



Blandin Foundation™
STRENGTHENING RURAL MINNESOTA

December 2011 Grant awards

Local Grants

Area of focus: Expand Opportunity

Bovey Coleraine Youth Center

\$170,000 over 2 years

<http://www.facebook.com/group.php?gid=369860125274>

Continued operating support

Independent School District 318 Community Education

\$36,000

<http://www.rschooldtoday.com/se3bin/clientschool.cgi?schoolname=school453>

For the annual Children's Fair and to continue county-wide Children First! events

Itasca Community College

\$375,000

<http://www.itascacc.edu/admissions/financial-aid/>

Financial aid assistance for Itasca County high school graduates during the 2012-13 school year

Itasca Economic Development Corporation

\$500,000 over 2 years

<http://www.itascadv.org/>

For continued operating assistance to promote economic development Opportunities throughout Itasca County

Northeast Entrepreneur Fund

\$120,000 over 2 years

<http://www.entrepreneurfund.org/>

Continuation funding to provide business planning training, technical assistance and access to financing for individuals who plan to start small businesses to achieve economic self-sufficiency in the Itasca County area

Area of focus: Commitment to Home

Advocates for Family Peace

\$100,000 over 2 years

<http://www.stopdomesticabuse.org/>

Sustaining contribution to promote safety, equity and peace to families experiencing domestic abuse in Itasca County.

Bigfork Home Visitor Program

\$30,000 over 2 years

<http://www.bigforkvalley.org/Clinics/specialty.html>

Sustaining contribution for the Home Visitor Program in Itasca County

Bridges Kinship Mentoring

\$80,000 over 2 years

<http://www.bridgesmentoring.org/>

Sustaining contribution to provide mentoring opportunities for young people in the Itasca County area

Community Café

\$70,000 over 2 years

<http://www.facebook.com/pages/Community-Cafe-Inc/276776810081>

Sustaining contribution to help reduce hunger through the Community Café in Itasca County

Cooperative Solutions

\$100,000 over 2 years

<http://www.cooperativesolutions.org/>

Sustaining contribution for mediation services in Itasca County.

ElderCircle

\$80,000 over 2 years

<http://www.eldercircle.org/>

Sustaining contribution to offer senior programming to residents in the Itasca County area

First Call for Help

\$100,000 over 2 years

<http://www.firstcall211.net/>

Sustaining contribution for emergency, information and referral services in Itasca County

Friendship Ventures

\$10,000 over 2 years

<http://www.friendshipventures.org/>

Sustaining contribution for people with disabilities in Itasca County to participate in camp and respite activities

Girl Scouts of MN and WI Lakes & Pines

\$20,000 over 2 years

<http://www.gslakesandpines.org/>

Sustaining contribution for the Girl Scouts program in Itasca County

Grace House of Itasca County

\$50,000

<http://www.facebook.com/pages/Grace-House-of-Itasca-County-MN/148145895249526>

Continued operating support

Itasca County Habitat for Humanity

\$100,000 over 2 years

<http://www.itascahabitat.org/mn/>

Sustaining contribution for low-income housing development in Itasca County

Itasca County Historical Society

\$100,000 over 2 years

<http://www.itascahistorical.org/>

Sustaining contribution to collect, preserve, interpret and disseminate the history of Itasca County

Itasca Orchestra and Strings Program http://www.itascaorchestra.org/ Sustaining contribution to provide orchestral music opportunities for youth and adults in the Itasca County area	\$80,000 over 2 years
Itasca Youth for Christ http://itascayfc.org/ Continuation funding for the Ground Floor youth center in Itasca County	\$85,000
Itasca Youth for Christ http://itascayfc.org/ Sustaining contribution for the Campus Life program in Itasca County	\$60,000 over 2 years
Legal Aid Service of Northeastern Minnesota http://www.lasnem.org/dnn/Offices/GrandRapids/tabid/58/Default.aspx Continuation funding to provide legal assistance to low-income individuals and the Native American Outreach project in Itasca County	\$390,000 over 3 years
MacRostie Art Center http://macrostieartcenter.org/ Sustaining contribution to provide visual arts and educational programming to residents throughout the Itasca County area	\$70,000 over 2 years
Marcell Family Center http://www.edgeofthewilderness.org/mfc.htm Sustaining contribution for family center programming in Itasca County	\$65,000 over 2 years
Northern Community Radio http://kaxe.org/ Sustaining contribution for news programming throughout Itasca County	\$100,000 over 2 years
Second Harvest North Central Food Bank http://secondharvestncfb.com/ Sustaining contribution for Food Bank operations in Itasca County	\$100,000 over 2 years
Special Olympics-Minnesota-Itasca County http://specialolympicsminnesota.org/Area_3.php Sustaining contribution for the Special Olympics program in Itasca County	\$60,000 over 2 years
Support Within Reach http://www.supportwithinreach.org/ Sustaining contribution to provide support and advocacy to victims of sexual violence and prevention education in Itasca County	\$70,000 over 2 years

United Way of 1000 Lakes \$44,000 over 2 years
<http://www.unitedwayof1000lakes.org/index.html>
Sustaining contribution in support of administration

Voyageurs Area Boy Scouts of America \$20,000 over 2 years
<http://www.vac-bsa.org/NoopimingDistrict/>
Sustaining contribution for the Boy Scouts program in Itasca County

Statewide

Area of focus: Expand Opportunity

Centro Campesino \$100,000 over 2 years
<http://www.centrocampesino.net/>
Continuation funding for operations to improve the lives of immigrant populations through community organizing, education and advocacy in the southern part of Minnesota

MinnPost.com \$80,000 over 2 years
<http://www.minnpost.com>
Continued support for its online media outlet to bolster reporting capacity throughout rural Minnesota

Minnesota Chippewa Tribe \$80,000 over 3 years
<http://www.mnchippewatribe.org/>
Project support for a business development center to strengthen the economy in rural and reservation communities within the Minnesota Chippewa Tribe reservations in rural Minnesota

Northern Minnesota Public Television (Lakeland Public Television) \$50,000 over 2 years
<http://www.lakelandptv.org/>
Sustaining contribution for programming and services in the northern region of Minnesota

Duluth Superior Educational Television Corporation \$70,000 over 2 years
<http://www.wdse.org/shows/native>
Sustaining contribution for the production of *Native Report* throughout rural Minnesota

Area of focus: Responsive

Charities Review Council of Minnesota

\$8,000 over 2 years

<http://www.smartgivers.org/>

Sustaining contribution to help provide information and education to donors and charities throughout Minnesota

Minnesota Council on Foundations

\$33,900 over 2 years

www.mcf.org

Sustaining contribution for membership assistance