



## 2012 Grants

Since 1941, Blandin Foundation has been a partner in community-driven activities in the Itasca County area and rural Minnesota beyond our home giving area. Working with people who share the Foundation's mission of strengthening communities, grantmaking efforts move forward projects and programs of all sizes and scopes, giving people here, and throughout the state, the opportunity to enhance their rural communities.

Grants listed below were awarded between January and December 2012, and were made in the Foundation's three areas of focus. In addition to the grants listed here, the Foundation awarded \$913,000 in scholarships to 322 Itasca area students, and 53 grants of \$1,000 or less.

### Itasca Area Commitment to Home

**Ardenhurst Township ..... \$3,000**  
Capital support to build a pavilion at the community park in Ardenhurst Township in Itasca County

**Arrowhead Economic Opportunity Agency ..... \$20,000**  
Operating support of the Free At Last independent living skills program and the LIFE homeless youth program in 2012-13 in Itasca County

**Bigfork Valley Hospital ..... \$10,000**  
Capital support for the expanded fitness center in Itasca County

**Bovey/Coleraine Youth Center Inc..... \$5,000**  
Project support for the 2012 New Year's Eve Community Celebration in Itasca County

**Children's Mental Health Services/REACH ..... \$8,720**  
Project support to pilot a structured evidence based social skills program for youth attending the YMCA drop-in center in Itasca County

**Children's Mental Health Services/REACH ..... \$3,000**  
Support for a strategic planning process in Itasca County

**City of Bigfork ..... \$2,000**  
Capital support for the kiosk on Main Street in Bigfork in Itasca County

**City of Grand Rapids ..... \$10,000**  
Project support for adults and children's programming at the Grand Rapids Public Library in Itasca County

**City of Grand Rapids ..... \$30,000**  
Project support to study the feasibility of a capital campaign for the active living senior center to be located at the YMCA under joint agreement with the City of Grand Rapids and ElderCircle in Itasca County

**City of Grand Rapids ..... \$6,000**  
Project support for collaboration and alignment efforts for five municipalities in the Itasca County area

**City of Marble ..... \$5,000**  
Capital support for a new furnace/boiler for the senior citizens' club building in Itasca County

**Cooperative Solutions ..... \$9,000**  
Project support over three years for families participating in the Early Case Management/Early Neutral Evaluation program in Itasca County

**Edge of the Wilderness Community Center..... \$5,000**  
Project support for the Joseph Geshick art exhibit in Itasca County

**First Call for Help of Itasca County ..... \$5,000**  
Project support for the 2012 Itasca Community Connect event in Itasca County

**First Call for Help of Itasca County ..... \$10,000**  
Project support for the Youth Outreach Project for Itasca County

**Forget-Me-Not Foundation ..... \$18,000**  
Capital support for the installation and hook-up of a new caretaker home on the property in Itasca County

**Grace House of Itasca County ..... \$50,000**  
Operating support for 2013 in Itasca County

**Grand Rapids Amateur Hockey Association ..... \$5,000**  
Project support for Grand Rapids to host the 2013 Hockey Day Minnesota in Itasca County

