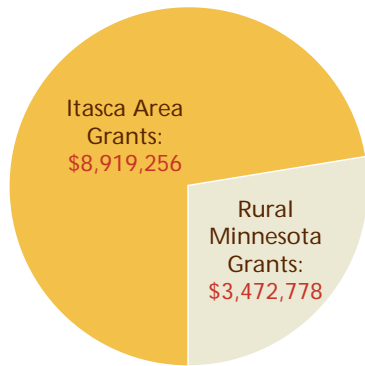


Blandin Foundation 2018 Itasca Area Grants

Blandin Foundation partners with local leaders to build healthy rural Minnesota communities, especially in the Itasca area. The Foundation awards grants, provides community leadership training, and engages rural communities on topics such as student success and broadband. At least 60% of grant funding is dedicated for the Itasca County area.



Awarded Grants and Donations

All grants awarded by the Foundation are listed at www.blandinfoundation.org/grantlists

Total 2018 Grants
\$12,392,034

January 1 – December 31, 2018

Area of Focus: Vibrant Itasca Communities

All dimensions of local communities are healthier, especially for people persistently excluded.

Arrowhead Economic Opportunity Agency

Project support to develop the Arrowhead Mobility Management Program – \$20,000

Arrowhead Economic Opportunity Agency

Project support for the 2018 Community Connect event – \$5,000

Ball Club Local Indian Council

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

Bearville Township

Donation in support of a community event around fire prevention and awareness – \$300

Bigfork Improvement Group

Capital support for the final phase of renovation of the Bigfork City Hall – \$30,000

Bigfork Valley Foundation

Donation in support of Bigfork community projects – \$250

Bovey Farmers Day Association

Donation in support of the 2018 Bovey Farmers' Day celebration – \$1,000

Cass County Economic Development Corp

Donation in support of economic development work in the Remer area – \$1,000

City of Cohasset

Capital support to develop a community center that includes space for quality early and Pre-K education – \$250,000

City of Grand Rapids

Donation in support of the 2018 National Night Out hosted by the Grand Rapids Police Department – \$250

City of Grand Rapids

Donation in support of the City Human Rights Commission immigration education series – \$1,000

City of Grand Rapids

Donation in support of the 2018 annual Independence Day fireworks on Pokegama Lake – \$1,000

Cook Area Health Services Inc

Donation in support of hosting a documentary/discussion on anxiety and depression with Bigfork students in grades 6-12 – \$500

Deer River Area Health Care Foundation

Project support to conduct a Community Wellness Center study – \$7,500

Deer River Area Health Care Foundation

Donation in support of area health and wellness initiatives – \$250

Depot Commons Association

Donation in support of the Future Forest Stewards expo for area high school students – \$500

Edge of the Wilderness Community Center

Project support for 2018 programming events and upgrades – \$8,875



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Vibrant Itasca Communities continued

First Call for Help of Itasca County

Capital support to upgrade the telephone system and to expand crisis line services – \$9,500

Goodland Township

Capital support for an addition to the fire hall – \$10,000

Grand Itasca Foundation

Donation in support of the High School Scholarship Fund – \$500

Grand Rapids Area

Community Foundation

Donation in support of the Farmers Market Power of Produce program – \$500

Grand Rapids Area

Community Foundation

Capital support for a community and recreation space in Ball Club – \$20,000

Grand Rapids Area

Community Foundation

Project support for the Life Skills Academy project – \$25,000

Grand Rapids Area

Community Foundation

Operating support for continued crisis aid and management support over two years for the Itasca County Sharing Fund – \$200,000

Grand Rapids Area

Community Foundation

Operating support for 2019-21 – \$270,000

Grand Rapids Area

Community Foundation

Operating support for SPARK to conduct research, education and engagement to strengthen youth programming, youth worker professional development and stronger outcomes over two years for youth – \$160,000

