December 2020 Grant Awards

Local Grants

Area of focus: Vibrant Itasca Area

**Bovey Farmers Day Association**
Donation for the 2021 Bovey Farmers’ Day in Itasca County. **$1,000**

**Edge of the Wilderness Community Center**
Project support to provide virtual events for families due to the COVID-19 health and economic crisis in Itasca County. **$5,000**

**Forward Health Foundation**
Project support for a new Community Paramedic Program in Itasca County. **$12,500**

**Itasca Community Television Inc**
Operating support for 2021-2022 in Itasca County. **$170,000**

**Itasca County Family YMCA Inc**
Operating support for 2021-2022 in Itasca County. **$250,000**

**Itasca County Historical Society**
Donation for a 2020 Winterglo Festival in Downtown Grand Rapids. **$1,000**

**Itasca County Historical Society**
Project support for the Avenue of the Pines Video Mapping Project in Itasca County. **$3,000**

**Itasca Life Options**
Capital support to provide remote learning for clients due to the COVID-19 health and economic crisis in Itasca County. **$11,850**

**Legal Aid Service of Northeastern MN**
Operating support for 2021-2022 in Itasca County. **$454,000**

Rural Minnesota

Area of focus: Expand Opportunity

**Chisago County Housing and Redevelopment Authority-Economic Development Authority**
Project support for broadband infrastructure as part of the Blandin Broadband program in rural Minnesota. **$75,000**
Greater Minnesota Housing Fund
Operating support for 2021-2022 in rural Minnesota.  $400,000

Le Sueur County
Project support to increase broadband access and technical capacity as part of the Blandin Broadband program in rural Minnesota.  $75,000

Otter Tail County
Project support to increase internet access as part of the Blandin Broadband program in rural Minnesota.  $75,000

Saint Paul & Minnesota Foundation
Project support to increase internet access for disadvantaged students across rural Minnesota.  $10,000

Southwest Regional Development Corporation
Project support for the Minnesota Speed Test Initiative as part of the Blandin Broadband program in rural Minnesota.  $20,000

Area of focus: Community Leadership

Aitkin County Friends of the Arts
Project support to conduct a feasibility study for a downtown performing arts center as part of the Blandin Leadership Grant program in rural Minnesota.  $5,000

City of Fergus Falls
Capital support to create an archery park accessible for people with disabilities in Fergus Falls as part of the Blandin Leadership Grant program in rural Minnesota.  $5,000

Manitou Center
Project support for Trauma-Informed Care Training as part of the Blandin Leadership Grant program in rural Minnesota.  $5,000

Mankato Area Foundation
Project support for sponsorship of the 2020 Rural MN Equity Summit in rural Minnesota.  $5,000

Minnesota Council of Nonprofits Inc
Operations support for 2021-2023 in rural Minnesota.  $225,000

The Shepherd's In
Project support for Don’t Give Up suicide awareness program as part of the Blandin Leadership Grant program in rural Minnesota.  $5,000

Salvation Army – Roseville
Project support to establish the future vision of Salvation Army in Fairmont as part of the Blandin Leadership Grant program in rural Minnesota. $5,000

Total
22 grants  $1,818,350