



## 2015 Grant Awards

### Local Grants

#### Area of focus: Vibrant Itasca County

##### **Advocates For Family Peace**

Operating support in 2016-17 to promote safety, equity and peace to families experiencing domestic abuse in Itasca County.

**\$100,000**

##### **Ball Club Local Indian Council**

Donation in support of Ball Club's 53rd annual Mii-Gwitch Mahnomen Days pow wow in Itasca County

**\$1,000**

##### **Bigfork Valley Foundation**

Donation for Bigfork area youth and family programs in Itasca County

**\$250**

##### **Bigfork Valley Hospital**

Operating support in 2016-17 for the Home Visitor Program in Itasca County

**\$30,000**

##### **Bridges Kinship Mentoring**

Operating support in 2016-17 to provide mentoring opportunities for young people in Itasca County

**\$80,000**

##### **City of Bigfork**

Capital support to purchase fire department rescue equipment in Itasca County

**\$5,000**

##### **City of Cohasset**

Project support for design and delivery of collaboration training for governmental units in Itasca County

**\$1,500**

##### **City of Grand Rapids**

Project support for Crisis Intervention Team training for law enforcement personnel in Itasca County

**\$25,000**

##### **City of Grand Rapids**

Donation in support of National Night Out hosted by the Grand Rapids Police Department in Itasca County

**\$250**

##### **Community Café**

Operating support in 2016-17 to help reduce hunger in Itasca County

**\$70,000**

##### **Cooperative Solutions**

Operating support in 2016 for mediation services in Itasca County

**\$50,000**

##### **Cooperative Solutions**

Project support over two years for families participating in the Early Case Management/Early Neutral Evaluation program in Itasca County	<b>\$8,000</b>
<b>Deer River White Oak Society, Inc.</b> Donation for the 2015 White Oak Sled Dog Race in Itasca County	<b>\$500</b>
<b>Depot Commons Association</b> Project support for continuation of the Workforce Development program over two years in Itasca County	<b>\$90,000</b>
<b>Depot Commons Association</b> Donation in support of bringing Bukata Hayes of the Greater Mankato Diversity Council to do a community presentation about the changing diverse population of the future in Itasca County	<b>\$1,000</b>
<b>Edge of the Wilderness Community Center</b> Donation for bringing Peter Rothstein's holiday musical "All Is Calm" to Itasca County	<b>\$1,000</b>
<b>Edge of the Wilderness Community Center</b> Project support for an Ojibwe Women Artist event and to host the Itasca Symphony in celebration of the 10th anniversary of the Edge Center in Itasca County	<b>\$5,000</b>
<b>Edge of the Wilderness Discovery Center</b> Donation in support of start-up expenses for the Edge of the Wilderness Discovery Center in Itasca County	<b>\$1,000</b>
<b>ElderCircle</b> Project support for the 2015 annual community Thanksgiving dinner in Itasca County	<b>\$2,000</b>
<b>ElderCircle</b> Operating support in 2016-17 to offer senior programming to residents in the Itasca County area	<b>\$100,000</b>
<b>ElderCircle</b> Donation in support of mental health training for professional and non-skilled caregivers in Itasca County	<b>\$800</b>
<b>First Call for Help of Itasca County</b> Project support for the Coordinated Entry Project in Itasca County	<b>\$4,800</b>
<b>First Call for Help of Itasca County</b> Project support for the 2015 Community Connect event in Itasca County	<b>\$5,000</b>
<b>First Call for Help of Itasca County</b> Operating support in 2016-17 for emergency, information and referral services in Itasca County	<b>\$100,000</b>

<b>Girl Scouts of Minnesota and Wisconsin Lakes and Pines</b> Operating support in 2016-17 for the Girl Scouts program in Itasca County	<b>\$20,000</b>
<b>GiveMN</b> Project support to provide training in online fundraising to nonprofit Organizations and schools in the Itasca County area	<b>\$2,500</b>
<b>Goodland Township</b> Project support for strategic planning to enhance the organizational capacity of the fire department in Itasca County	<b>\$2,500</b>
<b>Governmental and Educational Assistance Corporation</b> Donation for a theater room for Manor House residents in Itasca County	<b>\$500</b>
<b>Grace House of Itasca County</b> Operating support in 2016-17 to provide crisis housing services in Itasca County	<b>\$100,000</b>
<b>Grand Itasca Foundation</b> Donation towards support of the High School Scholarship Fund in Itasca County	<b>\$500</b>
<b>Grand Rapids Area Community Foundation</b> Donation in support of Mobility Mania to improve accessibility for people with physical and mental disability in Itasca County	<b>\$1,000</b>
<b>Grand Rapids Area Community Foundation</b> Operating support for 2016-18 in Itasca County	<b>\$319,000</b>
<b>Grand Rapids Area Community Foundation</b> Donation in support of the Itasca Area Cancer Crisis Fund for 2015	<b>\$1,000</b>
<b>Grand Rapids Area Community Foundation</b> Project support for production of a video celebrating the role of philanthropy in building a stronger Itasca County area	<b>\$30,000</b>
<b>Grand Rapids Area Community Foundation</b> Donation in support of a dog park in Grand Rapids/Itasca County	<b>\$1,000</b>
<b>Grand Rapids Area Community Foundation</b> Capital support to create a pop-up park in downtown Grand Rapids featuring public art in Itasca County	<b>\$875</b>
<b>Grand Rapids Band Boosters</b> Donation for advertising the 2016-17 Blandin Education Grants program in the Grand Rapids High School band calendar in Itasca County	<b>\$550</b>
<b>Grand Rapids Library Foundation</b> Project support for completion of the solar sunflower part of the Library's Riverfront Energy Center in Itasca County	<b>\$4,000</b>

