



## 2017 Grant Awards

### Local Grants

#### Area of focus: Expand Opportunity

##### City of Grand Rapids

Project support to conduct a master plan to diversify the use of the IRA Civic Center for broader community needs in Itasca County. **\$8,000**

##### Grand Rapids Area Community Foundation

Project support over three years for continuation of the Itasca County Trails Task Force in Itasca County. **\$150,000**

##### Independent School District 2

Project support over two years for continued early childhood programming for Hill City in the Itasca area. **\$170,000**

##### Itasca Area Schools Collaborative

Operating support for continuation of the Invest Early program in Itasca County. **\$1,975,000**

##### Itasca Community College

Project support for continuation of financial aid programs during the 2017-18 academic year in the Grand Rapids/Itasca County area. **\$375,000**

##### Itasca Economic Development Corporation

Operating support to promote economic development opportunities during 2018-19 throughout Itasca County. **\$500,000**

##### Itasca Youth for Christ

Operating support over two years for the Ground Floor Youth Center in Itasca County. **\$170,000**

##### MacRostie Art Center

Project support for the We Are All Criminals art exhibit and to build community awareness surrounding criminal law and criminal justice in Itasca County. **\$7,500**

##### Minnesota Diversified Industries

Capital support for equipment to expand production capacity and grow employment opportunities for people with disabilities in the Grand Rapids/Itasca County area. **\$100,000**

##### Northeast Entrepreneur Fund, Inc.

Operating support to engage entrepreneurial talent in Itasca County. **\$140,000**

**Northland Area Family Service Center**

Operating support over two years for the Northland Early Childhood Coalition in the Itasca County area. **\$180,000**

**Area of focus: Vibrant Itasca County**

**Advocates for Family Peace**

Emergency contribution in support of victims of domestic violence in Itasca County. **\$50,000**

**Advocates for Family Peace**

Operating support in 2018-19 to promote safety, equity and peace to families experiencing domestic abuse in Itasca County. **\$100,000**

**ANGELS – LAH/BNP**

Donation for expansion of services to Hill City in rural Minnesota. **\$1,000**

**Arrowhead Economic Opportunity Agency**

Project support for the 2017 Itasca Community Connect event in Itasca County. **\$5,000**

**Ball Club Local Indian Council**

Donation in support of Ball Club's annual Mii-Gwitch Mahnomen Days pow wow in Itasca County. **\$1,000**

**Balsam Township**

Donation in support of safety equipment for the Balsam Township fire department in Itasca County. **\$1,000**

**Bigfork Valley Foundation**

Donation in support of Bigfork community projects in Itasca County. **\$250**

**Bigfork Valley Foundation**

Capital support to preserve a nonprofit dental clinic in Itasca County. **\$50,000**

**Bigfork Valley Hospital**

Operating support for the Home Visitor Program in 2018-19 in Itasca County. **\$34,000**

**Bigfork Wilderness**

Donation in support of Bigfork Wilderness Days celebration in Itasca County. **\$500**

**Bovey Farmers Day Association**

Donation in support of the 2017 Bovey Farmer's Day celebration in Itasca County. **\$1,000**

**Boys & Girls Club of Duluth**

Operating support for the Boys and Girls Clubs of Greenway and Grand Rapids/Itasca County area. **\$308,000**

**Boys and Girls Club of the Leech Lake Area**

Operating support for the Deer River unit through 2018 in Itasca County. **\$135,000**

**Boys and Girls Club of the Leech Lake Area**

Project support for emergency assistance to meet basic needs for youth at the Deer River unit of the Boys and Girls Club in the Grand Rapids/Itasca County area. **\$10,000**

**Bridges Kinship Mentoring**

Operating support for youth mentoring in 2018-19 in Itasca County. **\$80,000**

**City of Bigfork**

Capital support for an outdoor skating rink/warming house in Itasca County. **\$2,500**

**City of Calumet**

Donation in support of computer upgrades for the Calumet Public Library in Itasca County. **\$1,000**

**City of Calumet**

Donation in support of exploring alternate management models for the Hill Annex Mine State Park in Itasca County. **\$1,000**

