



## March 2017 grant awards

### Local Grants

#### Area of focus: Expand Opportunity

##### **Boys & Girls Club of Duluth**

Operating support for the Boys and Girls Clubs of Greenway and Grand Rapids/Itasca County area. **\$308,000**

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

Project support for completing a feasibility study to bring competitive rail access to Itasca County. **\$50,000**

##### **Independent School District 2**

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

##### **Itasca Community College**

Project support for continuation of financial aid programs during the 2017-18 academic year in the Grand Rapids/Itasca County area. **\$375,000**

##### **Minnesota Diversified Industries**

Capital support for equipment to expand production capacity and grow employment opportunities for people with disabilities in the Grand Rapids/Itasca County area. **\$100,000**

##### **Northland Counseling Center, Inc.**

Capital support to develop a 16-bed residential and crisis treatment home for children ages 4-12 in rural Minnesota. **\$74,936**

#### Area of focus: Vibrant Itasca County

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

Project support for emergency assistance to support victims of domestic violence in the Grand Rapids/Itasca County area. **\$10,000**

##### **ANGELS – LAH/BNP**

Donation for expansion of services to Hill City in rural Minnesota. **\$1,000**

##### **Boys and Girls Club of the Leech Lake Area**

Project support for emergency assistance to meet basic needs for youth at the Deer River unit of the Boys and Girls Club in the Grand Rapids/Itasca County area. **\$10,000**

##### **Deer River White Oak Society, Inc.**

Donation for the 2017 White Oak Annual Winter Festival in the Grand Rapids/Itasca County area. **\$500**

**First Call for Help of Itasca County**

Project support for emergency assistance due to the high volume of calls processed through First Call for Help of Itasca County. **\$10,000**

**Grace House of Itasca County**

Project support to prevent homelessness for emergencies and guests in the Grand Rapids/Itasca County area. **\$10,000**

**Grand Rapids Area Male Chorus**

Donation for the 2017 spring and summer concert series in Itasca County. **\$1,000**

**Greenway Joint Recreation Association**

Donation in support of the fourth annual fishing tournament for the Greenway Sports Complex in Itasca County. **\$500**

**Independent School District 318**

Donation for advertising the 2017-18 Blandin Education Grants Program in the Grand Rapids High School yearbook in Itasca County. **\$325**

**Independent School District 318**

Capital support to purchase and install an electronic sign that allows for sharing of information and events in the Grand Rapids/Itasca County area. **\$46,600**

**Independent School District 318**

Donation for the Murphy Elementary School Garden Project in the Grand Rapids/Itasca County area. **\$500**

**Independent School District 319**

Donation for the Nashwauk-Keewatin School District's music program in Itasca County. **\$1,000**

**Independent School District 319**

Donation for the Nashwauk-Keewatin All Night Grad Party in the Grand Rapids/Itasca County area. **\$400**

**Itasca Community College**

Project support for students facing emergency situations at Itasca Community College in the Grand Rapids/Itasca County area. **\$10,000**

**Itasca Community College**

Project support for the 2017 Career Fair in Itasca County. **\$10,000**

**Itasca County**

Donation for child safety materials in the Grand Rapids/Itasca County area. **\$300**

**Itasca County Agricultural Association**

Donation for the Itasca County Fair's 125<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration historical display in the Grand Rapids/Itasca County area. **\$1,000**

**Itasca Ski & Outing Club**

Donation for emergency medical equipment for the Mt. Itasca Skil Patrol in the Grand Rapids/Itasca County area. **\$1,000**

**Let's Go Fishing Itasca Chapter**

Donation for the 2017 Let's Go Fishing with Seniors program in the Grand Rapids/Itasca County area. **\$1,000**

**MN Assistance Council for Veterans**

Project support for direct assistance to veterans who are either homeless or at risk of becoming homes in the Grand Rapids/Itasca County area. **\$10,000**

**Salvation Army – Grand Rapids**

Donation in support of staff match for the Salvation Army in the Grand Rapids/Itasca County area. **\$500**

## Rural Minnesota

### Area of focus: Expand Opportunity

**Boreal Community Media**

Project support for Kids' Online Civic News Service as part of the Broadband Program in rural Minnesota. **\$25,000**

**Ironworld Development Corporation**

Donation for the 2017 Iron Range Science and Engineering Festival in rural Minnesota. **\$1,000**

**Isanti County**

Project support to conduct a feasibility study to better understand options for improving broadband infrastructure and services within the county as part of the Broadband Program in rural Minnesota. **\$25,000**

**Minnesota Council of Nonprofits Inc.**

Donation for the May 2017 Nonprofit Summit in rural Minnesota. **\$1,000**

**Northland Foundation**

Project support for the 2017 Northeastern Minnesota Early Childhood Summit in rural Minnesota. **\$20,000**

**Northwest Indian Opportunities Industrialization Center**

Project support for the Green Jobs Initiative in rural Minnesota. **\$40,000**

**Otter Tail County**

Project support to conduct a feasibility study to better understand options for improving broadband infrastructure and services within the county as part of the Broadband Program in rural Minnesota. **\$25,000**

**PCs for People**

Capital support to distribute 500 computers to ten rural Minnesota communities as part of the Broadband Program in rural Minnesota. **\$49,000**

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Project support for sponsorship of the National Digital Alliance's conference in rural Minnesota. **\$2,500**

**Pope County**

Project support to conduct a feasibility study to better understand options for improving broadband infrastructure and services within the county as part of the Broadband Program in rural Minnesota. **\$25,000**

**Region Nine Development Commission**

Project support for the Change, Disparities, Opportunity and equity dialogues in rural Minnesota. **\$40,000**

**University of Minnesota Foundation**

Project support over three years to establish the Natural Resources and Research Institutes' Business Assistance Fund in rural Minnesota. **\$150,000**

**University of Minnesota Foundation**

Project support for the Natural Resources and Research Institute's forest resource mapping project in rural Minnesota. **\$50,000**

**Winona Area Chamber of Commerce Foundation Inc.**

Project support for the REACH workforce development program in rural Minnesota. **\$5,000**

**Area of focus: Invest in Leadership****City of Crosby**

Capital support for construction of a four-mile public connector trail between the City of Cuyuna and the Cuyuna Country State Recreation trail in rural Minnesota. **\$50,000**

**Luverne Initiatives for Tomorrow**

Project support to evaluate and present a long-range plan to develop Luverne as a destination as part of the Blandin Leadership Grants program in rural Minnesota. **\$5,000**

**Medford Education Foundation**

Project support to build the funding base for educational opportunities in the Medford School District as part of the Blandin Leadership Grants program in rural Minnesota. **\$5,000**

**Northwest Minnesota Foundation**

Capital support for the Bemidji Downtown Alliance/Welcoming Arch project as part of the Blandin Leadership Grants program in rural Minnesota. **\$5,000**

**Regents of The University of Minnesota**

Project support for the 2017 One Minnesota Conference of Legislators in rural Minnesota. **\$10,000**

**The Advocates for Human Rights**

Project support to strengthen capacity to respond to rising incidents of hate, bias and discrimination aimed at immigrants and refugees in rural Minnesota. **\$50,000**

**University of Minnesota Foundation**

Project support for the Tribal Sovereignty Institute at the University of Minnesota-Duluth for a tribal governance pilot project in rural Minnesota. **\$110,000**

**Willmar Downtown Development Inc**

Project support for a MNyou Youth Garden in Willmar as part of the Blandin Community Leadership Grant Program in rural Minnesota. **\$5,000**

**Total**

**50 grants      \$1,907,061**