



Moran Township Broadband Grant Opportunity FAQ's

Who is CTC? CTC is a telephone cooperative headquartered in Brainerd. We have been providing telecommunications services since 1952. The Motley telephone exchange is CTC's closest service area and abuts the project area just South of Philbrook. In 2017 CTC constructed fiber optics in the City of Long Prairie marking the start of a multi-million dollar investment by CTC in Todd County. CTC has also extended fiber optics into certain businesses in the City of Staples. CTC needs partners like Moran Township and it's citizen support in order to continue expanding broadband services further into unserved areas of Todd County. For more information about CTC you can visit www.goctc.com

What are the terms of the grant and what will this cost me? As the grant applicant CTC will receive grant funds and provide the necessary financial match. This includes all construction of fiber optics down roads and the fiber optic drop cable buried from the road to the side of your home. The grant funds also cover the cost of installation to be completed by CTC technicians once you subscribe to CTC services. A grant award to CTC does not require anyone to sign-up for services or require construction on your property. You will have the option to opt-in or opt-out if the project is awarded.

What services would be available to me? CTC offers the fastest most reliable broadband services available anywhere. CTC broadband services are better than the services available to most people in urban areas because we bring fiber optics directly to your home. Once to the home CTC provides the latest technology so you'll have seamless Wi-Fi coverage throughout your home or hard wired connections, whichever you prefer. CTC also offers Digital TV service and telephone services. You can view our complete list of services available at www.goctc.com

Why is CTC applying for this grant? CTC's cooperative mission is to provide service to those who are in need of service. Areas of Todd County, including Moran Township are currently some of the least served areas in Minnesota. The Governors Broadband Taskforce has set a goal that all residents will have access to 100Mb download and 20Mb upload by 2026. CTC is an advocate of this goal and we strive to do our part as a local partner to help our local communities thrive.

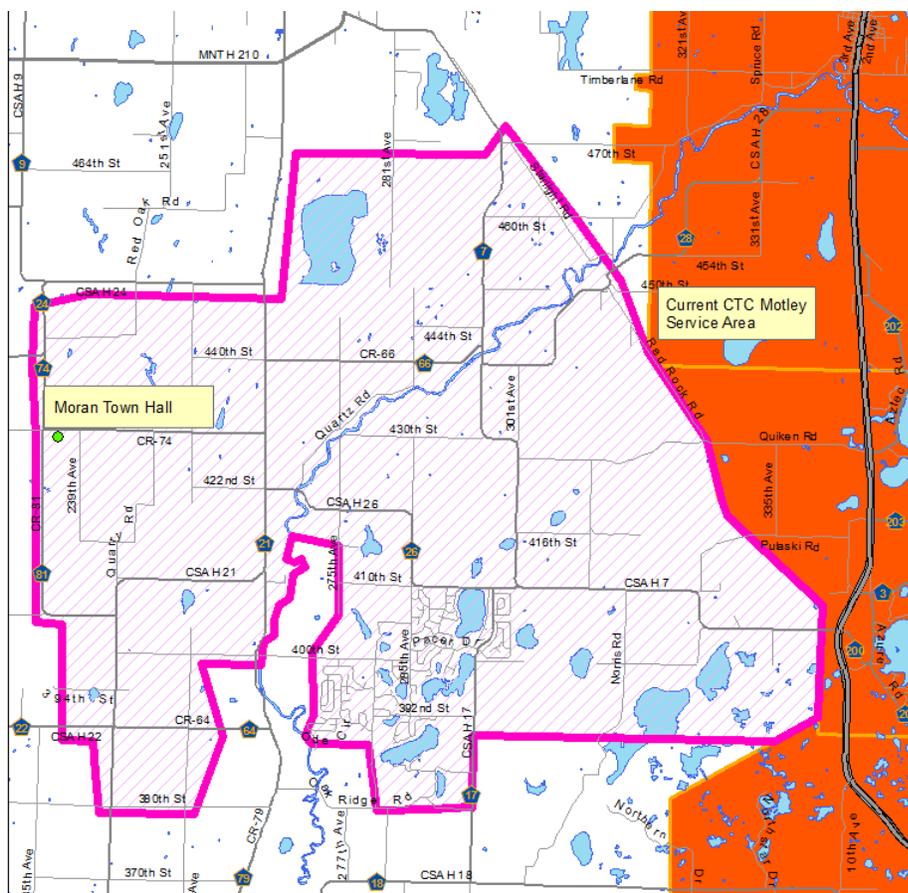
Why isn't all of Moran Township included in the project area? The grant application must meet specific criteria to be considered for funding. CTC has carefully reviewed all federal rules and programs to ensure we submit the most competitive application possible. By expanding the project more than what is defined today CTC reduces our competitiveness at being funded. CTC will continue to look for ways to expand our coverage area once this project is awarded.

What can I do to help the chances of the project being funded? Please consider writing a letter of support. Include your name, address and reasons why you need broadband. Specifically address the lack of service available and *why mobile broadband (your cell phone) is not an option for you* to use as broadband service at your home or business. Comment specifically on how Broadband would improve

opportunities for education, healthcare, business, life safety, income/economics or other significant items specific to your life.

When will CTC find out if the grants has been awarded and when would construction begin? It has not been made public when grants are awarded but we estimate before the end of the federal fiscal year which is September 30th, 2018. If awarded in the Fall of 2018 we anticipate all construction and services made available in 2019.

Project Map. The below map is an ESTIMATE of the proposed project boundaries and are subject to change as CTC continues to evaluate all grant rules and create the most competitive application possible.



*This grant opportunity is the **BEST** opportunity CTC is aware of to bring fiber optics to Moran Township. It is imperative we gain as much community support as possible as the grants are highly competitive.*

Please send letters of support before May 7th or direct questions to Joe Buttweiler at CTC. Joe can be reached by e-mailing joe@gocctc.com or 218-454-1275. Letters of support may also be provided to Rick Utech of the Todd County Development Corporation who will see to it they are provided to CTC for inclusion in the grant application. The grant application is due May 14th time is of the essence.