<b>Grand Rapids Players</b> Donation in support of underwriting 2016 production in Itasca County	<b>\$1,000</b>
<b>Grand Rapids Players</b> Donation towards underwriting 2015 productions in Itasca County	<b>\$1,000</b>
<b>Grand Rapids Players</b> Project support for the production of Ziibi in Itasca County	<b>\$5,000</b>
<b>Grand Rapids Show Boat Inc</b> Project support to underwrite 2015 productions in Itasca County	<b>\$1,000</b>
<b>Grand Rapids Show Boat Inc</b> Project support for technical assistance to develop a sustainability plan in Itasca County	<b>\$3,000</b>
<b>Grand Rapids Summer Celebration Inc</b> Donation for the 2015 Tall Timber Days festival in Itasca County	<b>\$1,000</b>
<b>Greater Pokegama Lake Association</b> Donation towards the Annual Independence Day fireworks on Pokegama Lake for the Grand Rapids area in Itasca County	<b>\$1,000</b>
<b>Greenway 316 Foundation Inc</b> Donation in support of Financial Aid Night for Greenway High School students and parents in Itasca County	<b>\$150</b>
<b>Habitat for Humanity of Itasca County</b> Project support to participate in the Financial Resiliency and Social Enterprise program in Itasca County	<b>\$10,000</b>
<b>Habitat for Humanity of Itasca County</b> Operating support in 2016-17 for low-income housing development in Itasca County	<b>\$100,000</b>
<b>Independent School District 2, Hill City</b> Donation for the 2015 Financial Aid Night for Hill City High School students and parents in the Itasca County area	<b>\$150</b>
<b>Independent School District 2 – Hill City</b> Donation for the Health and Wellness Expo for the Hill City School District in the Itasca County area	<b>\$250</b>
<b>Independent School District 118, Remer</b> Donation towards the 2015 Financial Aid Night for Northland High School students and parents in the Itasca County area	<b>\$120</b>
<b>Independent School District 317</b> Donation in support of Deer River High School's 2016 post prom event in Itasca County	<b>\$500</b>

**ISD 317, Deer River**

Donation in support of Deer River High School's 2015 post prom event in Itasca County **\$500**

**Independent School District 318, Grand Rapids**

Donation for the Grand Rapids High School 2015 post prom event in Itasca County **\$750**

**Independent School District 318, Grand Rapids**

Donation in support of Financial Aid Night 2015 for Grand Rapids High School students and parents in Itasca County **\$150**

**Independent School District 318, Grand Rapids**

Operating support over two years for Baby Steps in Itasca County **\$190,000**

**Independent School District 318**

Donation in support of bringing in an anti-bullying program, the Power of Words, to the student body at the Grand Rapids High School and Middle School in Itasca County **\$250**

**Independent School District 318**

Donation in support of bringing in a theatrical production on new immigrants to Grand Rapids 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> grade students in Itasca County **\$500**

**Independent School District 319, N-K**

Donation towards the 2015 Financial Aid Night for Nashwauk-Keewatin High School student and parents in Itasca County **\$200**

**Inger Local Council**

Donation for Inger's 2015 Cha Cha Bah Ning Pow Wow in Itasca County **\$1,000**

**Itasca Choral Society**

Donation in support of the 2015-16 fall and spring concert programs in Itasca County **\$250**

**Itasca Community College**

Donation in support of Upward Bound summer programming in Itasca County **\$400**

**Itasca Community College**

Donation for O Gitch I Dah Club's 2015 annual spring pow-wow in Itasca County **\$1,000**

**Itasca County**

Capital support for improvements to the Buck Lake Improvement Club's building in Itasca County **\$5,000**

**Itasca County Historical Society**

Operating support for 2016-17 to collect, preserve, interpret and disseminate the history of Itasca County **\$100,000**

<b>Itasca Hospice Foundation</b>	
Donation for the 2015 educational seminar on dementia in Itasca County	<b>\$500</b>
<b>Itasca Orchestra and Strings Program</b>	
Operating support for 2016-17 to provide orchestral music to adults and youth in Itasca County	<b>\$100,000</b>
<b>Itasca Ski &amp; Outing Club</b>	
Donation towards Mt. Itasca Ski Patrol's communication equipment in Itasca County	<b>\$1,000</b>
<b>Itasca Youth For Christ</b>	
Operating support in 2016-17 for the Campus Life program in Itasca County	<b>\$60,000</b>
<b>Itasca Youth For Christ</b>	
Operating support in 2016-17 for the Ground Floor Youth Center in Itasca County	<b>\$170,000</b>
<b>Judy Garland Children's Museum</b>	
Donation for the 2015 Judy Garland Festival in Itasca County	<b>\$1,000</b>
<b>Judy Garland Children's Museum</b>	
Operating support in 2016-17 to improve and broaden the School Service Program in Itasca County	<b>\$60,000</b>
<b>Lets Go Fishing of MN</b>	
Donation for the Itasca Chapter of Lets Go Fishing with Seniors in Itasca County	<b>\$1,000</b>
<b>MacRostie Art Center</b>	
Operating support in 2016-17 to provide visual arts and educational programming to residents throughout the Itasca County area	<b>\$80,000</b>
<b>Marcell Family Center, Inc.</b>	
Operating support in 2016-17 for the family center program in Itasca County	<b>\$70,000</b>
<b>MN Assistance Council for Veterans</b>	
Project support for programming and services for veterans in Itasca County	<b>\$10,000</b>
<b>MN Council On Foundations</b>	
Project support to provide database subscriptions to Minnesota Grantmakers Online for nonprofits serving Itasca County	<b>\$4,400</b>
<b>Nonprofits Assistance Fund</b>	
Project support to continue capacity building services for nonprofit organizations in Itasca County	<b>\$150,000</b>
<b>Northern Community Radio KAXE</b>	
Operating support in 2016-17 for news programming throughout Itasca County	<b>\$100,000</b>
<b>Northland Counseling Center Inc</b>	

