



## December 2015 grant awards

### Local Grants

#### Area of focus: Vibrant Itasca County

<b>Advocates For Family Peace</b> Operating support in 2016-17 to promote safety, equity and peace to families experiencing domestic abuse in Itasca County.	<b>\$100,000</b>
<b>Bigfork Valley Hospital</b> Operating support in 2016-17 for the Home Visitor Program in Itasca County.	<b>\$30,000</b>
<b>Bridges Kinship Mentoring</b> Operating support in 2016-17 to provide mentoring opportunities for young people in Itasca County.	<b>\$80,000</b>
<b>City of Cohasset</b> Project support for design and delivery of collaboration training for governmental units in Itasca County.	<b>\$1,500</b>
<b>Community Café</b> Operating support in 2016-17 to help reduce hunger in Itasca County.	<b>\$70,000</b>
<b>Cooperative Solutions</b> Operating support in 2016 for mediation services in Itasca County.	<b>\$50,000</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> 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>	<b>\$20,000</b>
Operating support in 2016-17 for the Girl Scouts program in Itasca County.	
<b>GiveMN</b>	<b>\$2,500</b>
Project support to provide training in online fundraising to nonprofit organizations and schools in the Itasca County area.	
<b>Grace House of Itasca County</b>	<b>\$100,000</b>
Operating support in 2016-17 to provide crisis housing services in Itasca County.	
<b>Grand Rapids Area Community Foundation</b>	<b>\$1,000</b>
Donation in support of Mobility Mania to improve accessibility for people with physical and mental disability in Itasca County.	
<b>Grand Rapids Area Community Foundation</b>	<b>\$319,000</b>
Operating support for 2016-18 in Itasca County.	
<b>Grand Rapids Library Foundation</b>	<b>\$4,000</b>
Project support for completion of the solar sunflower part of the Library's Riverfront Energy Center in Itasca County.	
<b>Grand Rapids Players</b>	<b>\$1,000</b>
Donation in support of underwriting 2016 production in Itasca County.	
<b>Habitat for Humanity of Itasca County</b>	<b>\$100,000</b>
Operating support in 2016-17 for low-income housing development in Itasca County.	
<b>Independent School District 318</b>	<b>\$250</b>
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.	
<b>Independent School District 318</b>	<b>\$500</b>
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.	
<b>Independent School District 317</b>	<b>\$500</b>
Donation in support of Deer River High School's 2016 post prom event in Itasca County.	
<b>Itasca Choral Society</b>	<b>\$250</b>
Donation in support of the 2015-16 fall and spring concert programs in Itasca County.	
<b>Itasca County</b>	<b>\$5,000</b>
Capital support for improvements to the Buck Lake Improvement Club's building in Itasca County.	

<b>Itasca County Historical Society</b>	<b>\$100,000</b>
Operating support for 2016-17 to collect, preserve, interpret and disseminate the history of Itasca County.	
<b>Itasca Orchestra and Strings Program</b>	<b>\$100,000</b>
Operating support for 2016-17 to provide orchestral music to adults and youth in Itasca County.	
<b>Itasca Youth For Christ</b>	<b>\$60,000</b>
Operating support in 2016-17 for the Campus Life program in Itasca County.	
<b>Itasca Youth For Christ</b>	<b>\$170,000</b>
Operating support in 2016-17 for the Ground Floor Youth Center in Itasca County.	
<b>Judy Garland Children's Museum</b>	<b>\$60,000</b>
Operating support in 2016-17 to improve and broaden the School Service Program in Itasca County.	
<b>MacRostie Art Center</b>	<b>\$80,000</b>
Operating support in 2016-17 to provide visual arts and educational programming to residents throughout the Itasca County area.	
<b>Marcell Family Center, Inc.</b>	<b>\$70,000</b>
Operating support in 2016-17 for the family center program in Itasca County.	
<b>Northern Community Radio KAXE</b>	<b>\$100,000</b>
Operating support in 2016-17 for news programming throughout Itasca County.	
<b>Northland Counseling Center Inc.</b>	<b>\$240</b>
Donation in support of a three-part series on housing education in Itasca County.	
<b>Second Harvest North Central Food Bank</b>	<b>\$100,000</b>
Operating support in 2016-17 for Food Bank operations in Itasca County.	
<b>Special Olympics Minnesota</b>	<b>\$60,000</b>
Operating support in 2016-17 for the Special Olympics program in Itasca County.	
<b>Support Within Reach</b>	<b>\$80,000</b>
Operating support in 2016-17 to provide support and advocacy to victims of sexual violence and prevention education in Itasca County.	
<b>True Friends</b>	<b>\$10,000</b>
Operating support in 2016-17 Itasca County youth with disabilities to participate in camp activities.	
<b>United Way of 1,000 Lakes</b>	<b>\$60,000</b>
Operating support in 2016-17 for administration in Itasca County.	
<b>Voyageurs Area Council #286 Boy Scouts of America, Inc.</b>	<b>\$20,000</b>
Operating support in 2016-17 for Boy Scout programming in Itasca County.	

