2017 Grant Awards

Local Grants
Area of focus: Expand Opportunity

City of Grand Rapids
Project support to conduct a master plan to diversify the use of the IRA Civic Center for broader community needs in Itasca County. $8,000

Grand Rapids Area Community Foundation
Project support over three years for continuation of the Itasca County Trails Task Force in Itasca County. $150,000

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

Itasca Area Schools Collaborative
Operating support for continuation of the Invest Early program in Itasca County. $1,975,000

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

Itasca Economic Development Corporation
Operating support to promote economic development opportunities during 2018-19 throughout Itasca County. $500,000

Itasca Youth for Christ
Operating support over two years for the Ground Floor Youth Center in Itasca County. $170,000

MacRostie Art Center
Project support for the We Are All Criminals art exhibit and to build community awareness surrounding criminal law and criminal justice in Itasca County. $7,500

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

Northeast Entrepreneur Fund, Inc.
Operating support to engage entrepreneurial talent in Itasca County. $140,000
Northland Area Family Service Center  
Operating support over two years for the Northland Early Childhood Coalition in the Itasca County area.  $180,000

**Area of focus: Vibrant Itasca County**

**Advocates for Family Peace**  
Emergency contribution in support of victims of domestic violence in Itasca County.  $50,000

**Advocates for Family Peace**  
Operating support in 2018-19 to promote safety, equity and peace to families experiencing domestic abuse in Itasca County.  $100,000

**ANGELS – LAH/BNP**  
Donation for expansion of services to Hill City in rural Minnesota.  $1,000

**Arrowhead Economic Opportunity Agency**  
Project support for the 2017 Itasca Community Connect event in Itasca County.  $5,000

**Ball Club Local Indian Council**  
Donation in support of Ball Club’s annual Mii-Gwitch Mahnomen Days pow wow in Itasca County.  $1,000

**Balsam Township**  
Donation in support of safety equipment for the Balsam Township fire department in Itasca County.  $1,000

**Bigfork Valley Foundation**  
Donation in support of Bigfork community projects in Itasca County.  $250

**Bigfork Valley Foundation**  
Capital support to preserve a nonprofit dental clinic in Itasca County.  $50,000

**Bigfork Valley Hospital**  
Operating support for the Home Visitor Program in 2018-19 in Itasca County.  $34,000

**Bigfork Wilderness**  
Donation in support of Bigfork Wilderness Days celebration in Itasca County.  $500

**Bovey Farmers Day Association**  
Donation in support of the 2017 Bovey Farmer’s Day celebration in Itasca County.  $1,000

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

**Boys and Girls Club of the Leech Lake Area**  
Operating support for the Deer River unit through 2018 in Itasca County.  $135,000
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

Bridges Kinship Mentoring
Operating support for youth mentoring in 2018-19 in Itasca County.  $80,000

City of Bigfork
Capital support for an outdoor skating rink/warming house in Itasca County.  $2,500

City of Calumet
Donation in support of computer upgrades for the Calumet Public Library in Itasca County.  $1,000

City of Calumet
Donation in support of exploring alternate management models for the Hill Annex Mine State Park in Itasca County.  $1,000

City of Cohasset
Capital support for a non-motorized, multi-use community trail near Tioga Beach in Itasca County.  $50,000

City of Deer River
Capital support to purchase a generator to support emergency services in Itasca County.  $7,500

City of Keewatin
Capital support for playground equipment at O’Brien Reservoir in Itasca County.  $4,000

City of Marble
Donation in support of computer upgrades for the Marble library in Itasca County.  $1,000

City of Nashwauk
Capital support for safety equipment for the Nashwauk Fire Department in Itasca County.  $7,500

City of Remer
Capital support for an outdoor multi-use pavilion in the Itasca County area.  $5,000

Civil Air Patrol
Donation in support of the activities of the Civil Air Patrol, Grand Rapids Squadron, in Itasca County.  $500

Cooperative Solutions
Project support for transition and relocation of services in Itasca County.  $3,660

Community Cafe
Operating support to help reduce hunger in Itasca County.  $80,000
Deer River Area Health Care Foundation  
Donation in support of the planning stage of a Community Wellness Center for the Deer River area in Itasca County.  $1,000

