

UMVRDC Minnesota Intelligent Rural Communities Regional Priorities

Priority Opportunities/Desired Outcomes/Project Ideas

1	<p>Develop more local e-government services and practices:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • All communities will have community websites and business listed on-line • Government data will be online within 2 years. • Develop best practice technology templates for sharing across governments. • Increased technology collaboration across counties. • Increase public sector data sharing (ie; tax assessment, mapping, board meetings). • Improved e-services for the public sector (ie; online bill pay). <p>Resource Partners: Counties, cities</p>
2	<p>All communities will have community websites and business listed on-line</p> <p>Resource Partners: RDC, local ED staff, Chambers, Extension</p>
2	<p>Improve e-service options and training for students and employees.</p> <p>Resource Partners: PIC/WFC, ABE, MN Learning Commons, Libraries, LqP Computer Commuter, Atomic Training, MnWest</p>
3	<p>Organize a regional GEEK Squad for IT help and training.</p> <p>Resource Partners: MnWest, High schools, private business opportunity</p>
4	<p>Look for opportunities to provide more in-home telehealth access.</p> <p>Resource Partners: Home Health Agencies, Healthcare providers & Associations, V.A., Countryside</p>
4	<p>Develop a challenge fair at the high schools for Broadband Innovation Projects and a technology based student business incubator.</p> <p>Resource Partners: Education Co-ops, high schools</p>
4	<p>Implement infrastructure improvements to increase access (including fiber) and provide more cost options for consumers.</p> <p>Resource Partners: Providers, local government, grant funding</p>
5	<p>Promote increased at work time for training existing employees.</p> <p>Resource Partners: MnWest, Customized Training, ABE, MnREM</p>
6	<p>Recycle and redistribute used computers in the region</p> <p>Resource Partners: PCs for People, MnWest, local public and private sector businesses, County Human Services offices, schools, Prairie Five</p>
6	<p>Develop a system for young volunteers teach technology to others.</p> <p>Resource Partners: Key club, 4H, schools, Education Co-ops</p>
7	<p>Develop more WiFi "hot spots" in the region.</p> <p>Resource Partners: government, libraries, local businesses</p>
7	<p>Increase telecommuting opportunities/promotions.</p>