



December 2017 grant awards

Local Grants

Area of focus: Vibrant Itasca County

Advocates for Family Peace

Operating support in 2018-19 to promote safety, equity and peace to families experiencing domestic abuse in Itasca County. **\$100,000**

Advocates for Family Peace

Emergency contribution in support of victims of domestic violence in Itasca County. **\$50,000**

Balsam Township

Donation in support of safety equipment for the Balsam Township fire department in Itasca County. **\$1,000**

Bigfork Valley Foundation

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

Bigfork Valley Hospital

Operating support for the Home Visitor Program in 2018-19 in Itasca County. **\$34,000**

Bridges Kinship Mentoring

Operating support for youth mentoring in 2018-19 in Itasca County. **\$80,000**

City of Calumet

Donation in support of computer upgrades for the Calumet Public Library in Itasca County. **\$1,000**

City of Cohasset

Capital support for a non-motorized, multi-use community trail near Tioga Beach in Itasca County. **\$50,000**

City of Marble

Donation in support of computer upgrades for the Marble library in Itasca County. **\$1,000**

City of Nashwauk

Capital support for safety equipment for the Nashwauk Fire Department in Itasca County. **\$7,500**

City of Remer

Capital support for an outdoor multi-use pavilion in the Itasca County area. **\$5,000**

Community Cafe

Operating support to help reduce hunger in Itasca County. **\$80,000**

ElderCircle

Operating support in 2018-19 to offer senior programming to residents in the Itasca County area. **\$100,000**

First Call for Help of Itasca County

Project support to develop Native American cultural spaces at the New Leaf Crisis Healing Center in Itasca County. **\$5,000**

First Call for Help of Itasca County

Operating support for information and referral services during 2018-19 in Itasca County. **\$100,000**

Girl Scouts of MN and WI Lakes and Pines

Operating support in 2018-19 for the Girl Scouts program in Itasca County. **\$20,000**

Grace House of Itasca County

Operating support to provide shelter for individuals experiencing homelessness in Itasca County. **\$100,000**

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 hosting a community design forum to advance the idea of a community solar garden in Grand Rapids, Itasca County. **\$900**

Grand Rapids Area Community Foundation

Donation in support of the Grand Rapids 2017 WinterGlo Festival 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**

Habitat for Humanity of Itasca County

Operating support during 2018-19 for the local Habitat for Humanity organization in Itasca County. **\$100,000**

Independent School District 118, Remer

Donation in support of the new school's grand opening. **\$500**

Independent School District 2

Donation in support of the Farm2School project in the Itasca County area. **\$1,000**

Independent School District 316

Project support for the 2017 Children First! New Year's Eve event in Itasca County. **\$5,750**

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 319

Project support for development of new after-school programming at Nashwauk-Keewatin elementary school in Itasca County. **\$20,000**

ISD 317 Deer River

Donation in support of Deer River High School's 2018 post prom event in Itasca County. **\$500**

Itasca County Family YMCA Inc

Capital support for outdoor amenities serving intergenerational populations in Itasca County. **\$5,000**

Itasca County Family YMCA Inc

Project support to complete a feasibility study for establishing an off-site early childhood education facility in Itasca County. **\$8,000**

Itasca County Historical Society

Operating support for 2018-19 to collect, preserve, interpret and disseminate the history of Itasca County. **\$100,000**

Itasca Hospice Foundation

Donation in support of the 2017 educational seminar on grief and hope at life's intersections in Itasca County. **\$500**

Itasca Orchestra and Strings Program

Operating support in 2018-19 to provide orchestral music to adults and youth in Itasca County. **\$100,000**

Itasca Youth for Christ

Operating support in 2018-19 for the Campus Life program in Itasca County. **\$60,000**

Judy Garland Children's Museum

Operating support to continue and broaden the school service program in Itasca County. **\$60,000**

MacRostie Art Center

Operating support in 2018-19 to provide visual arts and educational programming to residents in Itasca County. **\$80,000**

Marcell Family Center, Inc

Operating support in 2017-18 for the family center program in Itasca County. **\$70,000**

Minnesota Deer Hunters Association

Donation in support of a Native American drum ceremony to kick off the Deer Camp Expo for the 15th annual Minnesota Governor's Deer Opener in Itasca County. **\$500**

Northern Community Radio KAXE

Operating support to provide news and information to residents in Itasca County. **\$100,000**

North Homes Inc.

Project support to conduct a study of the organization's health and growth in Itasca County.
\$5,000

Northland Counseling Center Inc

Project support for the Release Advance Planning Program in Itasca County. **\$7,096**

Second Harvest North Central Food Bank

Operating support for Food Bank operations in Itasca County. **\$100,000**

Special Olympics Minnesota

Operating support for the Special Olympics program in Itasca County. **\$60,000**

Support Within Reach

Operating support to assist victims of sexual violence in 2018-19 in Itasca County. **\$80,000**

True Friends

Operating support for youth with disabilities to participate in camp activities during 2018-19 in Itasca County. **\$10,000**

United Way of 1,000 Lakes

Operating support in 2018-19 for administration in Itasca County. **\$60,000**

Voyageurs Area Council #286 Boy Scouts of America, Inc.

Operating support in 2018-19 for Boy Scout programming in Itasca County. **\$20,000**

Area of focus: Expand Opportunity**Itasca Economic Development Corporation**

Operating support to promote economic development opportunities during 2018-19 throughout Itasca County. **\$500,000**

Itasca Youth for Christ

Operating support over two years for the Ground Floor Youth Center in Itasca County.
\$170,000

Northeast Entrepreneur Fund, Inc.