**Grand Rapids Area Community Foundation ..... \$315,000**  
Operating support for 2013-15 in Itasca County



<b>Grand Rapids Area Community Foundation .....</b>	<b>\$4,800</b>	<b>Itasca County Family YMCA Inc .....</b>	<b>\$1,250,000</b>
Project support for production of the 2012 Itasca Area Nonprofit Giving Guide		Capital support to construct a new Adult Living Center and to renovate and upgrade the existing YMCA facility in Itasca County	
<b>Grand Rapids Show Boat Inc.....</b>	<b>\$5,000</b>	<b>Judy Garland Children's Museum .....</b>	<b>\$30,000</b>
Capital support for electrical and sound upgrades to meet OSHA standards in Itasca County		Operating support for limited general operations and for improvement and expansion of the Muesum's School Service Program in Itasca County	
<b>Independent School District 118 Remer .....</b>	<b>\$10,000</b>	<b>KOOTASCA Community Action Inc.....</b>	<b>\$8,961</b>
Project support for conversion of the school's database to "School District Infinite Campus" in the Itasca County area		Project support for a youth cultural education and Ojibwe language summer program in Itasca County	
<b>Independent School District 316 Greenway .....</b>	<b>\$5,250</b>	<b>Minnesota Chipewea Tribe .....</b>	<b>\$5,000</b>
Project support to continue Children First! activities through June 2014 in Itasca County		Operating support of the Grandkin Program in Itasca County	
<b>Independent School District 318 Grand Rapids .....</b>	<b>\$67,500</b>	<b>Minnesota Council On Foundations .....</b>	<b>\$4,914</b>
Operating support to continue the Step Ahead program through June 2014 in Itasca County		Project support for subscriptions to Minnesota Grantmakers Online database for Itasca County nonprofits	
<b>Independent School District 318 Grand Rapids .....</b>	<b>\$66,500</b>	<b>Nonprofits Assistance Fund .....</b>	<b>\$100,000</b>
Operating support to continue Children's First! activities and events through June 2014 in Itasca County		Project support for organizational capacity building for Itasca County nonprofit organizations	
<b>Independent School District 318 Grand Rapids .....</b>	<b>\$90,000</b>	<b>North Central Minnesota Farm &amp; Antique Association.....</b>	<b>\$10,000</b>
Operating support for 2012-13 to continue Baby Steps Boutique in Itasca County		Capital support for improvements at the Blackberry grounds in Itasca County	
<b>Independent School District 318 Grand Rapids .....</b>	<b>\$2,500</b>	<b>Northland Area Family Service Center .....</b>	<b>\$2,500</b>
Capital support for a new elementary and community playground in Bigfork in Itasca County		Project support for students in Remer to attend the National Youth Leadership Training event	
<b>Independent School District 319 Nashwauk-Keewatin .....</b>	<b>\$3,750</b>	<b>Northland Counseling Center Inc.....</b>	<b>\$4,000</b>
Operating support to continue Children First! activities through June 2014 in Itasca County		Project support for the Certified Peer Specialists program for Kiesler House in Itasca County	
<b>Independent School District 317 Deer River .....</b>	<b>\$5,250</b>	<b>Northland Foundation .....</b>	<b>\$45,000</b>
Operating support to continue Children First! activities through June 2014 in Itasca County		Project support to continue the "AGE to age" program in Itasca County	
<b>Independent School District 317 Deer River .....</b>	<b>\$3,800</b>	<b>Project Care Free Clinic .....</b>	<b>\$10,000</b>
Project support for Itasca County students to attend the annual National Service Learning Conference		Operating support for the Grand Rapids clinic in Itasca County	
<b>Itasca Area Schools Collaborative.....</b>	<b>\$4,000</b>	<b>Project Care Free Clinic .....</b>	<b>\$100,000</b>
Project support for the grant writing process for the 21st Century Community Learning Centers program on behalf of Itasca Networks for Youth		Operating support and hiring a site coordinator through June 2014 for the Grand Rapids clinic in Itasca County	
<b>Itasca Community College.....</b>	<b>\$3,980</b>	<b>Reif Arts Council.....</b>	<b>\$10,000</b>
Project support for the Shared Text project to bring in a series of speakers to focus on issues addressed in the "Unspun" book in Itasca County		Project support to offer the "Playing by Air" performance on New Year's Day 2013 at a reduced priced in the Itasca County area	
<b>Itasca Community Television Inc. ....</b>	<b>\$170,000</b>	<b>Reif Arts Council.....</b>	<b>\$340,000</b>
Operating support through 2014 in Itasca County		Operating support for 2012-2014 in Itasca County	
<b>Itasca County .....</b>	<b>\$6,800</b>	<b>Second Harvest North Central Food Bank.....</b>	<b>\$2,200</b>
Project support in 2012-13 for the Forest Education Awareness Program's Summer Academy in Itasca County		Project support for the 2012 annual community Thanksgiving dinner in Itasca County	
<b>Itasca County Family YMCA Inc .....</b>	<b>\$170,000</b>	<b>Second Harvest North Central Food Bank.....</b>	<b>\$3,000</b>
Operating support in 2013-14 for the child care, youth and senior programs in Itasca County		Project support for the Mobile Pantry program in S Lake and Inger in Itasca County	
		<b>Support Within Reach.....</b>	<b>\$5,000</b>
		Project support to develop a marketing strategy and recruitment for Sexual Assault Nurse Examiner (SANE) nurses in Itasca County	



