

PUBLIC NOTICE
Combined Notice of
Finding of No Significant Impact and
Notice of Intent to Request Release of Funds

BY AITKIN COUNTY

The purpose of this notice is to identify two separate but related actions to be taken by the **County of Aitkin** (hereinafter referred to as the Grantee).

One, the Grantee has made a Finding of No Significant Impact on project activities described below and two, the Grantee intends to request the Business and Community Development Division, Small Cities Development Program, Minnesota Department of Employment and Economic Development (DEED BCD) to release Community Development Block Grant Coronavirus (CDBG-CV) funds authorized by the Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security Act (CARES Act) (PL166-136) for the following project: CDBG-CV Broadband Project CARE-21-0011-O-FY21.

The Grantee has determined that the Broadband project will have no significant impact on the human environment. Therefore, an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) under the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 (PL 91-190) is not required.

Any individual, group, or agency may submit written comments on the Environmental Review Record for consideration by the Grantee to the Aitkin County Economic Development office, 307 2nd Ave NW, Room 316, Aitkin MN, 56431 or via email to mark.jeffers@co.aitkin.mn.us. Comments must also be submitted to DEED BCD at Irene.Dassier@state.mn.us. Written comments received at the Grantee's physical address will be scanned and emailed to DEED BCD. All comments received by February 7, 2022 will be considered by the Grantee and DEED BCD prior to authorizing the request for release of funds. Comments should specify which notice and notice they are addressing.

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