



Blandin Foundation™
STRENGTHENING RURAL MINNESOTA

COVID-2019 grant awards

Awards as of April 24, 2020

Local Grants

Bigfork Valley Foundation

Project support for community and hospital emergency response needs and to establish a low-interest Business Loan Program in Itasca County **\$35,000**

Cohasset Economic Development Authority

Program Related Investment to support small businesses within the City of Cohasset during the COVID-19 crisis in Itasca County **\$50,000**

First Call for Help of Itasca County

Project support for emergency assistance for supplies and equipment in Itasca County **\$10,000**

Grand Rapids Area Community Foundation

Project support for a new COVID-19 Community Fund to respond to nonprofit and community organizations engaging in immediate needs and longer-term recovery in Itasca County **\$150,000**

Grand Rapids Area Community Foundation

Project support for strengthening access to mental health in Itasca County **\$13,000**

Grand Rapids Economic Dev. Authority

Program-Related Investment to establish a small business COVID-19 loan fund to be named "Emergency Working Capital Loan Fund" in Itasca County **\$500,000**

Great Minds Learning Center

Project support to implement specialized online learning for children and adults facing economic barriers in Itasca County **\$8,300**

Itasca Area Schools Collaborative

Project support to Itasca Area Schools Collaborative for emergency assistance to Invest Early to provide emergency assistance to additional low-income families and critical workers in Itasca County **\$15,000**

Itasca Economic Development Corporation

Program-Related Investment to establish a COVID-19 response fund for small businesses to be named "Itasca Small Business Relief Fund" in Itasca County **\$500,000**

Itasca Economic Development Corporation

Project support for the Itasca Strong Campaign to encourage support of local businesses, local media, and local nonprofits during the COVID-19 health crisis in Itasca County **\$5,000**

KOOTASCA Community Action, Inc

Project support for computers and internet service for area low-income families to ensure immediate access to new, state-mandated online K-12 education in Itasca County **\$25,000**

City of Nashwauk

Capital support for moving all City meetings and public engagement to an online interactive format to facilitate crisis communications in Itasca County **\$5,000**

Northland Counseling Center Inc

Project support for COVID-19 emergency technology and internet upgrades to serve mental health needs in Itasca County **\$25,000**

Second Harvest North Central Food Bank

Project support for emergency food packaging and distribution in Itasca County **\$10,000**

Rural Minnesota

Bois Forte Band of Chippewa Indians

Project support for food distribution to meet essential needs and for strengthening the Band's emergency response infrastructure for Tribal members in rural Minnesota **\$50,000**

Fond Du Lac Band of Lake Superior Chippewa

Project support for COVID-19 emergency response for distribution of food and essential needs for Tribal members in rural Minnesota **\$50,000**

Initiative Foundation

Project support to develop an emergency response fund in rural Minnesota **\$25,000**

Leech Lake Band of Ojibwe

Project support for distribution of food and essential needs to Tribal members in rural Minnesota **\$100,000**

Lower Sioux Indian Community Rural Minnesota

Project support for COVID-19 emergency response for distribution of food and essential needs to Tribal members in rural Minnesota **\$50,000**

Mille Lacs Band of Ojibwe

Project support for COVID-19 emergency assistance for delivery of meals and supplies to Tribal members in rural Minnesota **\$50,000**

Northland Foundation

Project support to develop an emergency response fund in rural Minnesota. **\$25,000**

Northwest Minnesota Foundation

Project support to develop an emergency response fund in rural Minnesota **\$25,000**

Red Lake Band of Chippewa Indians

Project support for COVID-19 emergency assistance for food distribution to Tribal members in rural Minnesota **\$50,000**

Saint Paul & Minnesota Foundation

Project support for the Minnesota Disaster Recovery Fund in rural Minnesota **\$50,000**

Southern Minnesota Initiative Foundation

Project support to develop an emergency response fund in rural Minnesota **\$25,000**

Southwest Initiative Foundation

Project support to provide accessible childcare to critical workers in rural Minnesota **\$25,000**

Upper Sioux Community

Project support for COVID-19 emergency food distribution and storage capacity for Tribal members in rural Minnesota **\$50,000**

West Central Initiative Foundation

Project support to develop an emergency response fund in rural Minnesota **\$25,000**

White Earth Tribal Council

Project support for COVID-19 emergency assistance for food distribution to Tribal members in rural Minnesota **\$50,000**

Total

29 grants \$2,128,300