



David Healy, Town of Calais Delegate to CVFiber, Chair of Business Development Committee

20 Central Vermont Communities
Established by Town Meeting 2018
First Organization Meeting May 2018

Feasibility Study Completed June 2020

- Proposed 6 initial routes ~ 400 miles in 15 towns

Business Plan Completed in September 2020

- Financially Positive after 3 years

Funding to Date:

- USDA Rural Development Grant 2019-\$30,000
- PSD Broadband Development Grant 2020-\$60,000
- COVID Connectivity Initiative Grant for Fixed Wireless, 2020 - \$500,000 (withdrawn)
- COVID CUD Development Grant 2020: \$100,000
- COVID CUD Development Grant 2020: \$300,000
- Vermont Community Fund, 2020, \$20,000

Projects:

- Canvassing
- Web Site: <http://cvfiber.net>
- Comprehensive Mapping and Data
- FTTP: Moretown - 50 locations
- FTTP: Roxbury/Northfield - 50 Location

VEDA (Planned)

- Loan Application February 2021, \$3.6 Million
- Loan Approval May 2021

Federal and State Grant Prospects

- State of Vermont CUD Construction Funding - \$200,000
- NBRC PSD Construction Funding - \$200,000
- RDOF Auction Wins in half the eligible Census Blocks bid in
- Reapply for NBRC Fund

RFP's

- January 2021: Pole Inventory IDIQ-Phase 1 Build 120 Miles
- February 2021: Design, Engineering, & Construction- Phase 1 Build 120 Miles
- February 2021: System Operator and Manager

Partnerships

- Washington Electric
 - Partner in running their running fiber throughout their territory support of RUS Loan of \$30 Million
 - Teamed with them ECFiber/Kingdom Fiber in FCC RDOF Auction
- Central Vermont Regional Planning Commission
 - Administrative and Planning Support

Issues/Needs

- Previous COVID Funding had positive and negative impacts
- Availability of Skilled Workers and Companies
- Property Tax Exemption for WEC's proposed fiber build
- Need for State Authority for Broadband Deployment and Coordination
 - Coordinate Planning
 - Policy Development
 - Data Collection
 - Technical Support
 - Manage Deployment
 - Funding
- Expanded Loan Funding Support
- Potential Conflicts with competing FCC RDOF winner