Deer River White Oak Society, Inc.  
Donation for the 2017 White Oak Annual Winter Festival in the Grand Rapids/Itasca County area.  $500

Edge of the Wilderness Community Center  
Project support for 2017 performances and events in Itasca County.  $9,000

ElderCircle  
Operating support in 2018-19 to offer senior programming to residents in the Itasca County area.  $100,000

ElderCircle  
Project support for the 2017 annual community Thanksgiving dinner in Itasca County.  $2,000

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

First Call for Help of Itasca County  
Project support to develop Native American cultural spaces at the New Leaf Crisis Healing Center in Itasca County.  $5,000

First Call for Help of Itasca County  
Operating support for information and referral services during 2018-19 in Itasca County.  $100,000

Girl Scouts of MN and WI Lakes and Pines  
Operating support in 2018-19 for the Girl Scouts program in Itasca County.  $20,000

Grace House of Itasca County  
Operating support to provide shelter for individuals experiencing homelessness in Itasca County.  $100,000

Grand Itasca Foundation  
Donation in support of the High School Scholarship Fund in Itasca County.  $500

Grand Rapids Area Community Foundation  
Donation in support of hosting a community design forum to advance the idea of a community solar garden in Grand Rapids, Itasca County.  $900

Grand Rapids Area Community Foundation  
Donation in support of the Grand Rapids 2017 WinterGlo Festival in Itasca County.  $1,000

Grand Rapids Area Male Chorus  
Donation for the 2017 spring and summer concert series in Itasca County.  $1,000
Grand Rapids Band Boosters
Donation in support of advertising the 2017-18 Blandin Education Grants program in the Grand Rapids High School band calendar in Itasca County. $550

Grand Rapids Players
Donation in support of production costs of putting on Beauty and The Beast in Itasca County. $1,000

Grand Rapids Police Department
Donation in support of the 2017 National Night Out hosted by the Grand Rapids Police Department in Itasca County. $250

Grand Rapids Summer Celebration
Donation in support of the 2017 Tall Timber Days festival in Itasca County. $1,000

Grand Village Nursing Home
Donation for the 2017 annual Christmas party for long-term and assisted living residents in Itasca County. $250

Great Minds Learning Center
Operating support for expansion and relocation to accommodate program growth in Itasca County. $10,000

Greater Pokegama Lake Association
Donation in support of the 2017 annual Independence Day fireworks on Pokegama Lake in Itasca County. $1,000

Greenway 316 Foundation Inc
Donation in support of Financial Aid Night for Greenway High School students and parents in Itasca County. $150

Greenway Joint Recreation Association
Donation in support of the fourth annual fishing tournament for the Greenway Sports Complex in Itasca County. $500

Habitat for Humanity of Itasca County
Operating support during 2018-19 for the local Habitat for Humanity organization in Itasca County. $100,000

Independent School District 118, Remer
Project support to offer a second round of Anishinaabe Worldview Training to Remer and Deer River school personnel and community members in Itasca County. $12,675

Independent School District 118, Remer
Donation in support of the new school's grand opening. $500

Independent School District 2
Donation in support of the Farm2School project in the Itasca County area. $1,000

Independent School District 316
Donation in support of the Greenway 2017 Post Prom event in Itasca County. $500
Independent School District 316
Project support for the 2017 Children First! New Year's Eve event in Itasca County. $5,750

Independent School District 316
Donation in support of advertising the Blandin Education Awards Program in the Greenway Blast yearbook in Itasca County. $350

Independent School District 318
Donation in support of Bigfork Elementary School's Community Work Day in Itasca County. $500

Independent School District 318
Operating support over two years for continued assistance of Baby Steps Boutique in the Itasca County area. $165,000

Independent School District 318
Donation in support of Grand Rapids High School 2017 Post Prom event in Itasca County. $750

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

Independent School District 319
Capital support to purchase computers for the Nashwauk-Keewatin High School's 2017 post prom event in Itasca County. $2,000

Independent School District 319
Project support for development of new after-school programming at Nashwauk-Keewatin elementary school in Itasca County. $20,000

