

# 2013 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 2013, and were made in the Foundation's three areas of focus. In addition to the grants listed here, the Foundation awarded \$953,700 in scholarships to 334 Itasca area students, and 54 grants of \$1,000 or less.

Itasca Area
<b>Commitment to Home</b>

Advocates For Family Peace
Bigfork Valley Hospital
Bigfork Valley Hospital
Bovey/Coleraine Youth Center Inc\$175,000 Operating support for youth programming in Itasca County during 2014-15
Bovey/Coleraine Youth Center Inc\$5,750 Project support for the New Year's Eve 2013 Community Celebration in Itasca County
Boys & Girls Club of Leech Lake Area
Bridges Kinship Mentoring

City of Grand Rapids.....\$4,500 Project support for conducting an impact study on the economic contribution of the IRA Civic Center to the Grand Rapids community

City of Remer	\$2,000
Capital support to purchase an automated chest compression	on device
for the Remer Area Ambulance Service in Itasca County and	d the
surrounding area	
Community Café	\$70.000
Operating support to help reduce hunger in Itasca County of	
Cooperative Solutions	\$100.000
Operating support for mediation services in Itasca County of	
Depot Commons Association	\$10.000
Capital support to renovate the Depot building in Grand Ra	
in Itasca County	
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Edge of the Wilderness Community Center Project support for the Stages summer theater production of	
in Itasca County	n Aladdin
ElderCircle	\$80,000
Operating support to offer senior programming to residents	s in the Itasca
County area during 2014-15	
ElderCircle	\$5.000
Capital support for accounting services software and equip	
in Itasca County	
First Call for Help of Itasca County	\$5,000
Project support for the 2013 Community Connect event in	Itasca County
First Call for Help of Itasca County	\$100.000
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Operating support for emergency, information and referral services in Itasca County during 2014-15



First Call for Help of Itasca County ......\$35,000 Operating support for relocation and transition costs in Itasca County during 2014

Girl Scouts of MN and WI Lakes and Pines ......\$20,000 Operating support for the Girl Scouts program in Itasca County during 2014-15

Grand Rapids Area Community Foundation......\$100,000 Operating support for the Itasca County Sharing Fund

Grand Rapids Area Community Foundation......\$15,000 Project support for the work of the Community Marketing Coordinator and for imagery to visually tell the story of organizations in the Itasca County area

Grand Rapids Show Boat Inc.....\$3,000 Capital support to make repairs to the Showboat in Itasca County

Independent School District 2 Hill City......\$3,000 Project support for the Wilder Research evaluation comparing Hill City's Early Start program with Invest Early in the Itasca area

Independent School District 318 Grand Rapids ......\$22,500 Project support to provide quality assessments of out-of-school time programs using the Youth Program Quality Assessment tool in the Itasca area

Independent School District 318 Grand Rapids ......\$90,000 Operating support for Baby Steps in Itasca County

Independent School District 318 Grand Rapids .......\$4,500 Project support to bring in speaker Jamie Vollmer for the IASC multi-district day workshop in Itasca County

Independent School District 319 Nashwauk-Keewatin ......\$3,000 Capital support to construct a playground at Keewatin Elementary School in Itasca County

Independent School District 317 Deer River .......\$25,000 Project support for the development and feasibility of a community center plan for Deer River in Itasca County

Itasca County Historical Society......\$100,000 Operating support to collect, preserve, interpret and disseminate the history of Itasca County during 2014-15

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Judy Garland Children's Museum ......\$20,000 Project support to create a new Wizard of Oz exhibit and for carrying out the 75th anniversary community celebration in Itasca County in 2014

MacRostie Art Center......\$80,000 Operating support to provide visual arts and educational programming to residents throughout the Itasca County area during 2014-15

MacRostie Art Center.....\$6,000 Project support for the Gendron Jensen documentary in Itasca County

Marcell Family Center Inc......\$4,000 Capital support for the emergency/disaster relief shelter in Itasca County

Minnesota Assistance Council for Veterans..........\$10,000 Project support to provide comprehensive services for Itasca County veterans who are homeless and/or experiencing a crisis

Neighbors Helping Neighbors Food Shelf......\$20,000 Operating support over two years to hire a Site Coordinator in Itasca County

Northern Community Radio KAXE......\$100,000 Operating support for news programming throughout Itasca County in 2014-15

Northland Area Family Service Center ......\$10,000 Project support for supplemental preschool tuition for families in Itasca County

Northland Counseling Center Inc.....\$5,000 Project support to conduct a study for the Itasca County Housing Institute Regents of The University of Minnesota ......\$22,800 Project support for developing and disseminating a Humphrey Project E-Case about the Itasca Area Initiative for Student Success

Reif Arts Council......\$10,000 Project support for the Golden Dragon Acrobats New Year's Day 2014 performance at a reduced price for the Itasca County area