## Strategic Area: Expand Opportunity

<b>Amherst H. Wilder Foundation</b> Project support for a workforce streams research project in Itasca County.	<b>\$49,700</b>
<b>City of Grand Rapids</b> Project support for a collaborative effort to align government operations and purchasing across several local governmental units in Itasca County.	<b>\$2,500</b>
<b>City of Grand Rapids</b> Project support for Indigenous Peoples Day in Itasca County.	<b>\$5,000</b>
<b>City of Remer</b> Capital support for exterior infrastructure to build a new senior living facility in Remer in the Itasca area.	<b>\$22,500</b>
<b>Itasca Community Health and Human Services</b> Project support for Anishinaabe World View Training in Itasca County.	<b>\$27,000</b>
<b>Minnesota Diversified Industries</b> Capital support for the Cohasset expansion project in Itasca County.	<b>\$1,000,000</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>

## Rural Minnesota

### Focus Area: Expand Opportunity

<b>African Development Center</b> Operating support in 2016-17 for African Development Center activities in rural Minnesota.	<b>\$150,000</b>
<b>Charities Review Council of Minnesota</b> Operating support in 2016-17 to help provide information and education to donors and charities throughout rural Minnesota.	<b>\$8,000</b>
<b>Duluth-Superior Educational TV Corp.</b> Operating support in 2016-17 for production of Native Report throughout rural Minnesota.	<b>\$90,000</b>
<b>Honor the Earth</b> 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.	<b>\$10,000</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>Minnesota Council On Foundations</b>	<b>\$35,600</b>
Membership support for 2016-17 throughout rural Minnesota.	
<b>Northeast Entrepreneur Fund, Inc.</b>	<b>\$80,000</b>
Project support for 2016-17 to implement community entrepreneurship initiatives and provide regional services to growth-oriented entrepreneurs in rural Minnesota.	
<b>Northern Minnesota Public Television</b>	<b>\$50,000</b>
Operating support in 2016-17 for programming and services in the northern rural region of Minnesota.	
<b>The Nature Conservancy – Minneapolis</b>	<b>\$100,000</b>
Project support for the Minnesota Headwaters Fund in rural Minnesota.	
<b>United Way of Steele County</b>	<b>\$50,000</b>
Project support for the Career Center workforce development program in rural Minnesota.	
<b>University of Minnesota Extension Service</b>	<b>\$15,000</b>
Project support for sponsorship of the 2016 Community Development Society Conference and Minnesota Partners Day in rural Minnesota.	
<b>University of Minnesota Carlson School of Management</b>	<b>\$5,000</b>
Project support for the 2015 Minnesota Cup Business Plan Competition in rural Minnesota.	
<b>Focus Area: Leadership</b>	
<b>Peacemaker Resources</b>	<b>\$5,000</b>
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.	
<b>Springboard for the Arts</b>	<b>\$5,000</b>
Project support for the Business Development for Artists project as part of the Blandin Leadership Grants Program in the Red Wing area.	
<b>Grand Total (59 grants)</b>	<b>\$4,009,840</b>