

The Baileys Harbor Broadband Project, a partnership between the Town of Baileys Harbor, and Nsight-Cellcom, will provide high speed fiber broadband access to every address in the Town. The estimated cost is \$5.25 million.

The partnership is seeking support and in-kind donations to meet our primary goal to manage project cost as efficiently as possible.

The Town has already to date secured funding as follows:

- Wisconsin State Broadband Expansion Grant in the amount of \$1.89 million.
- County of Door has provided \$38,000
- a cost-share contribution from Lawrence University of \$100,000 has been received to serve the Lawrence University's Björklunden Retreat center, and
- Nsight-Cellcom will pay for all materials needed, an estimated \$400,000.

The Town continues to seek funds from other sources including the local public school district as well as to pursue other grant opportunities as they are available and appropriate to the project.

The primary expenses associated with the Town's portion of the project cost are related to engineering and construction labor. Steps that can be taken to lower such costs are essential. Two key expenses can be reduced through public support. Those are:

- **Construction crew housing** which allows longer work periods
  - Sunday through Thursday nights are needed, but full month availability would be ideal
  - Cleaning and bedding needs can be managed by occupants
  - Individual units could be in multiple dwellings; there is no need to have all crews housed together
  - Campsites with a RV or trailer is an option
  - Preferred location is Baileys Harbor Township, but anything that can minimize commute time is of interest
- **Parking/Storage (anticipate being provided by Town of Baileys Harbor) :**
  - Secure location for crew vehicles including: 4 standard crew trucks, 1 semi-truck, 1 large construction vehicle with a utility trailer.
  - Material storage area is estimated at 16,000 sq. ft. It requires a secure fence and cameras.
  - Locations should be within the Baileys Harbor Township or very near the construction area to minimize wasted travel time.
- **Materials and repairs associated with soil**
  - Need for a place to dispose of any rock materials
  - Repair of underground construction requires source for black dirt

If any area business, organization, or resident is able to contribute in-kind to any or all of these expenses, the Town would be very interested in discussing such options at the earliest convenience.

Interested parties should contact Town Clerk Haley Adams ([admin@baileysharborwi.org](mailto:admin@baileysharborwi.org)) or Broadband Ad Hoc Committee Chair Kurt Kiefer ([kkiefer18@gmail.com](mailto:kkiefer18@gmail.com)).

Many thanks.