**Wawina Township..... \$5,000**  
Capital support for roof repairs for the Wawina town hall/community center in Itasca County

**Youth for Christ..... \$86,000**  
Operating support in 2013 for the Ground Floor Youth Center in Itasca County

## Expand Opportunity

**Arrowhead Economic Opportunity Agency ..... \$350,000**  
Operating support in 2012-13 to continue the Adult Scholarship Program in Itasca County

**Deer River Hired Hands ..... \$50,000**  
Capital support for expansion of the office building in Deer River in Itasca County

**Edge of the Wilderness Community Center..... \$4,000**  
Project support for the TU Dance residency in Itasca County

**GiveMN ..... \$25,000**  
Project support to promote nonprofit participation and usage of online giving in Itasca County

**Grand Rapids Library Foundation..... \$20,000**  
Capital support for an Energy Efficient Education Dashboard in Itasca County

**Hearth Connection..... \$19,500**  
Project support to provide supportive housing to families, veterans, people with disabilities and youth experiencing chronic homelessness, with a priority on Native Americans in the Itasca County area

**Independent School District 363 Northome..... \$5,000**  
Project support for the 2013 FIRST Robotics team at Northome High School in the Itasca County area

**Independent School District 317 Deer River ..... \$5,000**  
Project support for the 2013 FIRST Robotics team at Deer River High School in Itasca County

**Independent School District 317 Deer River ..... \$50,000**  
Project support for teacher training and development of Ojibwe curriculum in six local school districts in the Itasca County area

**Itasca Community College..... \$153,250**  
Project support to establish a Writing Center on the Itasca Community College campus in Itasca County

**Itasca Community College..... \$375,000**  
Project support for financial aid programs for the 2013-14 school year for Itasca County high school graduates

**Itasca Community College..... \$20,000**  
Project support for the 2013 Career Fair in Itasca County

**Itasca Community College..... \$185,200**  
Project support over two years for implementation of the Intervention, Incentive and Achievement project for the engineering program in Itasca County

**Itasca Community College..... \$48,000**  
Project support for the 2012 Itasca County youth-led TEDx1000 Lakes event

**Itasca Community College..... \$23,000**  
Project support for the 2012 summer enhancement programs for Talent Search and Upward Bound students in Itasca County

**Itasca County Historical Society ..... \$50,000**  
Capital support to purchase a building to house the Historical Society and Karjala Genealogy and History Research Center's offices, store, visitor center, museum and storage of artifacts and documents in Itasca County

**KOOTASCA Community Action Inc ..... \$48,000**  
Operating support in 2012-13 for the Crisis Nursery Program in Itasca County

**KOOTASCA Community Action Inc..... \$118,000**  
Operating support in 2012-13 for the Teenage Parent Program in Itasca County

**KOOTASCA Community Action Inc ..... \$47,000**  
Operating support in 2012-13 for the Homeless Prevention Program in Itasca County

**KOOTASCA Community Action Inc..... \$283,000**  
Operating support in 2012-13 for the Circles of Support program in Itasca County

**KOOTASCA Community Action Inc ..... \$94,000**  
Operating support in 2012-13 to promote community engagement activities and partnerships throughout Itasca County

**Minnesota Wood Education Project ..... \$10,000**  
Project support for the 2013 Goods from the Woods event in Itasca County

**Northern Itasca Joint Powers Board ..... \$2,500**  
Project support to update the National Scenic Byway Corridor Management Plan in Itasca County