**City of Cohasset**

Capital support for a non-motorized, multi-use community trail near Tioga Beach in Itasca County. **\$50,000**

**City of Deer River**

Capital support to purchase a generator to support emergency services in Itasca County. **\$7,500**

**City of Keewatin**

Capital support for playground equipment at O'Brien Reservoir in Itasca County. **\$4,000**

**City of Marble**

Donation in support of computer upgrades for the Marble library in Itasca County. **\$1,000**

**City of Nashwauk**

Capital support for safety equipment for the Nashwauk Fire Department in Itasca County. **\$7,500**

**City of Remer**

Capital support for an outdoor multi-use pavilion in the Itasca County area. **\$5,000**

**Civil Air Patrol**

Donation in support of the activities of the Civil Air Patrol, Grand Rapids Squadron, in Itasca County. **\$500**

**Cooperative Solutions**

Project support for transition and relocation of services in Itasca County. **\$3,660**

**Community Cafe**

Operating support to help reduce hunger in Itasca County. **\$80,000**

**Deer River Area Health Care Foundation**

Donation in support of the planning stage of a Community Wellness Center for the Deer River area in Itasca County. **\$1,000**

**Deer River White Oak Society, Inc.**

Donation for the 2017 White Oak Annual Winter Festival in the Grand Rapids/Itasca County area. **\$500**

**Edge of the Wilderness Community Center**

Project support for 2017 performances and events in Itasca County. **\$9,000**

**ElderCircle**

Operating support in 2018-19 to offer senior programming to residents in the Itasca County area. **\$100,000**

**ElderCircle**

Project support for the 2017 annual community Thanksgiving dinner in Itasca County. **\$2,000**

**First Call for Help of Itasca County**

Project support for emergency assistance due to the high volume of calls processed through First Call for Help of Itasca County. **\$10,000**

**First Call for Help of Itasca County**

Project support to develop Native American cultural spaces at the New Leaf Crisis Healing Center in Itasca County. **\$5,000**

**First Call for Help of Itasca County**

Operating support for information and referral services during 2018-19 in Itasca County. **\$100,000**

**Girl Scouts of MN and WI Lakes and Pines**

Operating support in 2018-19 for the Girl Scouts program in Itasca County. **\$20,000**

**Grace House of Itasca County**

Operating support to provide shelter for individuals experiencing homelessness in Itasca County. **\$100,000**

**Grand Itasca Foundation**

Donation in support of the High School Scholarship Fund in Itasca County. **\$500**

**Grand Rapids Area Community Foundation**

Donation in support of hosting a community design forum to advance the idea of a community solar garden in Grand Rapids, Itasca County. **\$900**

**Grand Rapids Area Community Foundation**

Donation in support of the Grand Rapids 2017 WinterGlo Festival in Itasca County. **\$1,000**

**Grand Rapids Area Male Chorus**

Donation for the 2017 spring and summer concert series in Itasca County. **\$1,000**

**Grand Rapids Band Boosters**

Donation in support of advertising the 2017-18 Blandin Education Grants program in the Grand Rapids High School band calendar in Itasca County. **\$550**

**Grand Rapids Players**

Donation in support of production costs of putting on Beauty and The Beast in Itasca County. **\$1,000**

**Grand Rapids Police Department**

Donation in support of the 2017 National Night Out hosted by the Grand Rapids Police Department in Itasca County. **\$250**

**Grand Rapids Summer Celebration**

Donation in support of the 2017 Tall Timber Days festival in Itasca County. **\$1,000**

**Grand Village Nursing Home**

Donation for the 2017 annual Christmas party for long-term and assisted living residents in Itasca County. **\$250**

**Great Minds Learning Center**

Operating support for expansion and relocation to accommodate program growth in Itasca County. **\$10,000**

**Greater Pokegama Lake Association**

Donation in support of the 2017 annual Independence Day fireworks on Pokegama Lake in Itasca County. **\$1,000**

**Greenway 316 Foundation Inc**

Donation in support of Financial Aid Night for Greenway High School students and parents in Itasca County. **\$150**

**Greenway Joint Recreation Association**

Donation in support of the fourth annual fishing tournament for the Greenway Sports Complex in Itasca County. **\$500**

