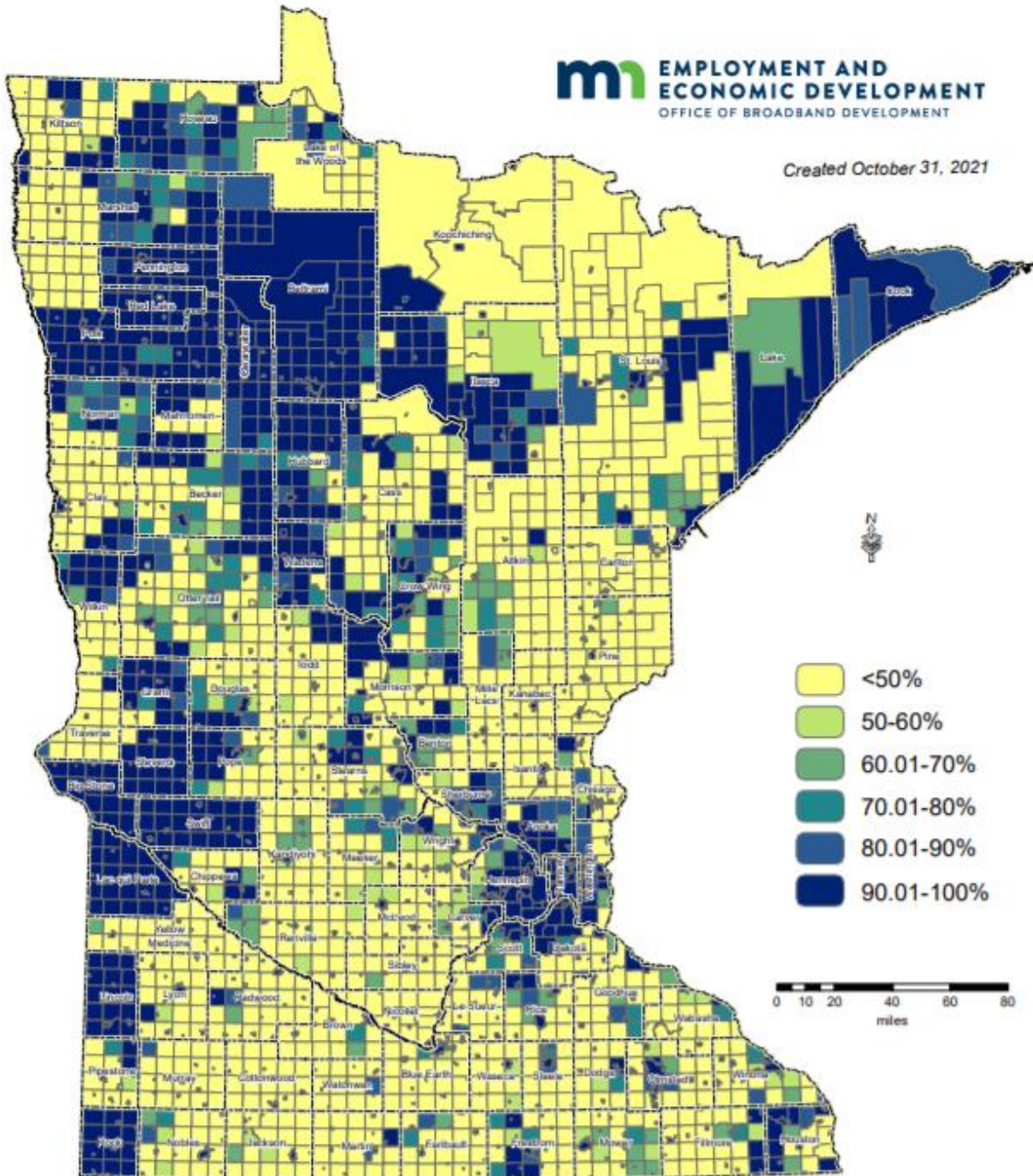
# Capital Projects Fund Process

- Application Portal Launch – September 24, 2021
- Deadline to Request Funding – December 27, 2021
- Deadline to Submit Grant Plan – September 24, 2022
- DEED has submitted its grant plan to use funds for the Border to Border Grant Program and is awaiting approval from the U.S. Dept. of the Treasury.

# 2022 Broadband Outlook

- The Office of Broadband Development anticipates receiving approval on the grant plan in February
- We expect to launch two grant rounds in 2022 using the \$70 million appropriated from the Capital Projects Fund
- The first round will be in FY2022 and the second round will be in FY2023

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## 2021 Broadband Availability in the State of Minnesota

Percentage of Households Served by Wireline  
Broadband Service by City/Township  
At Least 100 Mbps Download/20 Mbps Upload Speeds  
Statewide Availability: 88.52%, Rural: 75.05%

2021	
Statewide 100/20 of Households:	88.52% covered
# of Households without:	240,000
Non-metro 100/20 of Households:	75.05% covered
# of Households without:	224,000

# Questions?



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