Grand Rapids Area

Community Foundation

Donation in support of the Grand Rapids 2018 WinterGlo Festival – \$1,000

Grand Rapids Area

Community Foundation

Donation in support of Grand Rapids High School 2018 Post Prom event – \$750

Grand Rapids Area Male Chorus

Donation in support of the Together We Sing program – \$1,000

Grand Rapids Band Boosters

Donation in support of advertising the 2019-20 Blandin Education Grants program in the Grand Rapids High School band calendar – \$550

Grand Rapids Economic Dev. Authority

Donation in support of developing a community profile for Itasca County – \$1,000

Grand Rapids Players

Donation in support of putting on the production of Mamma Mia! – \$1,000

Grand Rapids Summer

Celebration Inc

Donation in support of the 2018 Tall Timber Days festival – \$1,000

Grattan Township

Donation in support of upgrades to Grattan Town Hall – \$1,000

Greenway 316 Foundation Inc

Donation in support of Financial Aid Night for Greenway High School students and parents – \$150

Independent School District 2

Donation in support of the Orff Instrument Extravaganza – \$1,000

Independent School District 2

Capital support for enhancement of publicly accessible community space within the newly remodeled Hill City school – \$150,000

Independent School District 316

Donation in support of the Greenway 2018 Post Prom event – \$500

Independent School District 316

Donation in support of advertising the Blandin Education Awards Program in the Greenway Blast yearbook – \$350

Independent School District 316

Project support for a scholarship ambassador/coach – \$2,000

Independent School District 316

Operating support for Children First! activities through June 2020 – \$7,000

Independent School District 318

Donation in support of advertising the 2018-19 Blandin Education Grants Program in the Grand Rapids High School yearbook – \$300

Independent School District 318

Project support for continuation of the Children's Fair and county wide Children's First! activities through June 2020 – \$72,000

Independent School District 319

Project support to contract with an online platform to seek community input around updating school facilities in the Nashauk-Keewatin school district – \$10,000

Independent School District 319

Donation in support of the Nashauk-Keewatin School District's music program – \$1,000

Independent School District 319

Donation in support of portable sound shells for student and community music and theater performances – \$1,000

Independent School District 319

Operating support for Children First! activities through June 2020 – \$5,000

Inger Local Indian Council

Donation in support of the Inger Pow Wow – \$1,000

ISD 317 Deer River

Donation in support of Spring Awards Night and presentation of Blandin Education Grants – \$200



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Vibrant Itasca Communities continued

ISD 317 Deer River

Operating support for Children First! activities through June 2020 – **\$7,000**

Ita-Bel-Koo Day Action Center

Donation in support of an automatic external defibrillator in the Itasca County area – **\$750**

Itasca Choral Society

Donation in support of the 2018-19 fall and spring concert programs – **\$250**

Itasca Community College

Project support for the 2018 career fair – **\$10,000**

Itasca Community College

Project support for the Navigating Information conference – **\$5,060**

Itasca Community College Foundation

Capital support for construction of a campus student union – **\$1,750,000**

Itasca Community Television

Operating support over two years in the Grand Rapids/Itasca County area – **\$160,000**

Itasca County

Donation in support of emergency aid and NARCAN training – **\$250**

Itasca County

Capital support for equipment for the Itasca County Dive Team – **\$5,000**

Itasca County

Donation in support of boat and water safety education for elementary students – **\$500**

Itasca County Agricultural Association

Donation in support of capital improvements to the fairgrounds – **\$1,000**

Itasca County Family YMCA Inc

Operating support over two years for the child care, youth and senior programs – **\$209,500**

Itasca County Family YMCA Inc

Donation in support of establishing a new fundraising event for nonprofits – **\$1,000**

Itasca County Historical Society

Donation in support of the picture "Grace" oral history project – **\$1,000**

Itasca County Health & Human Services

Donation in support of historical trauma training being held in Grand Rapids – **\$750**