Capital support for construction of Kiesler Wellness Center in Itasca County	<b>\$1,000,000</b>
<b>Northland Counseling Center Inc.</b>	
Donation in support of a three-part series on housing education in Itasca County	<b>\$240</b>
<b>Pine River Backus Family Center</b>	
Project support for the Strategic Prevention Framework for students in grades 6-12 who attend Northland (Remer) Community school district in the Itasca County area	<b>\$10,000</b>
<b>Reif Arts Council</b>	
Project support for developing formal working agreements between four arts programs within a new facility in Itasca County	<b>\$2,838</b>
<b>Remer Centennial Library</b>	
Donation for library software in the Itasca County area	<b>\$1,000</b>
<b>Second Harvest North Central Food Bank</b>	
Donation towards general operations as part of staff recognition program in Itasca County	<b>\$500</b>
<b>Second Harvest North Central Food Bank</b>	
Operating support in 2016-17 for Food Bank operations in Itasca County	<b>\$100,000</b>
<b>S Lake Local Indian Council</b>	
Donation for the spring offering powwow in Itasca County	<b>\$1,000</b>
<b>Special Olympics Minnesota</b>	
Operating support in 2016-17 for the Special Olympics program in Itasca County	<b>\$60,000</b>
<b>Support Within Reach</b>	
Operating support in 2016-17 to provide support and advocacy to victims of sexual violence and prevention education in Itasca County	<b>\$80,000</b>
<b>True Friends</b>	
Operating support in 2016-17 Itasca County youth with disabilities to participate in camp activities	<b>\$10,000</b>
<b>United Way of 1,000 Lakes</b>	
Project support for community engagement work to aid communications and strategic planning to guide the continued growth of the Student Success initiative in Itasca County	<b>\$22,000</b>
<b>United Way of 1,000 Lakes</b>	
Operating support in 2016-17 for administration in Itasca County	<b>\$60,000</b>
<b>Voyageurs Area Council #286 Boy Scouts of America, Inc.</b>	
Operating support in 2016-17 for Boy Scout programming in Itasca County	<b>\$20,000</b>

**Wirt Community Club**  
Donation for handicapped accessibility renovations at the Wirt town hall  
in Itasca County **\$1,000**

### **Area of focus: Invest in Leaders**

**Grand Rapids Area Community Foundation**  
Project support for attracting national ArtPlace America funding to  
The local arts community in Itasca County **\$2,100**

**MacRostie Art Center**  
Project support for the multi-media art exhibit entitled "What's Left,"  
specifically to defray costs of supplies and materials needed  
to build displays for exhibiting the art as part of the Rural Quick Start  
program in Itasca County **\$5,000**

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

**Amherst H. Wilder Foundation**  
Project support for a workforce streams research project in Itasca County **\$49,700**

**Cass County Economic Development Corp**  
Donation for membership in support of economic development activities  
for Remer in the Itasca County area **\$1,000**

**City of Grand Rapids**  
Project support for a collaborative effort to align government operations  
and purchasing across several local governmental units in Itasca County **\$2,500**

**City of Grand Rapids**  
Project support for Indigenous Peoples Day in Itasca County **\$5,000**

**City of Remer**  
Capital support for exterior infrastructure to build a new senior living facility  
in Remer in the Itasca area **\$22,500**

**Independent School District 2, Hill City**  
Project support over two years for continued early childhood programming  
for Hill City in the Itasca area **\$170,000**

**Independent School District 316**  
Project support for required testing fees to become a Certified Nursing  
Assistant in Itasca County **\$1,500**

**Itasca Area Schools Collaborative**  
Operating support of the Invest Early program through June 2016 in  
Itasca County **\$2,100,000**