Reif Arts Council......\$100,000 Project support to complete all project planning, including (funding) development and architectural and engineering design for a proposed renovation and expansion of the Reif Center in Itasca County

Remer Centennial Library......\$2,000 Capital support to purchase computer equipment for library patron usage in the Itasca County area

Second Harvest North Central Food Bank...........\$100,000 Operating support for Food Bank operations in Itasca County during 2014-15

United Way of 1,000 Lakes......\$60,000 Operating support for administration in Itasca County during 2014-15

Voyageurs Area Council #286 Boy Scouts of America Inc.....\$20,000 Operating support for Boy Scout programming in Itasca County during 2014-15

Youth for Christ......\$85,000 Operating support for the Ground Floor Youth Center in Itasca County during 2014

Youth for Christ......\$60,000 Operating support for the Campus Life program in Itasca County during 2014-15

### Expand Opportunity

Children's Dental Services ......\$50,000 Project support to bring high quality dental services using teledentistry to the Nashwauk, Keewatin and Northome school districts in Itasca County as part of the Broadband Program

City of Grand Rapids.....\$5,000 Project support for facilitation of five local municipalities to identify areas of collaboration and alignment opportunities in the Itasca County area

City of Remer......\$27,394 Capital support for the road and parking lot of the Remer senior living facility in the Itasca area Depot Commons Association .....\$35,000 Project support for continued facilitation and coordination of the Workforce Development Initiative in the Itasca County area

Edge of the Wilderness Community Center......\$1,500 Project support for the Perspectives Exhibit and Dance performance in Itasca County

Grand Rapids Area Community Foundation...........\$10,000 Project support for an Itasca Community Portal where new residents, existing residents and visitors can easily find the information they need in Itasca County as part of the Broadband Program

Independent School District 2 Hill City......\$150,000 Project support for continued early childhood programming for Hill City in the Itasca area

Itasca Area Schools Collaborative......\$800,000 Project support for implementation of Phases 2-5 of an enterpriselevel core technology infrastructure that will support education for all communities across Itasca County

Itasca Area Schools Collaborative.....\$2,100,000 Operating support for Invest Early through June 2014 in Itasca County

Itasca Community College......\$75,000 Project support to continue summer programming for the Talent Search and Upward Bound programs in Itasca County

Itasca Community College......\$292,000 Project support to reform the engineering curriculum and expand the Intervention, Incentive and Achievement program in Itasca County

Itasca Community College......\$250,000 Capital support for technology equipment, demolition and rebuilding of Donovan Hall in Itasca County

Itasca Community College......\$10,000 Project support for the annual Career Fair for 11th and 12th grade students in the Itasca County area



Itasca Community College.....\$375,000 Project support for continuation of financial aid programs for Itasca County high school graduates for the 2014-15 academic year

Itasca Economic Development Corporation ...........\$20,000 Project support to spur the innovative use of technology by small businesses in the Itasca area through training, technology business planning and implementation assistance with widespread promotion of successful results as part of the Broadband Program

Itasca Economic Development Corporation......\$10,000 Project support for Itasca Area Knowledge Workers program as part of the Broadband Program

Itasca Economic Development Corporation .........\$500,000 Operating support to promote economic development opportunities during 2014-15 throughout Itasca County

Minnesota Diversified Industries......\$5,000 Project support for facilitation services to discuss collaboration between Minnesota Diversified Industries and Deer River Hired Hands to better serve Itasca County's population of people with disabilities

Search Institute ......\$297,866 Project support to provide technical support, strategic consultation and process evaluation/documentation to the Itasca Area Initiative for Student Success through 2016

### Rural Minnesota Expand Opportunity

African Development Center ......\$150,000 Operating support for African Development Center activities in rural Minnesota during 2014-15

Area Partnership for Economic Expansion......\$45,000 Project support over three years for membership confined to charitable education and research activity in rural Minnesota

Austin Community Charitable Fund ......\$25,000 Project support to conduct a feasibility study on building a broadband network in Austin as part of the Broadband Program

Big Stone County ......\$10,000 Project support to add mobile device functionality to Big Stone County's web portal in rural Minnesota as part of the Broadband Program

Cass County Economic Development Corp ......\$17,548 Project support to establish a telepharmacy in Longville MN as part of the Broadband Program

Cass County Economic Development Corp .....\$3,500 Project support for economic development efforts in Remer and northern Cass County

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City of Annandale.....\$21,250 Project support to conduct an ultra-broadband feasibility study in rural Minnesota as part of the Broadband Program

City of Fergus Falls.....\$10,000 Project support for continuation and improvement of the Fergus Falls Telework Initiative in rural Minnesota as part of the Broadband Program