**Habitat for Humanity of Itasca County**

Operating support during 2018-19 for the local Habitat for Humanity organization in Itasca County. **\$100,000**

**Independent School District 118, Remer**

Project support to offer a second round of Anishinaabe Worldview Training to Remer and Deer River school personnel and community members in Itasca County. **\$12,675**

**Independent School District 118, Remer**

Donation in support of the new school's grand opening. **\$500**

**Independent School District 2**

Donation in support of the Farm2School project in the Itasca County area. **\$1,000**

**Independent School District 316**

Donation in support of the Greenway 2017 Post Prom event in Itasca County. **\$500**

**Independent School District 316**

Project support for the 2017 Children First! New Year's Eve event in Itasca County. **\$5,750**

**Independent School District 316**

Donation in support of advertising the Blandin Education Awards Program in the Greenway Blast yearbook in Itasca County. **\$350**

**Independent School District 318**

Donation in support of Bigfork Elementary School's Community Work Day in Itasca County. **\$500**

**Independent School District 318**

Operating support over two years for continued assistance of Baby Steps Boutique in the Itasca County area. **\$165,000**

**Independent School District 318**

Donation in support of Grand Rapids High School 2017 Post Prom event in Itasca County. **\$750**

**Independent School District 318**

Donation for advertising the 2017-18 Blandin Education Grants Program in the Grand Rapids High School yearbook in Itasca County. **\$325**

**Independent School District 318**

Capital support to purchase and install an electronic sign that allows for sharing of information and events in the Grand Rapids/Itasca County area. **\$46,600**

**Independent School District 318**

Donation for the Murphy Elementary School Garden Project in the Grand Rapids/Itasca County area. **\$500**

**Independent School District 319**

Donation for the Nashwauk-Keewatin School District's music program in Itasca County. **\$1,000**

**Independent School District 319**

Donation for the Nashwauk-Keewatin All Night Grad Party in the Grand Rapids/Itasca County area. **\$400**

**Independent School District 319**

Capital support to purchase computers for the Nashwauk-Keewatin High School's 2017 post prom event in Itasca County. **\$2,000**

**Independent School District 319**

Project support for development of new after-school programming at Nashwauk-Keewatin elementary school in Itasca County. **\$20,000**

**Independent School District 319**

Donation in support of Nashwauk-Keewatin High School's 2017 post prom event in Itasca County. **\$500**

**ISD 317 Deer River**

Project support to conduct a Full Service Community Schools needs assessment in the Itasca County area. **\$40,000**

**ISD 317 Deer River**

Donation in support of Deer River High School's 2018 post prom event in Itasca County. **\$500**

**Itasca Community College**

Project support for on-campus activities for Native American students in Itasca County. **\$9,300**

**Itasca Community College**

Project support for the 2017 Career Fair in Itasca County. **\$10,000**

**Itasca Community College Foundation**

Project support for planning funds to construct a Student Union on the Itasca Community College campus in the Itasca County area. **\$25,000**

**Itasca County**

Donation for child safety materials in the Grand Rapids/Itasca County area. **\$300**

**Itasca County Agricultural Association**

Donation for the Itasca County Fair's 125<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration historical display in the Grand Rapids/Itasca County area. **\$1,000**

**Itasca County Family YMCA Inc**

Capital support for outdoor amenities serving intergenerational populations in Itasca County. **\$5,000**

**Itasca County Family YMCA Inc**

Project support to complete a feasibility study for establishing an off-site early childhood education facility in Itasca County. **\$8,000**

**Itasca County Historical Society**

Operating support for 2018-19 to collect, preserve, interpret and disseminate the history of Itasca County. **\$100,000**

**Itasca County Sheriff's Office**

Donation for an intergenerational community event in Itasca County. **\$750**

**Itasca Hospice Foundation**

Donation in support of the 2017 educational seminar on grief and hope at life's intersections in Itasca County. **\$500**

**Itasca Orchestra and Strings Program**

Operating support in 2018-19 to provide orchestral music to adults and youth in Itasca County. **\$100,000**

**Itasca Ski & Outing Club**

Donation for emergency medical equipment for the Mt. Itasca Skil Patrol in the Grand Rapids/Itasca County area. **\$1,000**