**North Homes Inc..... \$25,000**  
Project support for the enhancement of cultural services to include further education regarding Native American culture, traditions and identity development in Itasca County

**Regents of The University of Minnesota ..... \$45,000**  
Project support to provide the five-day Instructional Leadership Institute for the Grand Rapids School District in Itasca County

**Reif Arts Council..... \$7,500**  
Project support for the James Sewell Ballet residency in Itasca County

**Reif Arts Council..... \$25,000**  
Project support to conduct a feasibility study related to the possible renovation and expansion of the building and facilities in Itasca County

**University of Minnesota North Central Research & Outreach Center ..... \$235,000**  
Project support through June 2015 for research and commercialization activities related to forestry and horticulture in Itasca County

## Invest in Leaders

**Grand Rapids Area Community Foundation ..... \$1,400**  
Project support for facilitation of the Mount Itasca board to update their business plan in Itasca County as part of the Rural Quick Start program

**Independent School District 2 Hill City..... \$5,000**  
Project support to develop a strategic plan for the Hill City community in Itasca County as part of the Rural Quick Start program



# Rural Minnesota Expand Opportunity

<b>Advocates For Family Peace .....</b>	<b>\$20,000</b>	Project support for transition funding to extend the service area into northern St. Louis County
<b>Aitkin County Historical Society .....</b>	<b>\$16,900</b>	Project support to plan for The Butler Project in Aitkin, Minnesota
<b>American Red Cross-Northland Chapter .....</b>	<b>\$15,000</b>	Project support to provide disaster relief for flood victims in Lake, Cook and St. Louis counties
<b>Amherst H. Wilder Foundation .....</b>	<b>\$15,000</b>	Project support for the 2012 triennial homelessness survey, specifically for reservation communities in rural Minnesota
<b>Anderson Center Inc. ....</b>	<b>\$10,000</b>	Project support for the 2012 Discussion Leadership Forum in rural Minnesota
<b>Boys &amp; Girls Club of Leech Lake Area .....</b>	<b>\$25,000</b>	Operating support to provide bridge funding for short-term operations through October 2012 in rural Minnesota
<b>Brainerd Lakes Area Chamber of Commerce Education Association .....</b>	<b>\$80,000</b>	Project support in 2012-13 for continuation funding and expansion of the Workplace Connection program in the Brainerd Lakes schools
<b>Cass County Economic Development Corporation....</b>	<b>\$2,500</b>	Project support to help prepare a USDA loan/grant request for a pellet manufacturing plant in northern Cass County
<b>Cass County Economic Development Corporation....</b>	<b>\$5,000</b>	Project support for economic development efforts in Remer and northern Cass County
<b>Center For Rural Policy &amp; Development .....</b>	<b>\$140,000</b>	Operating support for 2012-14 in rural Minnesota
<b>City of Hoyt Lakes .....</b>	<b>\$5,000</b>	Project support for the strategic planning process for the City of Hoyt Lakes
<b>Cook County Higher Education.....</b>	<b>\$100,000</b>	Capital support to complete renovation of the North Shore Campus facility to increase the educational and economic opportunities for the Grand Marais area
<b>Eagle Bluff Environmental Learning Center .....</b>	<b>\$50,000</b>	Project support of a comprehensive planning and design process that will realize a new International Center for Community Sustainability in rural Minnesota
<b>Ely Area Development Association .....</b>	<b>\$5,716</b>	Project support for development of an updated strategic plan for the Ely area
<b>Faribault Youth Services Center .....</b>	<b>\$50,000</b>	Project support for expanded opportunities for Somali and Latino youth and their families to experience successful inclusion in the Faribault community
<b>GiveMN .....</b>	<b>\$50,000</b>	Operating support for 2012-13 in rural Minnesota
<b>Grand Rapids Area Community Foundation.....</b>	<b>\$50,600</b>	Operating support to continue the Rural Access Leadership Fund for people to participate in community-based leadership programs throughout rural Minnesota
<b>Greater Bemidji Area Joint Planning Board .....</b>	<b>\$7,500</b>	Project support for costs associated with community involvement where residents will help write the joint community plan in the Greater Bemidji area
<b>Greater Minnesota Housing Fund .....</b>	<b>\$1,500,000</b>	Operating support in 2013-14 in rural Minnesota
<b>Greater Twin Cities United Way.....</b>	<b>\$20,000</b>	Project support to provide leadership and funding for research, program development, public policy and grant making to improve early childhood efforts in rural Minnesota
<b>Immigrant Law Center of Minnesota .....</b>	<b>\$40,000</b>	Project support for education, advocacy and legal services to young people who are eligible for DREAM Act legal protection in rural Minnesota
<b>Independent School District 113 Walker .....</b>	<b>\$5,000</b>	Project support for a community garden in Walker
<b>Independent School District 2170 Staples-Motley ..</b>	<b>\$50,000</b>	Project support to plan for a September 2013 opening of the Connections High School in the Staples-Motley area
<b>Indian Land Tenure Foundation .....</b>	<b>\$100,000</b>	Project support in 2012-14 for the Minnesota Indian Estate Planning Project for four tribes in Minnesota (Bois Forte, Mille Lacs, Leech Lake and Fond du Lac)
<b>Ironworld Development Corporation.....</b>	<b>\$2,500</b>	Project support for the 2012 Iron Range Science and Engineering Festival in rural Minnesota
<b>Latino Economic Development Center .....</b>	<b>\$195,000</b>	Operating support in 2012-15 for the continued development and delivery of business services to Latino populations in rural Minnesota
<b>Latino Economic Development Center .....</b>	<b>\$10,000</b>	Support for the 2012 Minnesota Latino Round Table Discussion and Training Project
<b>Leech Lake Band of Ojibwe.....</b>	<b>\$17,066</b>	Project support for implementation of a summer youth development program in rural Minnesota
<b>Minnesota Campus Compact .....</b>	<b>\$25,000</b>	Project support to convene eight community dialogues across rural Minnesota to clarify the civic mission of higher education and begin to identify potential collaborations
<b>Minnesota Public Radio .....</b>	<b>\$200,000</b>	Operating support in 2012-14 for the rural news reporting network in rural Minnesota
<b>Minnesota Diversified Industries.....</b>	<b>\$4,000</b>	Project support to develop a comprehensive strategic plan that will guide its next phase of growth through 2014 in rural Minnesota