Operating support to engage entrepreneurial talent in Itasca County. **\$140,000**

Rural Minnesota**Area of focus: Vibrant Itasca County****Duluth-Superior Educational TV Corp.**

Operating support to produce Native Report in 2018-19 in rural Minnesota. **\$100,000**

Northern Minnesota Public Television

Operating support in 2018-19 for programming and services in the northern rural region of Minnesota. **\$50,000**

Area of focus: Expand Opportunity**African Development Center**

Operating support for outreach and services for African American populations in rural Minnesota. **\$150,000**

Aitkin County

Project support to implement activities that promote access, adoption and use of broadband in Aitkin County, including Wi-Fi on buses, mobile Wi-Fi library check-out program, and improving broadband access and public Wi-Fi at Long Lake in rural MN. **\$17,615**

Bois Forte Band of Chippewa Indians

Project support to implement activities that promote access, adoption and use of broadband in the Bois Forte/Cook/Orr area, including expanded community education, computer lab and website enhancements as part of the Broadband Program in rural MN. **\$21,000**

Brainerd Lakes Area Development Corp

Project support for assessment of broadband infrastructure investment as part of the Broadband Program in rural Minnesota. **\$1,000**

City of Chisholm

Project support to implement broadband projects in the Chisholm/Balkan area as part of the Broadband Program in rural Minnesota. **\$43,500**

City of Ely

Project support to implement activities that promote access, adoption and use of broadband in the Ely area, including website and social media consulting and the creation of a technology center/co-working space, as part of the Broadband Program in rural MN. **\$31,300**

Dodge County

Project support for assessment of broadband infrastructure investment as part of the Broadband Program in rural Minnesota. **\$1,000**

Greater Bemidji Inc

Project support for assessment of broadband infrastructure investment as part of the Broadband Program in rural Minnesota. **\$1,000**

Immigrant Law Center of MN

Operating support to ameliorate effects of the 2017 legislative changes to the Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals program in rural Minnesota. **\$50,000**

Independent School District 94

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

Minnesota Council of Nonprofits Inc

Project support to build capacity with nonprofit leaders and organizations in rural Minnesota. **\$150,000**

Minnesota Council on Foundations

Membership support for 2018 throughout rural Minnesota. **\$20,400**

Minnesota Council on Foundations

Program support for sponsorship of two areas of programming focusing on issues facing rural communities in Minnesota. **\$10,000**

Northeast Entrepreneur Fund, Inc.

Project support to implement activities that promote access, adoption and use of broadband in the Hibbing area, including website, social media and digital marketing consulting and expanding PCs for People as part of the Broadband Program in rural MN. **\$16,840**

Northeast Entrepreneur Fund, Inc.

Project support to implement broadband projects in the Hibbing area as part of the Broadband Program in rural Minnesota. **\$17,210**

Northeast Entrepreneur Fund, Inc.

Operating support to implement community entrepreneurship initiatives and provide regional services to growth-oriented entrepreneurs in rural Minnesota. **\$80,000**

Northeast Entrepreneur Fund, Inc.

Program-related investment to increase the community development impact of lending and strategic services to entrepreneurs in rural Minnesota. **\$500,000**

Northwest Community Action, Inc.

Project support to conduct a feasibility study to understand options for improving broadband infrastructure and services in the Roseau County area in rural MN. **\$25,000**

Northwest Minnesota Foundation

Project support for the Warroad Backpack Program as part of the Blandin Leadership Grant program in rural Minnesota. **\$5,000**

Red Wing Ignite

Project support for assessment of broadband infrastructure investment as part of the Broadband Program in rural Minnesota. **\$1,000**

Winthrop EDA

Project support for assessment of broadband infrastructure investment as part of the Broadband Program in rural Minnesota. **\$1,000**

Area of focus: Invest in Leadership

Battle Lake Youth Center Inc

Capital support to develop an early childhood care facility in Battle Lake, rural Minnesota. **\$50,000**

Beacons of Hope

Project support for start-up of Beacons of Hope as part of the Blandin Leadership Grants Program in rural Minnesota. **\$5,000**

Central Mesabi Medical Foundation

Project support for an economic impact study of the Hibbing Memorial Building as part of the Blandin Leadership Grant program in rural Minnesota. **\$2,500**

City of Battle Lake Economic Development Authority

Project support to develop a visioning process for commercial property in downtown Battle Lake as part of the Blandin Leadership Grants Program in rural Minnesota. **\$5,000**

Grand Portage Reservation Tribal Council

Donation in support of community center upgrades as part of the Blandin Leadership Grants program in rural Minnesota. **\$1,000**

Lower Sioux Indian Community

Project support for a Dakota language signage project as part of the Blandin Leadership Grants Program in rural Minnesota. **\$5,000**

Lower Sioux Indian Community

Project support for the planning and design of an expanded community center to serve the Lower Sioux Indian Community in rural Minnesota. **\$50,000**

Minnesota Public Radio

Project support for the statewide research, reporting and community engagement project called "Ground Level" in rural Minnesota. **\$50,000**

Southern Minnesota Initiative Foundation

Project support for Owatonna Forward's Community Stewardship Initiative as part of the Blandin Leadership Grant program in rural Minnesota. **\$5,000**

Total

82 grants \$4,068,861

