



**Blandin Foundation™**  
STRENGTHENING RURAL MINNESOTA

## **COVID-2019 grant awards**

*Awards as of May 15, 2020*

### **Local Grants**

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

Project support for domestic violence prevention in Itasca County **\$20,000**

#### **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 Sharing Fund to help low-income residents with essential needs in Itasca County **\$137,000**

#### **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**

**Northern Community Radio KAXE**

Project support for remote operating equipment in Itasca County **\$19,314**

**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**

**Headwaters Foundation for Justice**

Program support to help meet essential needs across black, Indigenous, and communities of color 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**

**Women's Foundation of Minnesota**

Project support for Women and Girls Response Fund in rural Minnesota **\$50,000**

**White Earth Tribal Council**

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

<b>Total</b>	
<b>34 grants</b>	<b>\$2,247,614</b>