**Native Vote Alliance of Minnesota..... \$10,000**  
Project support to implement leadership retreats for Native American women in rural Minnesota

**Northeast Entrepreneur Fund Inc..... \$50,000**  
Project support for coaching services to growing companies in northeast Minnesota

**Northeast Service Cooperative ..... \$50,000**  
Project support for the Education Innovation Partnership to develop a comprehensive strategic plan to address education needs in northeastern Minnesota

**Northeast Service Unit..... \$250,000**  
Capital support for the Iron Range Engineering program on the campus of Mesabi Range Community and Technical College in Virginia

**Northland Foundation ..... \$20,000**  
Operating support for continuation of the Rural Economic Development Group in 2012 in rural Minnesota

**Northland Foundation ..... \$25,000**  
Project support to assist qualified businesses located in the rural areas of Aitkin, Carlton, eastern Lake and St. Louis counties affected by the June 2012 flood

**Northwest Service Cooperative ..... \$200,000**  
Project support in 2012-14 to implement professional development for educators through the use of Authentic Intellectual Work in rural Minnesota

**Organizing Apprenticeship Project..... \$100,000**  
Project support in 2012-13 for creation of an education equity framework and for strengthening local racial equity leadership in rural Minnesota communities

**Rabideau Conservation Academy & Learning Center Inc ..... \$40,000**  
Project support for the summer youth program, strategic plan completion and the solar food production project in rural Minnesota