<b>Itasca Community College</b> Project support for the 2015 shared text project to cover speaker and panelist expenses for students, staff and community members in Itasca County	<b>\$6,000</b>
<b>Itasca Community Health and Human Services</b> Project support for Anishinaabe World View Training in Itasca County	<b>\$27,000</b>
<b>Itasca County Family YMCA Inc</b> Capital support for the Active Living Center in Itasca County	<b>\$400,000</b>
<b>Itasca Economic Development Corporation</b> Project support to increase the technology sophistication of businesses and organizations through online resources, training and networking as part of the Broadband Program in Itasca County	<b>\$25,000</b>
<b>Minnesota Diversified Industries</b> Capital support for the Cohasset expansion project in Itasca County	<b>\$1,000,000</b>
<b>Minnesota Forestry Association</b> Project support for the Boots on Your Ground program to grow quality forest management practices in Itasca County	<b>\$9,000</b>
<b>Northeast Entrepreneur Fund, Inc.</b> Project support in 2016-17 to provide professional services to entrepreneurial talent in Itasca County	<b>\$140,000</b>
<b>Northern Community Radio KAXE</b> Project support to participate in the Financial Resiliency and Social Enterprise program in Itasca County	<b>\$10,000</b>
<b>Northern Lights Community School</b> Capital support for technology infrastructure upgrades in Itasca County	<b>\$25,000</b>
<b>Northland Area Family Service Center</b> Project support over two years for the Northland Early Childhood Collaboration in the Itasca County area	<b>\$180,000</b>
<b>Reif Arts Council</b> Capital support for expansion at the Reif Center in Itasca County	<b>\$1,000,000</b>
<b>United Way of 1,000 Lakes</b> Project support for development of brand identity and communications tools in support of the Student Success Pathway work in Itasca County	<b>\$10,000</b>

# Rural Minnesota

## Area of focus: Expand Opportunity

### **African Development Center**

Operating support in 2016-17 for African Development Center activities in rural Minnesota

**\$150,000**

### **Arrowhead Regional Development Commission**

Project support for development of a new economic development web portal for northeast rural Minnesota

**\$20,000**

### **Charities Review Council of Minnesota**

Operating support in 2016-17 to help provide information and education to donors and charities throughout rural Minnesota

**\$8,000**

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

Operating support in 2016-17 for production of Native Report throughout rural Minnesota

**\$90,000**

### **Enterprise Minnesota**

Project support for the 2015 State of Manufacturing survey in rural Minnesota

**\$10,000**

### **Greater Twin Cities United Way**

Project support to strengthen the racial equity work of the Start Early Funders Coalition in rural Minnesota

**\$8,000**

### **Great Plains Institute For Sustainable Development**

Operations support to further the work of the Bioeconomy Coalition of Minnesota through 2015 in rural Minnesota

**\$10,000**

### **Great Plains Institute For Sustainable Development**

Project support for continuing the work of the Bioeconomy Coalition of Minnesota to grow rural economies through development of advanced biofuels, renewable chemicals and biomass thermal energy production in rural Minnesota

**\$195,000**

### **Growth and Justice**

Donation in support of facilitation assistance to gather the five Strive communities in a way that is equitable for rural participants in rural Minnesota

**\$1,000**

### **Harbor Centers Inc.**

Project support to expand the Itasca County Aging Services Guide to include Koochiching County in rural Minnesota

**\$750**

### **Honor the Earth**

Project support to conduct community assessment research on the White Earth reservation to support building a strong local economy that honors Native culture in rural Minnesota

**\$10,000**

<b>H.O.W.A. Family Center</b> Donation towards program expansion and outreach to serve Native American families in rural Minnesota	<b>\$1,000</b>
<b>Immigrant Law Center of MN</b> Operating support over two years to support the Rural Immigration Project in rural Minnesota	<b>\$150,000</b>
<b>Independent School District 94</b> Donation in support of the 2016 Mentoring Day at Fond du Lac Tribal and Community College in rural Minnesota	<b>\$1,000</b>
<b>Ironworld Development Corporation</b> Project support for the 2015 Iron Range Science and Engineering Festival in northeastern rural Minnesota	<b>\$2,500</b>
<b>Itasca Cty Health &amp; Human Serv</b> Donation in support of gathering rural Minnesota health data for the 2015 Public Health Community Assessment in rural Minnesota	<b>\$1,000</b>
<b>LEAP, Inc.</b> Donation for a community resource fair and awareness campaign on mental health in rural Minnesota	<b>\$1,000</b>
<b>Leech Lake Band of Ojibwe</b> Donation in support of planning for the Minnesota Tribal Child Care agencies in rural Minnesota	<b>\$1,000</b>
<b>Leech Lake Band of Ojibwe</b> Project support for regalia making workshops on the Leech Lake Reservation in rural Minnesota	<b>\$10,000</b>
<b>Longville Area Community Choir</b> Donation for the 2015 Music in the Park series in the Longville area	<b>\$500</b>
<b>MN Coalition for the Homeless</b> Project support to implement the Intercultural Development Inventory assessment and update the strategic plan in rural Minnesota	<b>\$20,000</b>
<b>MN Council On Foundations</b> Membership support for 2015	<b>\$3,450</b>
<b>MN Council On Foundations</b> Project support over three years for the Ron McKinley Fellowship Program in Itasca County	<b>\$304,620</b>
<b>Minnesota Council On Foundations</b> Membership support for 2016-17 throughout rural Minnesota	<b>\$35,600</b>