**Itasca Youth for Christ**

Operating support in 2018-19 for the Campus Life program in Itasca County. **\$60,000**

**Judy Garland Children's Museum**

Operating support to continue and broaden the school service program in Itasca County.  
**\$60,000**

**Judy Garland Children's Museum**

Donation in support of the 2017 Judy Garland Festival in Itasca County. **\$1,000**

**Let's Go Fishing Itasca Chapter**

Donation for the 2017 Let's Go Fishing with Seniors program in the Grand Rapids/Itasca County area. **\$1,000**

**MacRostie Art Center**

Operating support in 2018-19 to provide visual arts and educational programming to residents in Itasca County. **\$80,000**

**Marcell Family Center, Inc**

Operating support in 2017-18 for the family center program in Itasca County. **\$70,000**

**Minnesota 4-H Foundation**

Project support to provide training opportunities for Itasca Networks for Youth members and students at Northern Lights Community School in Itasca County. **\$3,500**

**Minnesota Deer Hunters Association**

Donation in support of a Native American drum ceremony to kick off the Deer Camp Expo for the 15th annual Minnesota Governor's Deer Opener in Itasca County. **\$500**

**MN Assistance Council for Veterans**

Project support for direct assistance to veterans who are either homeless or at risk of becoming homes in the Grand Rapids/Itasca County area. **\$10,000**

**Northern Community Radio KAXE**

Project support for development of capital replacement plans for its facilities in Itasca County.  
**\$5,000**

**Northern Community Radio KAXE**

Operating support to provide news and information to residents in Itasca County. **\$100,000**

**Northern Lights Nordic Ski Club**

Capital support for a storage/maintenance and meeting location for the Ski Club in Itasca County. **\$10,000**

**North Homes Inc.**

Project support to conduct a study of the organization's health and growth in Itasca County.  
**\$5,000**

**Northome Community Food Shelf**

Operating support and fresh food product for the Northome Community Food Shelf in Itasca County. **\$10,000**



**Northland Counseling Center Inc**

Project support for the Release Advance Planning Program in Itasca County. **\$7,096**

**Northland Counseling Center, Inc.**

Capital support to develop a 16-bed residential and crisis treatment home for children ages 4-12 in rural Minnesota. **\$74,936**

**Reif Arts Council**

Operating and programming support over two years for the Reif Center in the Itasca County area. **\$340,000**

**Reif Arts Council**

Project support for the Playing by Air 2018 New Years Day performance in Itasca County. **\$10,000**

**Salvation Army – Grand Rapids**

Donation in support of staff match for the Salvation Army in the Grand Rapids/Itasca County area. **\$500**

**Second Harvest North Central Food Bank**

Operating support for Food Bank operations in Itasca County. **\$100,000**

**Second Harvest North Central Food Bank**

Project support for the Kids Backpack Food program in Itasca County. **\$5,000**

**Special Olympics Minnesota**

Operating support for the Special Olympics program in Itasca County. **\$60,000**

**Support Within Reach**

Operating support to assist victims of sexual violence in 2018-19 in Itasca County. **\$80,000**

**True Friends**

Operating support for youth with disabilities to participate in camp activities during 2018-19 in Itasca County. **\$10,000**

**U of M North Central Research & Outreach Center**

Donation in support of educating area high school students about applying strong math and science skills to the field of natural resources in Itasca County. **\$900**

**United Way of 1,000 Lakes**

Operating support in 2018-19 for administration in Itasca County. **\$60,000**

**Voyageurs Area Council #286 Boy Scouts of America, Inc.**

Operating support in 2018-19 for Boy Scout programming in Itasca County. **\$20,000**

## **Rural Minnesota**

### **Area of focus: Vibrant Itasca County**

#### **Duluth-Superior Educational TV Corp.**

Operating support to produce Native Report in 2018-19 in rural Minnesota. **\$100,000**

#### **Northern Minnesota Public Television**

Operating support in 2018-19 for programming and services in the northern rural region of Minnesota. **\$50,000**

### **Area of focus: Expand Opportunity**

#### **African Development Center**

Operating support for outreach and services for African American populations in rural Minnesota. **\$150,000**

