

2022 ANNUAL REPORT



NEK Broadband had a successful and busy year. Construction continued throughout 2022, and customers in Concord, Waterford, and Lunenburg were connected to our fiber-optic internet network! We prepared multiple grant applications, received significant funding from a multitude of sources, and were able to procure and purchase a majority of the materials needed to continue construction throughout our district.

PREPARING FOR CONSTRUCTION

- We purchased over 700 miles of fiber optic cable.
- More than \$2 million in hardware and equipment was ordered.
- We submitted the necessary applications to eight electric and communication utility companies, giving us access to more than 12,000 utility poles spread over 500 miles of roadways in 24 towns. We are now able to prepare these poles for installation.

BUDGET SUMMARY

2022 Budget to Actual (Projected)			2023 Proposed Budget	
NEK BROADBAND	BUDGET	ACTUAL (Projected)		
			Projected Surplus from 2022	\$145,016
Administrative Grant Revenue	\$494,750	\$762,985	Administrative Grant Revenue	\$2,252,718
Operations Revenue	\$203,000	\$49,138	Operations Revenue	\$747,767
Capital Grant Revenue	\$26,005,250	\$5,565,444	Capital Grant Revenue	\$28,785,288
Total Cash In	\$26,703,000	\$6,377,567	Total Cash In	\$31,930,789
Administrative Cost	\$494,750	\$617,969	Administrative Cost	\$1,847,193
Operational Cost	\$215,900	\$97,353	Operational Cost	\$586,601
Construction Cost	\$25,705,000	\$5,565,444	Construction Cost	\$28,785,288
Total Cash Out	\$26,415,650	\$6,280,766	Total Cash Out	\$31,219,081
Annual Net Cash Flow	\$403,134	\$96,801	Annual Net Cash Flow	\$711,707
Increase in Capital Assets	\$25,705,000	\$5,565,444	Increase in Capital Assets	\$28,785,288



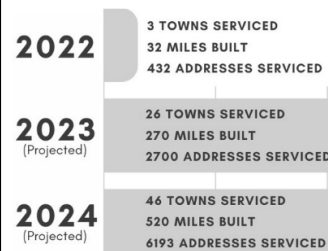
GRANTS & FINANCING

- This year, the Vermont Community Broadband Board (VCBB) approved \$8,023,915 in Pre-Construction Grants and \$20,865,889 in Construction Grants.
- We secured American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) Fiscal Recovery Funds from 13 towns, totaling \$941,750 plus an added \$941,750 in matching funds from the VCBB.
- We secured and completed a USDA Rural Business Development Grant to build seven miles, serving 90 premises.

BUILDING CAPACITY


- We hired three full-time employees in 2022, and are in the process of hiring additional staff.
- Contracts have been finalized with all major construction and operations companies.
- We secured warehouses in both Saint Johnsbury and Brighton.

CONSTRUCTION AND SERVICE PROJECTED GROWTH BY YEAR



432 
SERVICE AVAILABILITY

OUR SERVICE IS AVAILABLE TO 432 ADDRESSES IN CONCORD, WATERFORD, AND LUNENBURG.

36 
MILES BUILT

IN 2022, WE BUILT 36 MILES OF OUR NETWORK THROUGHOUT THE NEK BROADBAND DISTRICT.

ABOUT NEK BROADBAND

We are a Communications Union District (CUD), a municipal entity representing our 51 member communities in Caledonia, Essex, and Orleans counties, plus Wolcott in Lamoille County. Our district is building high-speed broadband internet infrastructure for underserved communities in the Northeast Kingdom of Vermont.

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