Itasca Hospice Foundation

Donation in support of the 2018 educational seminar on Cultivating a Vital Resource for Caregiving – **\$500**

Itasca Life Options

Capital support to make accessibility and safety upgrades to its new facility – **\$50,000**

Itasca Ski & Outing Club

Capital support for safety sideboards alongside the Mount Itasca ski jump – **\$5,000**

Itasca Water Legacy Partnership

Project support for research, education and consultation associated with protecting water quality and restoring shorelands over three years – **\$150,000**

Judy Garland Children's Museum

Donation in support of the 2018 Wizard of Oz Festival – **\$1,000**

Legal Aid Service of Northeastern Minnesota

Operating support over two years to continue to provide legal assistance to low-income individuals and the Native American Outreach project – **\$385,000**

Let's Go Fishing of MN

Donation in support of the 2018 Let's Go Fishing with Seniors program – **\$1,000**

Little Sand Group Homes

Capital support for construction of a community center in Remer – **\$50,000**

MacRostie Art Center

Capital support to repair structural roof damage to the arts facility – **\$10,000**

MN Assistance Council for Veterans

Project support for programming and services to veterans – **\$10,000**

NAMI Grand Rapids Area

Donation in support of presenting three workshops in Grand Rapids entitled "It's Complicated: Children, Social Media and Mental Health" – **\$1,000**

North Central MN Farm & Antique Assoc

Donation support for local history and culture events – **\$1,000**

Northern Community Radio KAXE

Capital support for construction of a new transmission tower – **\$250,000**

Northern Lights Community School

Donation in support of Spring Awards Night and presentation of Blandin Education Grants – **\$200**

Northland Counseling Center Inc

Project support for expansion of the Northern Opportunity Works program over two years – **\$87,964**

Northland Counseling Center Inc

Donation in support of activities and programming at Kiesler Wellness Center – **\$1,000**

Second Harvest North Central Food Bank

Project support for the One Crisis Away public awareness campaign about poverty – **\$5,000**

Second Harvest North Central Food Bank

Project support for the Kids Backpack program – **\$5,000**



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Second Harvest North Central Food Bank

Capital support for renovation of food shelf operations – \$25,000

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 – \$750

University of Minnesota Foundation

Project support to continue elements of youth mentoring programs and conduct an evaluation to determine the future direction of existing programs – \$50,000

Winnie Dam Local Indian Council

Donation in support of teaching youth regalia making by community members for the 2019 pow wow season – \$1,000

Blandin Foundation Education Grants

344 local students from 11 area schools were awarded grants of up to \$4,500 – \$1,053,200

Area of Focus: Expanded Opportunity

All residents experience greater opportunity possible through the blend of economic vitality, intentional inclusion and education success.

Arrowhead Economic Opportunity Agency

Operations support for continuation of the Adult Scholarship Program through June 2020 – \$302,132

City of Grand Rapids

Capital support for accessibility and ADA compliant features to be constructed on the pedestrian bridge crossing the Mississippi River – \$50,000

Grand Rapids Area Community Foundation

Project support to determine the feasibility of back office collaboration among nonprofits – \$40,000

Itasca Area Schools Collaborative

Operating support for continuation of the Invest Early program – \$1,925,000

Itasca Community College

Project support for financial aid programs during the 2018-19 academic year – \$395,000

Itasca Economic Development Corp

Project support for meeting facilitation of the Itasca Area Response Team – \$21,250

KOOTASCA Community Action, Inc

Operating support for Circles of Support, Teenage Parent Program, Crisis Nursery, Community Engagement and Transitional Housing programs over two years – \$530,350

Area of Focus: Rural Community Leadership

Rural leaders feel supported and inspired to improve the health and resiliency of their communities.

Independent School District 118

Project support to offer Anishinaabe Worldview Training for educators, administrators and support staff/paraprofessionals of the Northland Remer and Deer River school districts – \$14,500



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