<b>MN Council of Nonprofits Inc</b> Donation for the 2015 Northeast Minnesota Nonprofit Summit in rural Minnesota	<b>\$1,000</b>
<b>MN Council of Nonprofits Inc</b> Membership support for 2015	<b>\$1,000</b>
<b>Minnesota D.A.R.E., Inc.</b> Donation for D.A.R.E. programs in rural Minnesota	<b>\$1,000</b>
<b>MN Dept of Natural Resources</b> Project support to study the Northern Long-Eared Bat's habitat requirements to balance conservation of bat habitat and maintenance of sustainable forest management given the bat's impending listing under the Endangered Species Act in rural Minnesota	<b>\$7,500</b>
<b>Minnesota Education Equity Partnership</b> Project support for the Race Equity in Education project in the Mille Lacs and Nobles county areas in rural Minnesota	<b>\$50,000</b>
<b>Minnesota Folklore Theater Inc</b> Donation in support of providing a summer theater camp experience for all area youth in the Walker-Cass Lake area highlighted by a performance of Annie, reimagined and set in a native boarding school in the 1920s	<b>\$1,000</b>
<b>Native Americans in Philanthropy</b> Membership support through June 2016 throughout rural Minnesota	<b>\$2,500</b>
<b>Native Americans in Philanthropy</b> Project support for the 25th anniversary celebration and annual Native Philanthropy Institute in rural Minnesota	<b>\$5,000</b>
<b>Navigate</b> Donation for sponsorship of the 2015 Latino Heritage Celebration event in rural Minnesota	<b>\$250</b>
<b>Northeast Entrepreneur Fund, Inc.</b> Project support for 2016-17 to implement community entrepreneurship initiatives and provide regional services to growth-oriented entrepreneurs in rural Minnesota	<b>\$80,000</b>
<b>Northern Community Radio KAXE</b> Project support for the Great Northern Radio Show in rural Minnesota	<b>\$22,000</b>
<b>Northern Minnesota Public Television</b> Operating support in 2016-17 for programming and services in the northern rural region of Minnesota	<b>\$50,000</b>
<b>Northland Foundation</b> Operations support for continued funding of the Rural Economic Development (RED) Group in 2015	<b>\$20,000</b>

<b>Northland Foundation</b> Project support for the 2015 KIDS PLUS Pathway to Careers event in rural Minnesota	<b>\$10,000</b>
<b>Northland Foundation</b> Project support for the 2015 Early Childhood Summit for northeastern Minnesota	<b>\$5,000</b>
<b>Northwest Minnesota Foundation</b> Project support for planned giving program development for nonprofits in rural Minnesota	<b>\$10,000</b>
<b>Park Rapids Community Development Corporation</b> Project support for the downtown revitalization project in rural Minnesota	<b>\$30,000</b>
<b>Southern Minnesota Initiative Foundation</b> Donation in support of the second annual Feast! Local Foods Marketplace in rural Minnesota	<b>\$500</b>
<b>Southwest Initiative Foundation</b> Donation for sponsorship of the 2015 EDAM Summer Conference for economic professionals throughout rural Minnesota	<b>\$1,000</b>
<b>Start Early Funders Coalition</b> Project support over three years for continued funding of the Start Early Funders Coalition in rural Minnesota	<b>\$75,000</b>
<b>Start Early Funders Coalition</b> Project support to provide gap funding in 2014 for research, program development, public policy and grant making to improve early childhood efforts across rural Minnesota	<b>\$10,000</b>
<b>The Advocates for Human Rights</b> Project support to meet emergency humanitarian legal assistance for Central American unaccompanied child asylum seekers in rural Minnesota	<b>\$35,000</b>
<b>The Nature Conservancy – Minneapolis</b> Project support for the Minnesota Headwaters Fund in rural Minnesota	<b>\$100,000</b>
<b>US Army Corps of Engineers</b> Project support for the 2015 Kids Fishing Derby which focuses on water safety education for youth and to provide each participating child with their own properly fitted PFD in rural Minnesota	<b>\$500</b>
<b>United Way of Steele County</b> Project support for the Career Center workforce development program in rural Minnesota	<b>\$50,000</b>
<b>University of Minnesota Extension Service</b> Project support for sponsorship of the 2016 Community Development Society Conference and Minnesota Partners Day in rural Minnesota	<b>\$15,000</b>

<b>University of Minnesota Carlson School of Management</b> Project support for the 2015 Minnesota Cup Business Plan Competition in rural Minnesota	<b>\$5,000</b>
<b>U of MN Foundation</b> Donation for the Gathering Partners in Natural Resources conference in Itasca County	<b>\$500</b>
<b>Voices for Racial Justice</b> Project support for community organizing work for people of color in rural Minnesota	<b>\$50,000</b>
<b>Voyageur's National Park Association</b> Project support for a regional geotourism partnership with the National Geographic Society in rural Minnesota	<b>\$10,000</b>
<b>Women's Foundation of Minnesota</b> Project support over two years for continuing the Building Economic Success Together (girlsBEST) and women's economic opportunity Programming throughout rural Minnesota	<b>\$100,000</b>
 <b>Area of focus: Invest in Leaders</b>	
<b>Brainerd Lakes Area Chamber of Commerce Education Assn</b> Project support to engage in discussions utilizing Art of Hosting World Café community conversations on issues facing the Brainerd area as part of the Rural Quick Start Program	<b>\$5,000</b>
<b>Citizens for Backus/AB</b> Project support for community awareness activities as part of the Rural Quick Start program in rural Minnesota	<b>\$1,000</b>
<b>City of Frazee</b> Donation in support of rehabilitating the downtown park which is a community focal point and tourist attraction as part of the Rural Quick Start program in rural Minnesota	<b>\$500</b>
<b>City of Pipestone</b> Project support for an area employment fair as part of the Rural Quick Start Program in rural Minnesota	<b>\$5,000</b>
<b>City of Waubun</b> Project support for the Waubun Community Council to support family engagement and lifestyle changes on the White Earth Reservation as part of the Rural Quick Start program in rural Minnesota	<b>\$1,000</b>
<b>Dakota Wicohan</b> Project support for the summer leadership training and outreach program in the Lower Sioux Dakota community as part of the Rural Quick Start program	<b>\$5,000</b>

