



ANNUAL REPORT 2022

Faribault County

- Broadband Deployment
- Safety Equipment for Faribault County
- Kiester Market Good Food Access Grant
- Business Support Services



Faribault County Broadband

17.7 MILES OF FIBER LINES

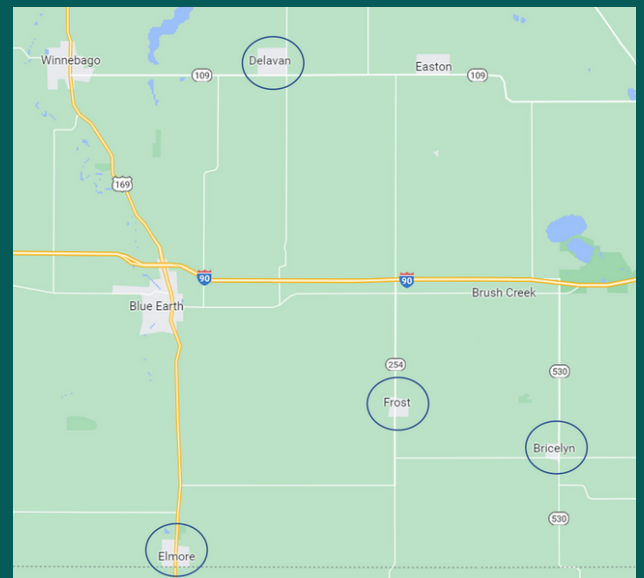
700 HOMES IMPACTED

110 BUSINESSES IMPACTED

In 2021, Faribault County received \$2,886,206 from the State of Minnesota CDBG-CV to deploy fiber to Bricelyn, Delavan, Elmore, and Frost. In 2022, the County partnered with Bevcomm to begin the installation process. Fiber lines have been laid in all four communities. In 2023, the construction process will splice the lines up to the premise and connect to Bevcomm's fiber network. This partnership will significantly increase resident's access to broadband, and will provide a future-proof technology for successful telehealth, telework, and school from home capabilities.

Project Partner:

Bevcomm



Communities Impacted:

Bricelyn

Delavan

Elmore

Frost

Kiester Market Good Food Access Grant

The EDA collaborated with the Kiester Market for the Good Food Access Program Grant in the amount of \$15,000.

Through this grant, the market was able to purchase new equipment to create a healthy grab and go section. Adding this equipment provided an energy efficient, cost-effective way to increase visibility of nutritious meals for their customers.



Faribault County Safety Equipment

The EDA partnered with the Faribault County Sheriff's Office to provide safety shields and helmets to all agencies within the county. This purchase will benefit the community as well as the law enforcement agencies within Faribault County. Having a Shield and Helmet on scene within the county will provide increased safety for both civilian bystanders and first responders and law enforcement.



PROPERTY ASSESSED CLEAN ENERGY (PACE)

The EDA hosted an informational session on Property Assessed Clean Energy. Working with the PACE manager for the region, 7 energy audit assessments have been coordinated.



BUSINESS MENTORSHIP

Throughout the year, the EDA met with existing and prospective business owners. The EDA provided mentorship on topics including succession, financial, and business planning.



Community Outreach

EDA OPEN HOUSES/ BUSINESS VISITS

In 2022, the EDA conducted business visits throughout the County. Over 40 business were visited.



MADE IN FARIBAULT COUNTY

The Faribault County EDA Facebook page has 576 page likes and continues to share information about county businesses.



Looking Ahead to 2023

- Job Fair
- Childcare Grant
- Broadband
- Business Visits
- Succession Planning

The EDA will continue to focus on three main goals. A more comprehensive list is available by request.

1) Administer the broadband grant for fiber development in Bricelyn, Delavan, Elmore, and Frost

2) Assist entrepreneurs looking to start or purchase a business

3) Assist City EDA's with the attraction and retaining of large employers

