



December 2018 grant awards

Local Grants

Area of focus: Vibrant Itasca Area

Arrowhead Economic Opportunity Agency

Project support for the 2018 Community Connect event in Itasca County **\$5,000**

Bearville Township

Donation in support of a community event around fire prevention and awareness in the Itasca County area **\$300**

Bigfork Valley Foundation

Donation in support of Bigfork community projects in Itasca County **\$250**

City of Grand Rapids

Donation in support of the City Human Rights Commission immigration education series in Itasca County **\$1,000**

Depot Commons Association

Donation in support of the Future Forest Stewards expo for area high school students in Itasca County **\$500**

First Call for Help of Itasca County

Capital support to upgrade the telephone system and to expand crisis line services in Itasca County **\$9,500**

Goodland Township

Capital support for an addition to the fire hall in Itasca County **\$10,000**

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 the Farmers Market Power of Produce program in Itasca County **\$500**

Grand Rapids Area Community Foundation

Operating support for 2019-21 in Itasca County **\$270,000**

Grand Rapids Players

Donation in support of putting on the production of Mamma Mia! 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**

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 316

Project support for a scholarship ambassador/coach in Itasca County **\$2,000**

Independent School District 319

Donation in support of portable sound shells for student and community music and theater performances in Itasca County **\$1,000**

Itasca Choral Society

Donation in support of the 2018-19 fall and spring concert programs in Itasca County **\$250**

Itasca Community Television, Inc.

Operating support over two years in Itasca County **\$160,000**

Itasca County

Donation in support of emergency aid and NARCAN training in Itasca County **\$250**

Itasca County

Donation in support of boat and water safety education for elementary students in Itasca County **\$500**

Itasca County Family YMCA Inc

Operating support over two years for the child care, youth and senior programs in the Grand Rapids/Itasca County area **\$209,500**

Itasca Hospice Foundation

Donation in support of the 2018 educational seminar on Cultivating a Vital Resource for Caregiving in Itasca County **\$500**

Leech Lake Band of Ojibwe dba Winnie Dam Local Indian Council

Donation in support of teaching youth regalia making by community members for the 2019 pow wow season in Itasca County **\$1,000**

Legal Aid Service of Northeastern MN

Operating support over two years for general operating support for work in Itasca County and on the Leech Lake Reservation in rural Minnesota **\$385,000**

Little Sand Group Homes

Capital support for construction of a community center in Remer in the Itasca County area **\$50,000**

Second Harvest North Central Food Bank

Capital support for renovation of food shelf operations in Itasca County **\$25,000**

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 **\$750**

Area of focus: Expand Opportunity

Cohaus

Capital support for charitable activity associated with establishing a new community coworking space that welcomes and engages existing, new and diverse entrepreneurs Itasca County **\$50,000**

Rural Minnesota

Area of focus: Expanding Opportunity

Aitkin County Growth, Inc

Capital support for workforce education in rural Minnesota **\$10,000**

Cannon Falls Economic Development Authority

Project support for broadband community projects as part of the Broadband Program in rural Minnesota **\$75,000**

Community Integration Center

Operating support to serve the immigrant population in the Willmar area in rural Minnesota **\$36,320**

Dovetail Partners

Donation in support of engaging communities around the connection between the forest sector economy and clean water in rural Minnesota **\$1,000**

East Range Joint Powers Board

Project support for planning and project development as part of the Broadband Program in rural Minnesota **\$1,000**

Greater Minnesota Housing Fund

Operating support over two years for its work in rural Minnesota **\$400,000**

Greater Minnesota Housing Fund

Project support to capitalize a new fund to preserve naturally occurring affordable housing in rural Minnesota. **\$250,000**

Independent School District 94

Donation in support of Disability Mentoring Day at Fond du Lac Tribal College in rural Minnesota **\$1,000**

Koochiching Econ Dev Authority

Project support for the Koochiching Tech Initiative broadband community projects as part of the Broadband Program in rural Minnesota **\$63,500**

Latino Economic Development Center

Operating support for organizational stabilization in 2018 in rural Minnesota **\$30,000**

Leech Lake Financial Services, Inc

Project support for operations of an auto loan and education program for Native American families in rural Minnesota. **\$25,000**

Leech Lake Financial Services, Inc

Project support to capitalize an auto loan and education program for Native American families in rural Minnesota. **\$100,000**

North House Folk School

Capital support to expand the school's physical infrastructure in rural Minnesota **\$50,000**

Northwest Indian Community Development Center

Project support to expand the Miigwech Aki job skills training program in rural Minnesota. **\$150,000**

Rock County

Project support for the broadband community projects as part of the Broadband Program in rural Minnesota **\$75,000**

Stearns County

Project support of the Feasibility Study for Western Stearns County as part of the Broadband Program in rural Minnesota **\$25,000**

Swift County RDA

Project support for community broadband projects as part of the Broadband Program in rural Minnesota **\$75,000**

Tower Economic Development Authority

Project support for planning and project development as part of the Broadband Program in rural Minnesota **\$1,000**

Town of Fayal

Project support for planning and project development as part of the Broadband Program in rural Minnesota **\$1,000**

Winthrop EDA

Project support of the Minnesota Rural Broadband Coalition as part of the Broadband Program in rural Minnesota **\$20,000**

Area of focus: Community Leadership

4-Directions Development Inc

Project support for the Red Lake community mural project as part of the Blandin Leadership Grants program in rural Minnesota **\$5,000**

Afro American Development Association

Project support for the Clay County Civic Participation Project as part of the Blandin Leadership Grant program in rural Minnesota **\$5,000**

Circle of Life Academy

Project support for the We Have A Strong Voice Project as part of the Blandin Leadership Grant Program in rural Minnesota **\$5,000**

Grand Rapids Area Community Foundation

Project support over two years for continued operations of the Rural Access Leadership Fund for people to participate in community-based leadership programs throughout rural Minnesota **\$100,000**

Housing and Redevelopment Authority of Austin MN

Project support to increase the number of child care providers in the Austin area as part of the Blandin Leadership Grants program in rural Minnesota **\$5,000**

Lower Sioux Indian Community

Capital support for a community center and cultural incubator in rural Minnesota **\$250,000**

Luverne Area Community Foundation

Project support for the Rock County Oral Health Task Force as part of the Blandin Leadership Grants Program in rural Minnesota **\$1,000**

Ortonville Economic Development Authority

Project support for a community book club and radio show project as part of the Blandin Leadership Grant program in rural Minnesota **\$2,500**

Springboard for the Arts

Project support to provide rural and reservation writers and illustrators opportunities to develop Native children's books about Minnesota tribes as part of the Blandin Leadership Grant program in rural Minnesota **\$4,975**

United Way of Goodhue, Wabasha and Pierce Counties

Project support for marketing and recruitment efforts in Red Wing as part of the Blandin Leadership Program in rural Minnesota **\$1,000**

Total

57 grants \$2,954,095