**La Crescent Area Healthy Community Partnership**

Project support for community meetings to develop a comprehensive plan and vision for La Crescent as part of the Rural Quick Start program **\$600**

**Lake County Developmental Achievement Center Inc**

Project support for a feasibility study to establish a social services center in Two Harbors as part of the Rural Quick Start program **\$3,800**

**MinnPost**

Project support for a series of solutions-focused stories covering important rural Minnesota issues **\$50,000**

**Regents of The University of Minnesota**

Project support for the One Minnesota 2015 Conference of Legislators in rural Minnesota **\$10,000**

**Peacemaker Resources**

Project support for community engagement and planning to support the Truth and Reconciliation work in the Bemidji area as part of the Blandin Leadership Grants Program in rural Minnesota **\$5,000**

**Red Lake Band of Chippewa Indians**

Project support for the Accelerated Second Language Program as part of the Rural Quick Start program in rural Minnesota **\$5,000**

**Willmar Area Multicultural Market**

Project support to record immigrant stories via Green Card Voices as part of the Rural Quick Start program in rural Minnesota **\$5,000**

**Springboard for the Arts**

Project support for the Business Development for Artists project as part of the Blandin Leadership Grants Program in the Red Wing area **\$5,000**

**Broadband****Rural Minnesota grants****Aitkin County**

Project support to increase the knowledge and use of e-commerce and social media tools for small businesses in Aitkin County as part of the Broadband Program in rural Minnesota **\$3,938**

**Audubon Center of the North Woods**

Project support to connect various alternative energy facilities into a unified network for data collection and analysis for integration into curriculum and energy management systems as part of the Broadband Program in rural Minnesota **\$1,875**

<b>Big Stone Area Growth</b>	
Project support to expand the usage of online digital tools through the use of a community web/blog portal, and social media breakfasts as part of the Broadband Program in rural Minnesota	<b>\$6,400</b>
<b>Brainerd Lakes Development Corp</b>	
Project support to determine the feasibility/strategy to create and sustain a high tech Live/Work Center in the Brainerd Lakes region as part of the Broadband Program in rural Minnesota	<b>\$6,000</b>
<b>Carlton County</b>	
Donation in support of planning and project development efforts as part of the Broadband Program in rural Minnesota	<b>\$1,000</b>
<b>Chisago County Housing and Redevelopment Authority-Economic Development Authority</b>	
Donation in support of planning and project development efforts as part of the Broadband Program in rural Minnesota	<b>\$1,000</b>
<b>Chisago County Housing and Redevelopment Authority-Economic Development Authority</b>	
Project support to conduct a combined community survey and outreach effort to spur interest and action around broadband networks and services as part of the Broadband Program in rural Minnesota	<b>\$1,990</b>
<b>Chisago County Housing and Redevelopment Authority-Economic Development Authority</b>	
Project support to design, promote and conduct multiple e-commerce/ social media training sessions throughout the county as part of the Broadband Program in rural Minnesota	<b>\$10,000</b>
<b>Chisago Lakes School District 2144</b>	
Project support to provide wi-fi on school buses to enable more productive use of student time on long bus rides to and from school activities and to provide free wi-fi at community events as part of the Broadband Program in rural Minnesota	<b>\$18,275</b>
<b>Chokio-Alberta Public Schools</b>	
Project support to prepare students to work in a technology-based future through exposure to career opportunities and insight/attainment into the necessary skill sets for those jobs as part of the Broadband Program in rural Minnesota	<b>\$2,000</b>
<b>City of Cloquet</b>	
Project support to provide mobile technology, wi-fi access and training to staff, county residents and visitors of the three Carlton County libraries as part of the Broadband Program in rural Minnesota	<b>\$14,000</b>
<b>City of Gaylord</b>	
Donation in support of planning and project development efforts as part of the Broadband Program in rural Minnesota	<b>\$1,000</b>

**City of Gaylord**

Project support to market the concept of tech centers/maker spaces across the Renville/Sibley Fiber area and determine the feasibility/market demand/next steps in the development process as part of the Broadband Program in rural Minnesota

**\$3,750**

**City of Long Prairie**

Project support to prepare a pre-engineering proposal for the City of Long Prairie and surrounding area to build a fiber to the premise network through a public/private partnership as part of the Broadband Program in rural Minnesota

**\$15,000**

**Community Partners, Two Harbors Living at Home Block Nurse Program**

Project support to provide senior citizens of Lake County with access to online health information through the use of mobile devices and staff assistance as part of the Broadband Program in rural Minnesota

**\$900**

**County of Cook**

Project support to expand county wi-fi access through creating and maintaining public hotspot and video conferencing locations as part of the Broadband Program in rural Minnesota

**\$10,800**

**Depot Studios**

Project support to provide computer access with a wi-fi hotspot at an artist, craft and entrepreneurial center in Isle as part of the Broadband Program in rural Minnesota

**\$9,000**

**East Central Regional Development Commission**

Donation in support of planning and project development efforts as part of the Broadband Program in rural Minnesota