**Red Lake Band of Chippewa Indians..... \$50,000**  
Project support of the business development efforts of the Entrepreneur Program in rural Minnesota

**Regents of The University of Minnesota ..... \$15,000**  
Project support in 2012-14 for the Community Assistantship Program in rural Minnesota

**Regents of The University of Minnesota ..... \$40,000**  
Project support in 2012-14 for implementation of a regional entrepreneurial resource network in rural Minnesota

**Think Small ..... \$50,000**  
Project support for development of early childhood leaders throughout rural Minnesota

**University of Minnesota Natural Resources Research Institute..... \$150,000**  
Operating support in 2012-15 for the Product Development Fund in rural Minnesota

**University of Minnesota Carlson School of Management ..... \$10,000**  
Project support for the Minnesota Cup business plan competition in rural Minnesota

**Welcome Center Inc..... \$25,000**  
Project support for the hiring of a Karen/Kareni/Burmese speaking community liaison in rural Minnesota

**West Central Initiative..... \$5,000**  
Project support for the Board Leadership Academy in rural Minnesota

**Willmar Area Multicultural Market ..... \$25,000**  
Project support for a business development specialist to provide hands-on technical assistance to minority owned businesses in rural Minnesota

## Invest in Leaders

**City of Ironton ..... \$5,000**  
Project support to plan for a municipal campground as part of the Rural Quick Start program

**City of Park Rapids..... \$5,000**  
Project support for the Historic Preservation Project as part of the Rural Quick Start program

**City of Park Rapids..... \$5,000**  
Project support to promote tourism and economic development opportunities for area resort owners as part of the Rural Quick Start program

**City of Virginia ..... \$5,000**  
Project support to advance the establishment of the Children's Memorial Park as part of the Rural Quick Start program

**DEBWE Youth Center..... \$5,000**  
Project support to establish a Farmers' Market on the White Earth Reservation as part of the Rural Quick Start program

**Faribault Youth Services Center..... \$5,000**  
Project support for implementation of an anti-bullying program at Faribault Middle School as part of the Rural Quick Start program

**Friends of the Greenhouse ..... \$5,000**  
Project support to develop a strategic plan and conduct board development for the Greenhouse board in Virginia as part of the Rural Quick Start program

**Independent School District 492 Austin..... \$5,000**  
Project support for the Minority Parents Prep Academy/Empowerment Program as part of the Rural Quick Start program

**Independent School District 518 Worthington..... \$5,000**  
Project support to create seven Art of Hosting gatherings in conjunction with the Worthington Integrative Community Leadership Program as part of the Rural Quick Start Program

**LEAP Inc. .... \$2,500**  
Project support to Increase opportunities and awareness of poverty in the Staples-Motley area as part of the Rural Quick Start Program



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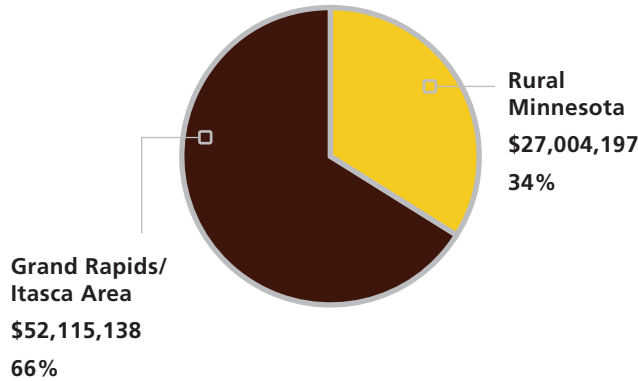
**Minnesota Chippewa Tribe ..... \$4,900**  
Project support for the Elder Abuse Awareness Conference as part of the Rural Quick Start program

**Regents of The University of Minnesota ..... \$10,000**  
Project support for the 2013 "One Minnesota" legislative policy conference

**United Way of Crow Wing and Southern Cass County ..... \$5,000**  
Project support to plan for a homeless shelter in Brainerd as part of the Rural Quick Start program

**2012 Total ..... \$9,488,957**

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