

# Otter Tail County BBC

## Brainstorm Meeting

### Project Idea Report-Out

1. Promote telework and turn visitors into residents - Advocacy
2. Build and implement programs that teach businesses, cities, townships, churches to have online marketing presence. - Advocacy
3. Attract more higher technology companies to the area. - Advocacy
4. Promote the opportunities for reduced rate programs such as Lifeline - Advocacy
5. Create and maintain an online community calendar/community portal - Advocacy
6. Educate people about the Internet and how to use it. Include information about the differences between upload and download speeds - Advocacy
7. Promote local newspaper access, both print and online access - Advocacy
8. Work with wireless broadband access providers, including A Better Wireless - Broadband
9. Entice additional broadband competition to spur competitive pricing - Broadband
10. Install and maintain Wi-Fi in one city park in each OTC community. - Broadband
11. Increase the number of free Wi-Fi access points throughout the county. - Broadband
12. Provide hotspots and devices at the library and other locations that can be checked out by community members. Provide training on the use of the hotspots. - Broadband
13. Provide free or low-cost wi-fi throughout the countyBroadband
14. Provide training for technology platforms like Zoom and Sling. - Digital Equity
15. Provide spaces for online legal and other important proceedings with access to technology and privacy - Digital Equity
16. Provide scholarships for digital connection - Digital Equity
17. Ensure that affordable rental housing developments have broadband as part of the rental package. - Digital Equity
18. Ensure that provided school devices are of high quality to ensure a positive experience. - Digital Equity
19. Provide Internet access and devices to people looking for work and applying for jobs. – Digital Equity
20. Provide warming shelters so individuals without vehicles can use Wi-Fi during winter months. - Digital Equity / Broadband

21. Offer 'zoom room' space at libraries and community centers for studying, meetings, other groups - Innovation
22. Create and maintain technology equipped space for workers or others (more office-size for 1-2 people) - Innovation
23. Identify and promote existing inventory of technology spaces and assets (computer labs, etc.) to a broad audience, existing residents, visitors, etc. Ensure that they have state-of-the-art equipment to enhance user experience (microphones, cameras, printers and scanners) - both fixed investments and portable assets (laptops, webcams, camera) - Innovation
24. Investigate shared community subscriptions to communication technology equipment and online services (e.g. GoToMeeting, Zoom, etc.), internet costs for non-profits. - Innovation
25. Provide technology upgrades for community rooms and organizations that support business, community development, etc. - Innovation
26. Install and maintain smart rooms at the libraries for classes or meetings, etc - Innovation
27. Work with schools to provide space for commuter labs, access to computers - Knowledge Workforce
28. Host summer and year-round coding camps and other youth exposure to technology, including a focus on possible careers - Knowledge Workforce
29. Provide enhanced educational opportunities to increase utility of technology - Knowledge Workforce
30. Develop Internet packages that include appropriate Internet service packages and training for home offices, small businesses, cities, townships - Knowledge Workforce
31. Launch a Digital Navigators program that will help residents, businesses and organizations effectively use technology in their daily lives. - Innovation