Independent School District 319
Donation in support of Nashwauk-Keewatin High School's 2017 post prom event in Itasca County. $500
ISD 317 Deer River
Project support to conduct a Full Service Community Schools needs assessment in the Itasca County area.  $40,000

ISD 317 Deer River
Donation in support of Deer River High School's 2018 post prom event in Itasca County.  $500

Itasca Community College
Project support for on-campus activities for Native American students in Itasca County.  $9,300

Itasca Community College
Project support for the 2017 Career Fair in Itasca County.  $10,000

Itasca Community College Foundation
Project support for planning funds to construct a Student Union on the Itasca Community College campus in the Itasca County area.  $25,000

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 125th Anniversary Celebration historical display in the Grand Rapids/Itasca County area.  $1,000

Itasca County Family YMCA Inc
Capital support for outdoor amenities serving intergenerational populations in Itasca County.  $5,000

Itasca County Family YMCA Inc
Project support to complete a feasibility study for establishing an off-site early childhood education facility in Itasca County.  $8,000

Itasca County Historical Society
Operating support for 2018-19 to collect, preserve, interpret and disseminate the history of Itasca County.  $100,000

Itasca County Sheriff’s Office
Donation for an intergenerational community event in Itasca County.  $750

Itasca Hospice Foundation
Donation in support of the 2017 educational seminar on grief and hope at life's intersections in Itasca County.  $500

Itasca Orchestra and Strings Program
Operating support in 2018-19 to provide orchestral music to adults and youth in Itasca County.  $100,000

Itasca Ski & Outing Club
Donation for emergency medical equipment for the Mt. Itasca Skil Patrol in the Grand Rapids/Itasca County area.  $1,000
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Northland Counseling Center Inc
Project support for the Release Advance Planning Program in Itasca County. $7,096

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

Reif Arts Council
Operating and programming support over two years for the Reif Center in the Itasca County area. $340,000

Reif Arts Council
Project support for the Playing by Air 2018 New Years Day performance in Itasca County. $10,000

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

Second Harvest North Central Food Bank
Operating support for Food Bank operations in Itasca County. $100,000

Second Harvest North Central Food Bank
Project support for the Kids Backpack Food program in Itasca County. $5,000

Special Olympics Minnesota
Operating support for the Special Olympics program in Itasca County. $60,000

Support Within Reach
Operating support to assist victims of sexual violence in 2018-19 in Itasca County. $80,000

True Friends
Operating support for youth with disabilities to participate in camp activities during 2018-19 in Itasca County. $10,000

U of M North Central Research & Outreach Center
Donation in support of educating area high school students about applying strong math and science skills to the field of natural resources in Itasca County. $900

United Way of 1,000 Lakes
Operating support in 2018-19 for administration in Itasca County. $60,000

Voyageurs Area Council #286 Boy Scouts of America, Inc.
Operating support in 2018-19 for Boy Scout programming in Itasca County. $20,000
**Rural Minnesota**

**Area of focus: Vibrant Itasca County**

Duluth-Superior Educational TV Corp.  
Operating support to produce Native Report in 2018-19 in rural Minnesota.  **$100,000**

Northern Minnesota Public Television  
Operating support in 2018-19 for programming and services in the northern rural region of Minnesota.  **$50,000**

**Area of focus: Expand Opportunity**

African Development Center  
Operating support for outreach and services for African American populations in rural Minnesota.  **$150,000**

African Development Center  
Program-related investment for a small business loan program to assist African immigrant entrepreneurs in rural Minnesota.  **$200,000**

Aitkin County  
Project support to implement activities that promote access, adoption and use of broadband in Aitkin County, including Wi-Fi on buses, mobile Wi-Fi library check-out program, and improving broadband access and public Wi-Fi at Long Lake in rural MN.  **$17,615**

Anishinabe Legal Services  
Donation in support of community events to provide feedback on local priorities and needs in rural Minnesota.  **$1,000**

Arrowhead Regional Arts Council  
Project support for design of a ReCharge the Range event highlighting the importance of arts, culture and tourism as one vital part of the overall Iron Range economy in rural Minnesota.  **$4,000**