#### **African Development Center**

Program-related investment for a small business loan program to assist African immigrant entrepreneurs in rural Minnesota. **\$200,000**

#### **Aitkin County**

Project support to implement activities that promote access, adoption and use of broadband in Aitkin County, including Wi-Fi on buses, mobile Wi-Fi library check-out program, and improving broadband access and public Wi-Fi at Long Lake in rural MN. **\$17,615**

#### **Anishinabe Legal Services**

Donation in support of community events to provide feedback on local priorities and needs in rural Minnesota. **\$1,000**

#### **Arrowhead Regional Arts Council**

Project support for design of a ReCharge the Range event highlighting the importance of arts, culture and tourism as one vital part of the overall Iron Range economy in rural Minnesota. **\$4,000**

#### **Austin Aspires, Inc.**

Project support to assist high school students with job shadowing and career exploration opportunities in the Austin area as part of the Blandin Leadership Grants program in rural Minnesota. **\$750**

#### **Bois Forte Band of Chippewa Indians**

Project support to implement activities that promote access, adoption and use of broadband in the Bois Forte/Cook/Orr area, including expanded community education, computer lab and website enhancements as part of the Broadband Program in rural MN. **\$21,000**

#### **Boreal Community Media**

Project support for Kids' Online Civic News Service as part of the Broadband Program in rural Minnesota. **\$25,000**

**Boys and Girls Club of the Leech Lake Area**

Operations support to provide bridge funding in rural Minnesota. **\$49,000**

**Boys and Girls Club of the Leech Lake Area**

Operating support for the Deer River unit through 2018 in Itasca County. **\$135,000**

**Brainerd Lakes Area Development Corp**

Project support for assessment of broadband infrastructure investment as part of the Broadband Program in rural Minnesota. **\$1,000**

**Bug-O-Nay-Ge-Shig School**

Donation in support of youth activities at Bug-O-Nay-Ge-Shig school in rural Minnesota. **\$500**

**City of Ely**

Project support to implement activities that promote access, adoption and use of broadband in the Ely area, including website and social media consulting and the creation of a technology center/co-working space, as part of the Broadband Program in rural MN. **\$31,300**

**City of Moose Lake**

Project support for Smart Technologies for Everyone as part of the Broadband Program in rural Minnesota. **\$10,000**

**City of Spicer**

Project support for the Cyber Seniors Mentoring Project as part of the Broadband Program in rural Minnesota. **\$4,910**

**Dodge County**

Project support for assessment of broadband infrastructure investment as part of the Broadband Program in rural Minnesota. **\$1,000**

**Enterprise Minnesota**

Project support for the 2017 State of Manufacturing Survey in rural Minnesota. **\$5,000**

**Family Safety Network of Cass County Inc.**

Donation for a symposium called "One Load at a Time" focusing on raising awareness and combating sex trafficking and sexual violence on the Leech Lake Reservation in rural Minnesota. **\$500**

**Greater Bemidji Inc**

Project support for assessment of broadband infrastructure investment as part of the Broadband Program in rural Minnesota. **\$1,000**

**Greater Minnesota Housing Fund**

Project support of a new Minnesota Housing Commission, which will develop innovative solutions to help communities across Minnesota preserve and expand the availability of affordable housing and workforce housing in rural Minnesota. **\$30,000**

**Immigrant Law Center of MN**

Operating support to ameliorate effects of the 2017 legislative changes to the Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals program in rural Minnesota. **\$50,000**

**Immigrant Law Center of Minnesota**

Operating support to provide legal services and education for immigrants in rural Minnesota. **\$150,000**

**Independent School District 94**

Donation in support of Disability Mentoring Day at Fond du Lac Tribal College in rural Minnesota. **\$1,000**

**Interfaith Action of Greater Saint Paul**

Donation for sponsorship of the Minnesota Council on Foundation's briefing on poverty in rural Minnesota. **\$1,000**

**Ironworld Development Corporation**

Donation for the 2017 Iron Range Science and Engineering Festival in rural Minnesota. **\$1,000**

