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