Austin Aspires, Inc.  
Project support to assist high school students with job shadowing and career exploration opportunities in the Austin area as part of the Blandin Leadership Grants program in rural Minnesota.  **$750**

Bois Forte Band of Chippewa Indians  
Project support to implement activities that promote access, adoption and use of broadband in the Bois Forte/Cook/Orr area, including expanded community education, computer lab and website enhancements as part of the Broadband Program in rural MN.  **$21,000**

Boreal Community Media  
Project support for Kids’ Online Civic News Service as part of the Broadband Program in rural Minnesota.  **$25,000**
Boys and Girls Club of the Leech Lake Area
Operations support to provide bridge funding in rural Minnesota.  $49,000

Boys and Girls Club of the Leech Lake Area
Operating support for the Deer River unit through 2018 in Itasca County.  $135,000

Brainerd Lakes Area Development Corp
Project support for assessment of broadband infrastructure investment as part of the Broadband Program in rural Minnesota.  $1,000

Bug-O-Nay-Ge-Shig School
Donation in support of youth activities at Bug-O-Nay-Ge-Shig school in rural Minnesota.  $500

City of Ely
Project support to implement activities that promote access, adoption and use of broadband in the Ely area, including website and social media consulting and the creation of a technology center/co-working space, as part of the Broadband Program in rural MN.  $31,300

City of Moose Lake
Project support for Smart Technologies for Everyone as part of the Broadband Program in rural Minnesota.  $10,000

City of Spicer
Project support for the Cyber Seniors Mentoring Project as part of the Broadband Program in rural Minnesota.  $4,910

Dodge County
Project support for assessment of broadband infrastructure investment as part of the Broadband Program in rural Minnesota.  $1,000

Enterprise Minnesota
Project support for the 2017 State of Manufacturing Survey in rural Minnesota.  $5,000

Family Safety Network of Cass County Inc.
Donation for a symposium called “One Load at a Time” focusing on raising awareness and combating sex trafficking and sexual violence on the Leech Lake Reservation in rural Minnesota.  $500

Greater Bemidji Inc
Project support for assessment of broadband infrastructure investment as part of the Broadband Program in rural Minnesota.  $1,000

Greater Minnesota Housing Fund
Project support of a new Minnesota Housing Commission, which will develop innovative solutions to help communities across Minnesota preserve and expand the availability of affordable housing and workforce housing in rural Minnesota.  $30,000

Immigrant Law Center of MN
Operating support to ameliorate effects of the 2017 legislative changes to the Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals program in rural Minnesota.  $50,000
Immigrant Law Center of Minnesota
Operating support to provide legal services and education for immigrants in rural Minnesota. $150,000

Independent School District 94
Donation in support of Disability Mentoring Day at Fond du Lac Tribal College in rural Minnesota. $1,000

Interfaith Action of Greater Saint Paul
Donation for sponsorship of the Minnesota Council on Foundation’s briefing on poverty in rural Minnesota. $1,000

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

Longville Area Community Choir
Donation for the Music in the Park series for the Longville, Remer and surrounding communities in the Itasca County area. $500

Mahube-Otw Community Action Partnership Inc
Project support for the Employability Initiative in collaboration with M-State, nonprofit service providers and local employers in Otter Tail County in rural Minnesota. $50,000

Meeker County
Project support for the Meeker County Broadband and Advance Technology Feasibility Study as part of the Broadband Program in rural Minnesota. $25,000

Minnesota Council of Nonprofits Inc.
Project support for 2017 membership assistance in rural Minnesota. $1,600

Minnesota Council of Nonprofits Inc.
Project support for sponsorship of the Minnesota Council of Nonprofits’ 2017 annual conference in rural Minnesota. $5,000

Minnesota Council of Nonprofits Inc.
Donation for the May 2017 Nonprofit Summit in rural Minnesota. $1,000

Minnesota Council of Nonprofits Inc
Project support to build capacity with nonprofit leaders and organizations in rural Minnesota. $150,000

Minnesota Council on Foundations
Membership support for 2018 throughout rural Minnesota. $20,400
Minnesota Council on Foundations
Program support for sponsorship of two areas of programming focusing on issues facing rural communities in Minnesota.  $10,000