**Isanti County**

Project support to conduct a feasibility study to better understand options for improving broadband infrastructure and services within the county as part of the Broadband Program in rural Minnesota. **\$25,000**

**Longville Area Community Choir**

Donation for the Music in the Park series for the Longville, Remer and surrounding communities in the Itasca County area. **\$500**

**Mahube-Otwa Community Action Partnership Inc**

Project support for the Employability Initiative in collaboration with M-State, nonprofit service providers and local employers in Otter Tail County in rural Minnesota. **\$50,000**

**Meeker County**

Project support for the Meeker County Broadband and Advance Technology Feasibility Study as part of the Broadband Program in rural Minnesota. **\$25,000**

**Minnesota Council of Nonprofits Inc.**

Project support for 2017 membership assistance in rural Minnesota. **\$1,600**

**Minnesota Council of Nonprofits Inc.**

Project support for sponsorship of the Minnesota Council of Nonprofits' 2017 annual conference in rural Minnesota. **\$5,000**

**Minnesota Council of Nonprofits Inc.**

Donation for the May 2017 Nonprofit Summit in rural Minnesota. **\$1,000**

**Minnesota Council of Nonprofits Inc**

Project support to build capacity with nonprofit leaders and organizations in rural Minnesota. **\$150,000**

**Minnesota Council on Foundations**

Membership support for 2018 throughout rural Minnesota. **\$20,400**

**Minnesota Council on Foundations**

Program support for sponsorship of two areas of programming focusing on issues facing rural communities in Minnesota. **\$10,000**

**Minnesota Education Equity Partnership**

Project support over three years for equity policy development and implementation in Nobles County and the Mille Lacs area in rural Minnesota. **\$180,000**

**Northeast Entrepreneur Fund, Inc.**

Project support to implement activities that promote access, adoption and use of broadband in the Hibbing area, including website, social media and digital marketing consulting and expanding PCs for People as part of the Broadband Program in rural MN. **\$16,840**

**Northeast Entrepreneur Fund, Inc.**

Operating support to implement community entrepreneurship initiatives and provide regional services to growth-oriented entrepreneurs in rural Minnesota. **\$80,000**

**Northeast Entrepreneur Fund, Inc.**

Program-related investment to increase the community development impact of lending and strategic services to entrepreneurs in rural Minnesota. **\$500,000**

**Northeast Entrepreneur Fund, Inc.**

Project support to provide training to small businesses in digital marketing as part of the Broadband Program in rural Minnesota. **\$25,000**

**Northland Foundation**

Project support for the 2017 Northeastern Minnesota Early Childhood Summit in rural Minnesota. **\$5,000**

**Northland Foundation**

Project support to continue the work of the Rural Economic Development Group in 2017 in rural Minnesota. **\$20,000**

**Northwest Community Action, Inc.**

Project support to conduct a feasibility study to understand options for improving broadband infrastructure and services in the Roseau County area in rural MN. **\$25,000**

**Northwest Minnesota Foundation**

Project support for the Warroad Backpack Program as part of the Blandin Leadership Grant program in rural Minnesota. **\$5,000**

**Otter Tail County**

Project support to conduct a feasibility study to better understand options for improving broadband infrastructure and services within the county as part of the Broadband Program in rural Minnesota. **\$25,000**

**PCs for People**

Capital support to distribute 500 computers to ten rural Minnesota communities as part of the Broadband Program in rural Minnesota. **\$49,000**

**PCs for People**

Project support for sponsorship of the National Digital Alliance's conference in rural Minnesota. **\$2,500**

**Pope County**

Project support to conduct a feasibility study to better understand options for improving broadband infrastructure and services within the county as part of the Broadband Program in rural Minnesota. **\$25,000**

**Red Lake Band of Chippewa Indians**

Capital support to develop space for entrepreneur and community education in rural Minnesota. **\$40,000**

**Red Wing Ignite**

Project support for creation of an innovative ecosystem as part of the Broadband Program in rural Minnesota. **\$10,000**

**Red Wing Ignite**

Project support for assessment of broadband infrastructure investment as part of the Broadband Program in rural Minnesota. **\$1,000**

