**Feasibility Studies**

April 21, 2020

Downloads: [Feasibility Study Consultants](https://blandinfoundation.org/content/uploads/Broadband-Feasibility-Study-Consultants.pdf)

[Sample RFP](https://blandinfoundation.org/content/uploads/Broadband-Feasibility-Study-RFP-SAMPLE-TEMPLATE-0417.docx)

**What is our broadband vision?**

**What are the critical things that we want to learn in a feasibility study for our area?**

**What is the right geography for our study?**

**Who might be able to contribute to paying for this study?**

**What are the most important factors in selecting a consultant?**

**Who should be on our local feasibility study team?**

**Which providers do we want to involve in our feasibility study process?**

**Federal and State Broadband Finance Programs**

April 23, 2020

State of Minnesota

* [MN DEED’s Broadband Grant Program](https://mn.gov/deed/programs-services/broadband/grant-program/)

FCC

* [Rural Digital Opportunity Fund (RDOF)](https://www.fcc.gov/auction/904)

[USDA Broadband Programs](https://www.usda.gov/broadband)

* [USDA ReConnect](https://www.usda.gov/reconnect)
* [Distance Learning and Telemedicine](https://www.rd.usda.gov/programs-services/distance-learning-telemedicine-grants)

**What existing federal and state funds are being used in our area? By which providers?**

**Which funding sources are most applicable to our community and our situation?**

**What do state and federal maps show us about eligibility for various programs?**

**Which provider partners might be the best fit for our community?**

**What is our community prepared to do to assist in the pursuit of federal and state funds?**