**\$1,000**

**East Central Regional Development Commission**

Project support to conduct an analysis of the region's existing broadband assets and services to inform community leaders about potential gaps and opportunities as part of the Broadband Program in rural Minnesota

**\$10,000**

**Essentia Health Foundation**

Project support to provide tele-health training sessions in Resilient Region Five's five-county area and on the Leech Lake Reservation as part of the Broadband Program

**\$10,000**

**Fond Du Lac Band of Lake Superior Chippewa**

Project support for two sessions of a two-week technology learning workshop on mobile app creation for students as part of the Broadband Program in rural Minnesota

**\$5,120**

**Fond Du Lac Band of Lake Superior Chippewa**

Project support to allocate appropriate devices to reservation community centers to increase technology knowledge and use through training programs, outreach and service delivery as part of the Broadband Program in rural Minnesota

**\$12,750**

<b>Hancock Public Schools ISD 768</b> Project support to provide technology training to students and community members as part of the Broadband Program in rural Minnesota	<b>\$3,675</b>
<b>Independent School District 2752 - Fairmont Area Schools</b> Project support to develop and market a shared community calendar and facilities scheduler as part of the Broadband Program in rural Minnesota	<b>\$9,000</b>
<b>Independent School District 2365 - Gibbon Fairfax Winthrop Schools</b> Project support to outfit school buses with wi-fi to enable more productive use of student time on long bus rides to and from school activities, and to provide free wi-fi at community events as part of the Broadband Program in rural Minnesota	<b>\$24,605</b>
<b>Independent School District 181 - Brainerd Public Schools</b> Project support for technology and mobile devices in the Early Childhood and Family Education programs as part of the Broadband Program in rural Minnesota	<b>\$5,000</b>
<b>Independent School District 390 – Lake of the Woods Schools</b> Project support to increase access to technology for students and area residents as part of the Broadband Program in rural Minnesota	<b>\$9,875</b>
<b>Independent School District 518 – Worthington Schools</b> Project support to provide digital literacy training for diverse communities via a train-the-trainer approach (ethnic leaders will learn to teach basic computer skills in their native language) as part of the Broadband Program in rural Minnesota	<b>\$9,000</b>
<b>Independent School District 518 – Worthington Schools</b> Project support for online marketing, technology and digital literacy training for area residents as part of the Broadband Program in rural Minnesota	<b>\$9,000</b>
<b>Independent School District 2769 Morris Area School</b> Project support to fully integrate technology into classrooms for each learner through internet access and mobile devices as part of the Broadband Program in rural Minnesota	<b>\$13,000</b>
<b>Isle Public Schools ISD 473</b> Project support to provide computer classes and a wi-fi public access site in the Mille Lacs lakes area as part of the Broadband Program in rural Minnesota	<b>\$14,000</b>
<b>Joseph R Brown Heritage Society</b> Project support to create an e-marketing platform and tourism apps for communities in the Renville/Sibley Fiber Project area as part of the Broadband Program in rural Minnesota	<b>\$10,000</b>

<b>Kandiyohi County &amp; City of Willmar EDC</b> Project support to promote and host a hackfest in Willmar as part of the Broadband Program in rural Minnesota	<b>\$10,000</b>
<b>Kandiyohi County &amp; City of Willmar EDC</b> Project support to increase wi-fi access in Kandiyohi County by installing access points on busses, a mobile daycare center and at the community center as part of the Broadband Program in rural Minnesota	<b>\$17,680</b>
<b>Lac qui Parle Valley ISD 2853</b> Project support for student career pathways programming as part of the Broadband Program in rural Minnesota	<b>\$6,000</b>
<b>Lake Superior School District #381</b> Project support to provide refurbished computers to low-income families with school-aged children as part of the Broadband Program in rural Minnesota	<b>\$4,100</b>
<b>Lake Superior School District #381</b> Project support to implement and promote distance learning opportunities in Lake County for students, teachers, and community members as part of the Broadband Program in rural Minnesota	<b>\$5,000</b>
<b>Leech Lake Band of Ojibwe</b> Project support to create a tribal computer refurbishment program that will provide refurbished computers to Leech Lake Band members while also providing job and skills training as part of the Broadband Program in rural Minnesota	<b>\$10,000</b>
<b>Leech Lake Band of Ojibwe</b> Project support to continue and expand the Temporary Employment Program-hosted digital literacy program at four locations on the Leech Lake Reservation as part of the Broadband Program in rural Minnesota	<b>\$20,680</b>
<b>Long Lake Township</b> Project support to conduct an engineering study to determine the cost and funding options for a high-speed broadband network in Long Lake Township as part of the Broadband Program in rural Minnesota	<b>\$7,500</b>
<b>Martin County</b> Donation in support of planning and project development efforts as part of the Broadband Program in rural Minnesota	<b>\$1,000</b>
<b>Martin County</b> Project support for a technology learning workshop on mobile app creation for students as part of the Broadband Program in rural Minnesota	<b>\$9,950</b>

**Martin County**

Project support to provide broadband technology training opportunities for Martin County residents as part of the Broadband Program in rural Minnesota

**\$15,000**

**Martin County**

Project support for a feasibility study to choose and prioritize programs and initiatives to stimulate development of state-of-the-art broadband networks throughout Martin County as part of the Broadband Program in rural Minnesota

**\$20,000**

**Martin County**

Project support to create a network of wi-fi hotspots throughout Martin County as part of the Broadband Program in rural Minnesota