**Region 5 Regional Development Commission**

Donation for the placemaking workshop in rural Minnesota. **\$800**

**Sand Lake Township**

Donation in support of accessing broadband services at the Sand Lake Community Center as part of the Broadband Program in Itasca County. **\$900**

**Sibley County**

Project support for the Community, Entrepreneur and Business Digital Skills Growth and Training Program as part of the Broadband Program in rural Minnesota. **\$9,500**

**Sibley County**

Project support for community access to technology and training as part of the Broadband Program in rural Minnesota. **\$4,750**

**Southern Minnesota Initiative Foundation**

Project support over three years for the Rural Entrepreneurial Venture Program in rural Minnesota. **\$150,000**

**Southwest Regional Development Commission**

Project support for the Coalition for Better Broadband as part of the Broadband Program in rural Minnesota. **\$123,800**

**University of Minnesota Foundation**

Project support over three years to establish the Natural Resources and Research Institutes' Business Assistance Fund in rural Minnesota. **\$150,000**

**White Earth Tribal Council**

Project support for the White Earth Broadband Initiative as part of the Broadband Program in rural Minnesota. **\$25,000**

**Winthrop EDA**

Project support for assessment of broadband infrastructure investment as part of the Broadband Program in rural Minnesota. **\$1,000**

**Winthrop EDA**

Project support for enhanced collaboration and cooperation by Minnesota stakeholders on coalescing the rural voice on statewide broadband issues and programs as part of the Broadband Program in rural Minnesota. **\$15,000**

**Area of focus: Invest in Leadership****Aitkin County Growth, Inc.**

Project support for a mapping and planning project to grow and strengthen the business and manufacturing base in the Aitkin County area as part of the Blandin Leadership Grant Program in rural Minnesota. **\$5,000**

**Battle Lake Youth Center Inc**

Capital support to develop an early childhood care facility in Battle Lake, rural Minnesota. **\$50,000**

**Beacons of Hope**

Project support for start-up of Beacons of Hope as part of the Blandin Leadership Grants Program in rural Minnesota. **\$5,000**

**Central Mesabi Medical Foundation**

Project support for an economic impact study of the Hibbing Memorial Building as part of the Blandin Leadership Grant program in rural Minnesota. **\$2,500**

**Chisholm Kids Plus**

Project support for the community improvement work as part of the Blandin Leadership Grant program in rural Minnesota. **\$5,000**

**City of Battle Lake Economic Development Authority**

Project support to develop a visioning process for commercial property in downtown Battle Lake as part of the Blandin Leadership Grants Program in rural Minnesota. **\$5,000**

**City of Redwood Falls**

Capital support to construct and install new dual-language signage for Ramsey Park in English and Dakota. **\$10,000**

**Cook County Chamber of Commerce Foundation**

Project support for completion of an arts and culture infrastructure development study as part of the Blandin Leadership Grants program in rural Minnesota. **\$5,000**

**Dakota Wicohan**

Project support for a master-apprentice art program as part of the Blandin Leadership Grants Program in rural Minnesota. **\$2,500**

**Fergus Falls Community Child Care Center**

Project support for a child care study for the Fergus Falls area as part of the Blandin Leadership Grants Program in rural Minnesota. **\$5,000**

**Friends of the Band Shell Park**

Capital support for a new band shell/performing arts center in Two Harbors as part of the Blandin Leadership Grants program in rural Minnesota. **\$5,000**

**Goodness, Inc.**

Project support for the Taste of Willmar event as part of the Blandin Leadership Grant Program in rural Minnesota. **\$2,875**

**Grand Portage Reservation Tribal Council**

Donation in support of community center upgrades as part of the Blandin Leadership Grants program in rural Minnesota. **\$1,000**

**Independent School District 4**

Project support to develop a comprehensive website and marketing tool to promote activities in McGregor as part of the Blandin Leadership Grants program in rural Minnesota. **\$5,000**

**Lower Sioux Indian Community**

Project support for a Dakota language signage project as part of the Blandin Leadership Grants Program in rural Minnesota. **\$5,000**

**Lower Sioux Indian Community**

Project support for the planning and design of an expanded community center to serve the Lower Sioux Indian Community in rural Minnesota. **\$50,000**