City of Thomson......\$5,000 Project support for technical assistance to explore merging the cities of Thomson and Carlton in rural Minnesota

College of St. Scholastica Inc......\$16,944 Project support for a partnership between St. Scholastica and FirstLight Health System using telehealth technology to provide pre-surgical patient education and continuing education to Health System's staff as part of the Broadband Program

Dovetail Partners .....\$10,000 Project support for managing the research and design of a five-year anniversary regional convening of Vital Forests/Vital Communities leaders to be held in 2013 in rural Minnesota

East Central Regional Library......\$9,200 Project support to provide no-cost technology training in communities of Mille Lacs County in rural Minnesota as part of the Broadband Program

Enterprise Minnesota ......\$5,000 Project support for regional sponsorship for the 5th annual State of Manufacturing poll to be conducted in April 2013 in rural Minnesota

Fond Du Lac Band of Lake Superior Chippewa......\$18,750 Project support for small business training sessions on a variety of business technology strategies and tools as part of the Broadband Program

Great Plains Institute For Sustainable Development......\$40,000 Project support for the activities of the Bioeconomy Coalition in rural Minnesota

Great Plains Institute For Sustainable Development......\$10,000 Project support for statewide efforts to educate industry and elected officials and improve conditions to jumpstart the state's bioeconomy in rural Minnesota

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Growth and Justice \$300,000 Project support to build a statewide movement to engage whole communities in student success in rural Minnesota

Housing & Redevelopment Authority of Mora ......\$20,000 Project support for broadband and technology improvements to the Life Enrichment Center in rural Minnesota as part of the Broadband Program

Initiative Foundation \$100,000 Project support over two years for the Thriving Organizations Partnership (TOP) Initiative in rural Minnesota

Institute For Local Self-Reliance......\$10,000 Project support to provide documentation of multiple public sector efforts to improve broadband in local communities in rural Minnesota as part of the Broadband Program

Ironworld Development Corporation......\$2,500 Project support for the 2013 Iron Range Science & Engineering Festival in rural Minnesota

Kanabec County......\$7,000 Project support to provide training for internet marketing to area businesses, NPOs, and government, and create a community portal for a greater online presence and primary point of entry in rural Minnesota as part of the Broadband Program

Knute Nelson Foundation .....\$50,000 Project support to introduce GrandCare technology to palliative care and hospice patients throughout a 25-county west central Minnesota region as part of the Broadband Program

**KOOTASCA Community Action Inc......\$25,000** Project support to implement PCs for People in Grand Rapids and International Falls as part of the Broadband Program

Lac qui Parle Valley School District......\$24,323 Project support to provide Internet live streaming productions for school activities, government meetings and local area events in rural Minnesota as part of the Broadband Program

Lac qui Parle Valley School District......\$24,000 Project support for the elementary mobile device initiative in the Lac qui Parle school district in rural Minnesota as part of the Broadband Program

Lake County......\$10,000 Project support to create a Lake County Broadband YouTube channel that will be used to share educational videos that promote digital literacy and the benefits of using broadband technology in rural Minnesota as part of the Broadband Program

#### Lake of the Woods

Economic Development Authority ......\$7,000 Project support to enhance knowledge and use of the internet for Lake of the Woods County residents in rural Minnesota as part of the Broadband Program Lake of the Woods Senior Citizens Council Inc......\$15,000 Project support to provide and expand digital inclusion within Lake of the Woods County to include multiple public computer/internet sites and public Wi-Fi as part of the Broadband Program

Lake Superior School District #381 ......\$18,000 Project support for mobile devices for the Lake Superior School District as part of the Broadband Program

Lake Superior School District #381 ......\$17,000 Project support for training programs on web and internet tools aimed at multiple demographics in Lake County to increase the technological sophistication of the community as part of the Broadband Program

Leech Lake Band of Ojibwe.....\$10,000 Project support for completion of a 10-week pilot Tribal Internship Program in rural Minnesota

Leech Lake Band of Ojibwe.....\$20,210 Project support to provide wireless communication services to the Leech Lake Reservation as part of the Broadband Program

Leech Lake Band of Ojibwe \$120,000 Operating support for establishment and certification of a Community Development Financial Institution in rural Minnesota during 2014-15

Leech Lake Band of Ojibwe......\$3,000 Project support for a community gathering for Smokey Point/Kego Lake/Boy Lake Local Indian Council in rural Minnesota

Leech Lake Band of Ojibwe Housing Authority .......\$3,400 Donation in support of the spring pow-wow to unite tribal communities, carry on Native traditions and lead Native youth to a better life in rural Minnesota

Mille Lacs Band of Ojibwe \$25,000 Project support to establish wireless internet access via free Wi-Fi sites in each of the Reservation's three districts in rural Minnesota as part of the Broadband Program