Minnesota Education Equity Partnership
Project support over three years for equity policy development and implementation in Nobles County and the Mille Lacs area in rural Minnesota.  $180,000

Northeast Entrepreneur Fund, Inc.
Project support to implement activities that promote access, adoption and use of broadband in the Hibbing area, including website, social media and digital marketing consulting and expanding PCs for People as part of the Broadband Program in rural MN.  $16,840

Northeast Entrepreneur Fund, Inc.
Operating support to implement community entrepreneurship initiatives and provide regional services to growth-oriented entrepreneurs in rural Minnesota.  $80,000

Northeast Entrepreneur Fund, Inc.
Program-related investment to increase the community development impact of lending and strategic services to entrepreneurs in rural Minnesota.  $500,000

Northeast Entrepreneur Fund, Inc.
Project support to provide training to small businesses in digital marketing as part of the Broadband Program in rural Minnesota.  $25,000

Northland Foundation
Project support for the 2017 Northeastern Minnesota Early Childhood Summit in rural Minnesota.  $5,000

Northland Foundation
Project support to continue the work of the Rural Economic Development Group in 2017 in rural Minnesota.  $20,000

Northwest Community Action, Inc.
Project support to conduct a feasibility study to understand options for improving broadband infrastructure and services in the Roseau County area in rural MN.  $25,000

Northwest Minnesota Foundation
Project support for the Warroad Backpack Program as part of the Blandin Leadership Grant program in rural Minnesota.  $5,000

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
**PCs for People**
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**

**Red Lake Band of Chippewa Indians**
Capital support to develop space for entrepreneur and community education in rural Minnesota. **$40,000**

**Red Wing Ignite**
Project support for creation of an innovative ecosystem as part of the Broadband Program in rural Minnesota. **$10,000**

**Red Wing Ignite**
Project support for assessment of broadband infrastructure investment as part of the Broadband Program in rural Minnesota. **$1,000**

**Region 5 Regional Development Commission**
Donation for the placemaking workshop in rural Minnesota. **$800**

**Sand Lake Township**
Donation in support of accessing broadband services at the Sand Lake Community Center as part of the Broadband Program in Itasca County. **$900**

**Sibley County**
Project support for the Community, Entrepreneur and Business Digital Skills Growth and Training Program as part of the Broadband Program in rural Minnesota. **$9,500**

**Sibley County**
Project support for community access to technology and training as part of the Broadband Program in rural Minnesota. **$4,750**

**Southern Minnesota Initiative Foundation**
Project support over three years for the Rural Entrepreneurial Venture Program in rural Minnesota. **$150,000**

**Southwest Regional Development Commission**
Project support for the Coalition for Better Broadband as part of the Broadband Program in rural Minnesota. **$123,800**

**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**

**White Earth Tribal Council**
Project support for the White Earth Broadband Initiative as part of the Broadband Program in rural Minnesota. **$25,000**
Winthrop EDA
Project support for assessment of broadband infrastructure investment as part of the Broadband Program in rural Minnesota.  $1,000

Winthrop EDA
Project support for enhanced collaboration and cooperation by Minnesota stakeholders on coalescing the rural voice on statewide broadband issues and programs as part of the Broadband Program in rural Minnesota.  $15,000

Area of focus: Invest in Leadership

Aitkin County Growth, Inc.
Project support for a mapping and planning project to grow and strengthen the business and manufacturing base in the Aitkin County area as part of the Blandin Leadership Grant Program in rural Minnesota.  $5,000

Battle Lake Youth Center Inc
Capital support to develop an early childhood care facility in Battle Lake, rural Minnesota.  $50,000

Beacons of Hope
Project support for start-up of Beacons of Hope as part of the Blandin Leadership Grants Program in rural Minnesota.  $5,000

Central Mesabi Medical Foundation
Project support for an economic impact study of the Hibbing Memorial Building as part of the Blandin Leadership Grant program in rural Minnesota.  $2,500

Chisholm Kids Plus
Project support for the community improvement work as part of the Blandin Leadership Grant program in rural Minnesota.  $5,000

City of Battle Lake Economic Development Authority
Project support to develop a visioning process for commercial property in downtown Battle Lake as part of the Blandin Leadership Grants Program in rural Minnesota.  $5,000