**Luverne Area Community Foundation**

Donation in support to the Luv 1 Luv All project as part of the Blandin Leadership Grants Program in rural Minnesota. **\$1,000**

**Luverne Initiatives for Tomorrow**

Project support to evaluate and present a long-range plan to develop Luverne as a destination as part of the Blandin Leadership Grants program in rural Minnesota. **\$5,000**

**Luverne Initiatives for Tomorrow**

Project support to evaluate and present a long-range plan to develop Luverne as a destination as part of the Blandin Leadership Grants program in rural Minnesota. **\$9,500**

**Medford Education Foundation**

Project support to build the funding base for educational opportunities in the Medford School District as part of the Blandin Leadership Grants program in rural Minnesota. **\$5,000**

**Meeker County Development Corporation**

Project support for the Leading Litchfield and Creating Area Leaders program as part of the Blandin Leadership Grants program in rural Minnesota. **\$3,000**



**Meeker County Development Corporation**

Project support to develop a community web site to bring awareness and promote Litchfield and surrounding areas as part of the Blandin Leadership Grants program in rural Minnesota.

**\$5,000**

**Minnesota Public Radio**

Project support for the statewide research, reporting and community engagement project called "Ground Level" in rural Minnesota. **\$50,000**

**MinnPost**

Project support for the production of 12 stories on immigrant communities in rural Minnesota.

**\$25,000**

**Northwest Minnesota Foundation**

Capital support for the Bemidji Downtown Alliance/Welcoming Arch project as part of the Blandin Leadership Grants program in rural Minnesota. **\$5,000**

**Park Rapids Community Development Corporation**

Project support for a regional brand development initiative as part of the Blandin Leadership Grants program in rural Minnesota. **\$5,000**

**PFund Foundation**

Project support to implement the Better OUTcomes initiative in rural Minnesota. **\$180,000**

**Redwood Area Communities Foundation**

Project support for LINC Redwood County to host discussions about available County services as part of the Blandin Leadership Grant program in rural Minnesota. **\$5,000**

**Regents of The University of Minnesota**

Project support for the 2017 One Minnesota Conference of Legislators in rural Minnesota.

**\$10,000**

**Region 5 Regional Development Commission**

Project support to implement curriculum designed for the Minnesota Network of Community Developers in rural Minnesota. **\$75,000**

**Region 5 Regional Development Commission**

Project support to complete the Minnesota Network of Community Developers curriculum design for practitioner professional development in rural Minnesota. **\$10,500**

**ReGen Northland**

Project support for artistic revitalization improvements in downtown Hibbing as part of the Blandin Leadership Grants Program in rural Minnesota. **\$5,000**

**RUSC Kinship Mentoring**

Project support to expand mentoring opportunities for children, youth and families in Morris as part of the Blandin Leadership Grants program. **\$5,000**

**Southern Minnesota Initiative Foundation**

Project support for Owatonna Forward's Community Stewardship Initiative as part of the Blandin Leadership Grant program in rural Minnesota. **\$5,000**

**Tiwahe Foundation**

Project support to strengthen the American Indian leadership alumni network throughout rural Minnesota. **\$225,000**

**The Advocates for Human Rights**

Project support to strengthen capacity to respond to rising incidents of hate, bias and discrimination aimed at immigrants and refugees in rural Minnesota. **\$50,000**

**United Way of Northeastern Minnesota**

Project support for planning costs for relocation of its operations in rural Minnesota. **\$10,000**

**University of Minnesota Foundation**

Project support for the Tribal Sovereignty Institute at the University of Minnesota-Duluth for a tribal governance pilot project in rural Minnesota. **\$110,000**

**West Central Minnesota Educational Television Company**

Project support for civic engagement efforts as part of the Blandin Leadership Grant program in rural Minnesota. **\$5,000**

**Willmar Downtown Development Inc**

Project support for a MNyou Youth Garden in Willmar as part of the Blandin Community Leadership Grant Program in rural Minnesota. **\$5,000**

**United Way of West Central MN**

Project support for Willmar Vision 2040 strategic planning as part of the Blandin Leadership Grant Program in rural Minnesota. **\$5,000**

**Total**

**222 grants                      \$10,561,682**