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**SUBJECT:** Section 12c-Consolidation Grant Quarterly Report, April 1 - June 30,

2025

Recipient Entity Name and Address: Shiawassee Regional ESD

1025 Shiawassee Corunna, MI 48817

District/Recipient Code: 78000
Grant Code: 268

## **Grant Metrics**

Finance Data	Impact	Collaboration
Operational & E-Rate Services: \$6,023,217.40	Current Connected Entities: 2,526	MiSEN E-Rate Central Merit 123net MAISA Genesee ISD
Infrastructure Services: \$6,939,020.00	Grant Entities Impact: 30 Entities Estimated Students impacted: 15,112	
TOTAL: \$12,962,237.40	TOTAL ENTITIES CONNECTED: 2,556	

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#### PROGRESS:

MiSEN is proud to support the 12c Consolidation Connectivity Grant, aimed at connecting entities identified through the connectivity feasibility study. This grant enables MiSEN to sustain its operations and assist eligible educational institutions in joining the State Education Network (SEN). Through SEN, participants gain access to regional and statewide collaboration, high-speed transport and internet services, and robust cybersecurity protections, including DDoS mitigation.

## **April 2025:**

- Outreach Events:
  - Participated in the Schools, Health, Libraries Broadband Coalition (SHLB) Fly-in to Washington DC to meet with Michigan Members of Congress and to advocate for continued Universal Service Fund (USF) funding to schools and libraries
  - Presented and exhibited at MSBO (Michigan School Business Officials) Conference with MAISA (Michigan Association of Intermediate School Administrators)
- Individual FY 2024-25 Round 1 Project supports:
  - Assisted Eastern Upper Peninsula ISD (EUP ISD), Alpena-Montmorency-Alcona Educational Service District (AMA ESD), Cheboygan-Otsego-Presque Isle Educational Service District (COP ESD), and Fairview Area Schools with RFP evaluations and E-rate support for 471
  - ➤ Assisted Charlevoix-Emmet ISD (Char Em) with addendums and clarifications
  - > Assisted St. Joseph County ISD in RFP evaluation and review
- Held initial interest conversations for the FY 2025-26 E-rate cycle with Chippewa Hills
- Obtained legal review by Clark Hill for the Grant Recipient Agreement detailing services for grant support to entities
- Created a <u>One Pager for USF Overview</u> and <u>Advocacy Letter</u> for USF to be shared with Michigan Education Technology Leaders (METL), MiSEN Advisory, and in the MAISA newsletter
- Developed MiSEN FY2025 Annual Report

### May 2025:

- Outreach Events:
  - Merit Member Conference Panel participant
  - ➤ MAEDS Spring PD Presentation
- Individual FY 2024-25 Round 1 Project supports:





- Established a contract for a Leased Lit solution to the identified sites for EUP
- ➤ Established a contract for Lease Lit connections to all districts and received their FCDL from Erate for AMA
- ➤ Established a contract for Lease lit transport and MISEN Internet Access for COPESD
- > Determined that a rebid in FY 2025-26 is needed for Char Em
- Conducted conversation with SJCISD area Superintendents regarding financial support in the current year
- ➤ Established a contract for fiber build and lease lit connection to identified site for Fairview Area Schools
- ❖ Identified the need for an in-person initial interest conversation for the FY 2025-26 E-rate cycle with Copper Country ISD
- Developed Resources:
  - Grant Overview One Pager
  - ➤ Two Pager Grant and E-rate Timeline.pdf
- Completed all Intermediate School Districts (ISDs) member meetings to verify connectivity data for supported entities
- Continued data validation efforts from the previous quarter for all identified sites to verify which have been connected following the feasibility study
- Received notice that Universal Service Administrative Company (USAC) acknowledged the 12c-connectivity grant funds as state matching funds.
  - Updated website with details: https://www.misen.org/connectivity\_grant
- Mapped fabric instance, which has been set up with BEAD and public FCC Provider Information (by technology): Ex: Fiber, Fixed Wireless, or cable.

# June 2025:

- ◆ Developed MiSEN 1 pager on the Impact of the Connectivity grant
- Engaged with entities in the Upper Peninsula (U.P.) on 2025 Connectivity Grant Tour
  - ➤ Grant Tour Report
- Completed data validation of all identified sites and determined their interest in participating in the grant.
- Working with MiCloud and MiGreatDataLake to establish Amazon Web Services (AWS) direct peering for private data transfer and access over the MiSEN Network.





Entities Engaged During this Quarter		
Estimated Quarter Student Enrollment Impact	Location	Targeted Connectivity
2558	Eastern UP ISD (6 entities)	2025-2026
4919	AMA ESD (5 Entities)	2025-2026
4159	Charlevoix Emmet ISD (6 Entities)	2025-2026
2287	Cheboygan Otsego Presque ESD ( 8 Entities)	2025-2026
311	The Fairview School (C.O.O.R)	2025-2026
131	Betsie ValleySchool (NWED)	2025-2026
80	Michigan School of the Deaf (GISD)	2025-2026
667	St. Joseph County ISD ( 2 Entities)	2025-2026
Grant supports connecting 15,112 Students		

### **NEXT QUARTER FOCUS:**

- For round 1 entities:
  - ➤ Track E-rate progress
  - > Establish grant agreements and service contract(s)
  - > Support entities for implementation
- Round 2 entities support:
  - > Establish local champions and project timelines
- Round 3 entities support:
  - > Schedule initial conversations or visits
- Upcoming events for outreach:
  - > MAEDS Fall Conference
  - ➤ Merit Broadband Summit
  - ➤ MASA Fall Conference