City of Redwood Falls
Capital support to construct and install new dual-language signage for Ramsey Park in English and Dakota.  $10,000

Cook County Chamber of Commerce Foundation
Project support for completion of an arts and culture infrastructure development study as part of the Blandin Leadership Grants program in rural Minnesota.  $5,000

Dakota Wicohan
Project support for a master-apprentice art program as part of the Blandin Leadership Grants Program in rural Minnesota.  $2,500
Fergus Falls Community Child Care Center
Project support for a child care study for the Fergus Falls area as part of the Blandin Leadership Grants Program in rural Minnesota. **$5,000**

Friends of the Band Shell Park
Capital support for a new band shell/performing arts center in Two Harbors as part of the Blandin Leadership Grants program in rural Minnesota. **$5,000**

Goodness, Inc.
Project support for the Taste of Willmar event as part of the Blandin Leadership Grant Program in rural Minnesota. **$2,875**

Grand Portage Reservation Tribal Council
Donation in support of community center upgrades as part of the Blandin Leadership Grants program in rural Minnesota. **$1,000**

Independent School District 4
Project support to develop a comprehensive website and marketing tool to promote activities in McGregor as part of the Blandin Leadership Grants program in rural Minnesota. **$5,000**

Lower Sioux Indian Community
Project support for a Dakota language signage project as part of the Blandin Leadership Grants Program in rural Minnesota. **$5,000**

Lower Sioux Indian Community
Project support for the planning and design of an expanded community center to serve the Lower Sioux Indian Community in rural Minnesota. **$50,000**

Luverne Area Community Foundation
Donation in support to the Luv 1 Luv All project as part of the Blandin Leadership Grants Program in rural Minnesota. **$1,000**

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**

Meeker County Development Corporation
Project support for the Leading Litchfield and Creating Area Leaders program as part of the Blandin Leadership Grants program in rural Minnesota. **$3,000**
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<td>Meeker County Development Corporation</td>
<td>Project support to develop a community web site to bring awareness and promote Litchfield and surrounding areas as part of the Blandin Leadership Grants program in rural Minnesota.</td>
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<td>Minnesota Public Radio</td>
<td>Project support for the statewide research, reporting and community engagement project called &quot;Ground Level&quot; in rural Minnesota.</td>
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<td>MinnPost</td>
<td>Project support for the production of 12 stories on immigrant communities in rural Minnesota.</td>
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<td>Northwest Minnesota Foundation</td>
<td>Capital support for the Bemidji Downtown Alliance/Welcoming Arch project as part of the Blandin Leadership Grants program in rural Minnesota.</td>
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<td>Park Rapids Community Development Corporation</td>
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<td>PFund Foundation</td>
<td>Project support to implement the Better OUTcomes initiative in rural Minnesota.</td>
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<td>Redwood Area Communities Foundation</td>
<td>Project support for LINC Redwood County to host discussions about available County services as part of the Blandin Leadership Grant program in rural Minnesota.</td>
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<td>Regents of The University of Minnesota</td>
<td>Project support for the 2017 One Minnesota Conference of Legislators in rural Minnesota.</td>
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<td>Region 5 Regional Development Commission</td>
<td>Project support to implement curriculum designed for the Minnesota Network of Community Developers in rural Minnesota.</td>
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<td>Project support for artistic revitalization improvements in downtown Hibbing as part of the Blandin Leadership Grants Program in rural Minnesota.</td>
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**Tiwahe Foundation**  
Project support to strengthen the American Indian leadership alumni network throughout rural Minnesota.  
$225,000

**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

**United Way of Northeastern Minnesota**  
Project support for planning costs for relocation of its operations in rural Minnesota.  
$10,000

**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

**West Central Minnesota Educational Television Company**  
Project support for civic engagement efforts as part of the Blandin Leadership Grant program in rural Minnesota.  
$5,000

**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

**United Way of West Central MN**  
Project support for Willmar Vision 2040 strategic planning as part of the Blandin Leadership Grant Program in rural Minnesota.  
$5,000

**Total**  
222 grants  
$10,561,682