**\$7,150**

**Mille Lacs County**

Project support to conduct a study to provide information needed to install a Fiber to the Premise (FTTP) broadband system as part of the Broadband Program in rural Minnesota

**\$10,000**

**Mille Lacs County**

Project support to facilitate implementation of a county-wide broadband feasibility study to review existing network services and infrastructure, market demand and technology alternatives for broadband as part of the Broadband Program in rural Minnesota

**\$10,000**

**MN West Community/Tech College-Worthington**

Project support to develop a two-credit college course on digital literacy targeted toward high school and college students as part of the Broadband Program in rural Minnesota

**\$8,500**

**Moose Lake Community Schools**

Project support to provide mobile devices to two rural school districts to increase educational attainment and to provide technology training through community education as part of the Broadband Program in rural Minnesota

**\$18,000**

**Nobles County**

Donation in support of planning and project development efforts as part of the Broadband Program in rural Minnesota

**\$1,000**

**Nobles County**

Project support to conduct a feasibility study to gather information and provide a decision making path for local officials to meet the goal of ubiquitous broadband coverage across Nobles County as part of the Broadband Program in rural Minnesota

**\$25,000**

**Nobles County**

Project support to provide more accessible, reliable and affordable access to internet services for the rural residents of Nobles County as part of the Broadband Program in rural Minnesota

**\$9,755**

**PCs for People**

Project support to coordinate the distribution of 500 computers to eligible recipients in each of ten Blandin Broadband Communities as part of the Broadband Program in rural Minnesota

**\$47,500****Pioneer Youth Center**

Project support to provide interactive learning experiences for at-risk youth through access to full wi-fi to enhance student success as part of the Broadband Program in rural Minnesota

**\$9,950****Project FINE**

Project support for online marketing for diverse businesses as part of the Broadband Program in rural Minnesota

**\$25,000****Red Wing Ignite**

Donation in support of planning and project development efforts as part of the Broadband Program in rural Minnesota

**\$1,000****Red Wing Ignite**

Project support for the Innovation to Reality program as part of the Broadband Program in rural Minnesota

**\$10,000****Red Wing Ignite**

Project support to create opportunity by branding and marketing Red Wing to attract people, talent and investment as part of the Broadband Program in rural Minnesota

**\$12,000****Red Wing Ignite**

Project support to strengthen Red Wing School District's STEAM education by facilitating community partnerships with existing Red Wing technology-oriented companies as part of the Broadband Program in rural Minnesota

**\$14,000****Red Wing Ignite**

Project support to engage community youth in technology skills and discover opportunities within Red Wing for employment and entrepreneurship as part of the Broadband Program in rural Minnesota

**\$10,000****Red Wing Ignite**

Project support to convene business innovation networks and provide resources to fuel innovation in Red Wing as part of the Broadband Program in rural Minnesota

**\$4,000****Redwood Area School District**

Project support to provide a series of computer/internet classes for residents and businesses of Redwood County as part of the Broadband Program in rural Minnesota

**\$3,540**

**Redwood County**

Donation in support of planning and project development efforts as part of the Broadband Program in rural Minnesota **\$1,000**

**Redwood County**

Project support equip a training lab in the courthouse to provide a venue for technology training for the general public, employers and Redwood County employees as part of the Broadband Program in rural Minnesota **\$9,150**

**Region 5 Regional Dev Commission**

Donation in support of planning and project development efforts as part of the Broadband Program in rural Minnesota **\$1,000**

**Sherburne County**

Donation in support of planning and project development efforts as part of the Broadband Program in rural Minnesota **\$1,000**

**Sherburne County**

Project support to do research and create a shared marketing program to engage citizens and elected officials around the concept of improving broadband services in Sherburne County as part of the Broadband Program in rural Minnesota **\$15,000**

**Sherburne County**

Project support to complete a broadband feasibility study in Sherburne County that will identify needs, existing services and infrastructure, and partnership and operations options as part of the Broadband Program in rural Minnesota **\$25,000**

**Sherburne County**

Project support to provide public access to computers in the Sherburne County Historical Building and equip a community meeting room with appropriate technology, including a robust Wi-Fi network as part of the Broadband Program in rural Minnesota **\$10,000**

**Southwest Minnesota Broadband Services**

Project support to promote collaborative economic development activities through the use of social media and internet-based marketing and sales tools as part of the Broadband Program in rural Minnesota **\$16,250**

**Two Harbors Community Radio**

Project support to provide live streaming capacity for Two Harbors Community Radio, allowing interested listeners to hear broadcasts beyond the limited reach of the FM signal as part of the Broadband Program in rural Minnesota **\$5,000**

**Upper Minnesota Valley Regional Development Commission**

Project support for a study to determine the feasibility of constructing a fiber network connecting all public buildings in the Upper Minnesota Valley Region as part of the Broadband Program in rural Minnesota **\$25,000**

**Upper Minnesota Valley Regional Development Commission**

Project support to create a regional IT professional network to ignite cross-industry collaborations so the region can fully integrate technology in day-to-day efforts and large scale planning efforts as part of the Broadband Program in rural Minnesota

**\$5,000**

**Upper Minnesota Valley Regional Development Commission**

Project support to create a shared marketing message and implementation strategy for the region in an effort to attract people and investment as part of the Broadband Program in rural Minnesota

**\$15,000**