



Blandin Foundation™
STRENGTHENING RURAL MINNESOTA

COVID-19 grant awards

Awards as of Sept 23, 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 for small business loans within the City of Cohasset during the COVID-19 crisis **\$50,000**

First Call for Help of Itasca County

Project support for COVID-19 emergency assistance for supplies and equipment in Itasca County **\$10,000**

Grand Itasca Foundation

Project support for the COVID-19 Keep Itasca Healthy Campaign in the Grand Rapids/Itasca County area **\$8,000**

Grand Itasca Foundation

Project support for the COVID-19 second phase of the Keep Itasca Healthy Campaign in the Itasca County area **\$8,000**

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 Development Authority

Program-Related Investment to establish a small business COVID-19 loan fund to be named "Emergency Working Capital Loan Fund" in Itasca County **\$650,000**

Great Minds Learning Center

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

Independent School District 2

Project support for virtual graduation assistance in Itasca County **\$500**

Independent School District 316

Project support for emergency assistance to address the inequities in the use of technology for students across School District 316 in Itasca County **\$75,000**

Independent School District 317

Project support for emergency assistance for a summer food distribution program during the COVID-19 health and economic crisis **\$30,000**

Independent School District 318

Capital support for emergency assistance to address the inequities in technology access to education during the COVID-19 health and economic crisis **\$150,000**

Itasca County Family YMCA

Project support for emergency assistance for child care staff compensation in Itasca County **\$5,000**

Itasca Life Options

Capital support for COVID-19 assistance to offer remote learning services to clients in Itasca County **\$11,850**

Itasca Area Schools Collaborative

Project support for emergency assistance to care for children of medical and service-industry workers in the Itasca County area **\$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

Project support for COVID-19 emergency response grant for equipment to hold all City-led meetings virtually 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**

Northland Foundation Grand Rapids/Itasca Area

Project support for the Emergency Child Care Grant Program in Itasca County **\$30,000**

Reif Arts Council

Donation in support of drive-in concerts in Itasca County **\$500**

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**

Grand Portage Reservation Tribal Council

Project support for COVID-19 emergency assistance for food distribution to 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 for community wellness 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**

Lutheran Social Service of Minnesota

Donation for COVID-19 emergency assistance for the Range Together for Youth LGBTQ+ program in rural Minnesota **\$1,000**

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 for emergency access to childcare for critical workers in rural Minnesota **\$25,000**

Northwest Indian Community Development Center

Project support for food and wellness access in rural Minnesota **\$50,000**

Northwest Minnesota Foundation

Project support to support its COVID-19 response fund in rural Minnesota **\$25,000**

PFund Foundation

Project support for emergency mini-grant program to assist non-profits and small businesses impacted by COVID-19 in rural Minnesota **\$50,000**

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 due to COVID-19 in rural Minnesota **\$50,000**

St. Paul and MN Foundation - Connected MN

Project support for Connected MN internet access for low-income Indigenous and families of color in rural Minnesota **\$50,000**

Southern Minnesota Initiative Foundation

Project support for COVID-19 response fund in rural Minnesota **\$25,000**

Southwest Initiative Foundation

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

Springboard for the Arts

Project support for COVID-19 emergency assistance for two rural recovery funds for arts organizations and artist-led community projects **\$50,000**

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 for its COVID-19 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**

Total

50 grants \$2,997,464