Mille Lacs County .....\$14,930 Project support to develop and market wi-fi hot spots in Mille Lacs County as part of the Broadband Program

Mille Lacs County ......\$4,500 Project support to develop marketing materials to raise awareness of the importance of broadband in rural Minnesota as part of the Broadband Program





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Mille Lacs County .....\$10,750 Project support to create and maintain a website to provide citizens with a comprehensive source of information, promote area businesses, governments and nonprofits and increase web presence in rural Minnesota as part of the Broadband Program

Minnesota Dental Foundation .....\$3,000 Project support for Mission of Mercy 2013, Bemidji which will provide free dental care to underserved populations in Bemidji and the surrounding area in rural Minnesota

Minnesota Council of Nonprofits Inc......\$5,000 Project support for partial sponsorship for the 26th annual conference in Duluth

Minnesota Council On Foundations ......\$33,900 Membership support for 2014-15 throughout rural Minnesota

Native Americans in Philanthropy ......\$2,500 Membership support in 2013 throughout rural Minnesota

Northeast Entrepreneur Fund Inc ......\$80,000 Project support for 2014-15 to identify regional entrepreneurial talent, build long-term capacity in serving second stage entrepreneurs and strengthen the existing business model for long-term sustainability in rural Minnesota

Northern Minnesota Public Television......\$50,000 Operating support for programming and services in the northern rural region of Minnesota during 2014-15

Northland Foundation ......\$10,000 Project support for the KIDS Plus Pathway to Career event to help 10th and 11th grade students explore available careers in northeastern Minnesota

Northland Foundation \$5,000 Project support for the 2013 Northeastern Minnesota Early Childhood Summit

Page Education Foundation ......\$5,000 Project support for the Service to Children program in rural Minnesota

Parents United For Public Schools ......\$40,000 Operating support to address needed structural changes to education in rural Minnesota PCs for People ......\$47,500 Project support to provide 500 computers for up to ten Minnesota rural communities as part of the Broadband Program

Project FINE......\$25,000 Project support for the Digital Inclusion for Immigrants and Refugees program in rural Minnesota as part of the Broadband Program

Southwest Minnesota Broadband Services ...........\$10,000 Project support for the 6090 Technology Triangle project in rural Minnesota as part of the Broadband Program

Technical Academies of Minnesota......\$49,776 Project support for the first Technical Academy charter school to be opened in Waldorf, Minnesota

Todd County ......\$9,075 Project support to establish ten public wi-fi hotspots in Todd County as part of the Broadband Program

#### University of Minnesota

Natural Resources Research Institute .......\$3,500 Project support for the Heating the Midwest conference in support of regional economic development in rural Minnesota

#### University of Minnesota

Carlson School of Management......\$10,000 Project support for the 2013 Minnesota Cup Business Plan Competition in rural Minnesota

University of Minnesota Extension Itasca County ... \$1,600 Project support to conduct a formative study of the Minnesota Women's

Woodland Network to better engage and educate women landowners in northeastern Minnesota

Volunteers in Education ......\$20,000 Project support to expand the tutoring program to Eveleth-Gilbert and Nett Lake school districts in rural Minnesota

### **Invest in Leaders**

Aitkin County CARE Inc ......\$3,500 Project support for Aitkin County nonprofit board training as part of the Rural Quick Start program in rural Minnesota





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Bridges of Hope ......\$5,000 Project support for a mentoring program to build social capital for individuals living in poverty in rural Minnesota as part of the Rural Quick Start program

Citizens for Backus/AB......\$5,000 Project support for programming for Koochiching Public Television in rural Minnesota as part of the Rural Quick Start program

Ely Area Community Foundation......\$5,000 Project support to conduct a feasibility study for a community complex as part of the Rural Quick Start program

Independent School District 2170 Staples-Motley .....\$4,000 Capital support for outdoor enrichment activities as part of the Rural Quick Start program in rural Minnesota

#### **International Falls**

Lakes Area Restorative Justice......\$5,000 Project support for a strategic plan for youth-focused services in Crow Wing County as part of the Rural Quick Start program

Ours to Serve House of Hospitality ......\$3,000 Capital support for the homeless shelter in Bemidji as part of the Rural Quick Start program

Park Rapids Lakes Area Arts Council ......\$5,000 Project support for facilitation assistance for area arts entities as part of the Rural Quick Start program in rural Minnesota

PFund Foundation.....\$30,000 Project support for the LGBT mapping and community engagement project in rural Minnesota

United Way of Northeastern Minnesota......\$5,000 Project support for an early education needs assessment in northeastern Minnesota as part of the Rural Quick Start program

YMCA of Austin ......\$5,000 Project support for a feasibility study on a year-round recreation center as part of the Rural Quick Start program

2013 Grand Total ..... \$11,198,171

## Blandin Foundation Paid Grants/Scholarships

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