June 2019 grant awards

Local Grants

Area of focus: Vibrant Itasca Area

Boys and Girls Club of the Leech Lake Area
Operating support for the Deer River Boys and Girls Club.  $150,000

City of Bovey
Donation in support of capital upgrades for the City of Bovey.  $1,000

City of Grand Rapids
Donation in support of the 2019 annual Independence Day fireworks on Pokegama Capital support to construct a pavilion.  $1,000

City of Taconite
Capital support to construct a pavilion.  $5,000

City of Zemple
Capital support for repairs to the City Hall floor.  $5,000

Edge of the Wilderness Community Center
Project support for 2019 arts programming and events.  $4,685

Grand Itasca Foundation
Donation in support of enhancing pediatric care at Grand Itasca Clinic and Hospital.  $500

Grand Rapids Area Community Foundation
Donation in support of the Farmers Market Power of Produce program.  $800

Grand Rapids Area Community Foundation
Donation in support of Grand Rapids High School 2019 Post Prom event.  $750

Grand Rapids Area Community Foundation
Project support for a mobility/accessibility transportation voucher program.  $5,000

Grand Rapids Area Male Chorus
Donation in support of technology upgrades.  $1,000
Independent School District 118, Remer
Donation in support of Northland High School’s spring awards night. $200

Independent School District 316
Donation in support of the Greenway 2019 Post Prom event. $500

Independent School District 318
Donation in support of advertising the 2019-20 Blandin Education Grants Program. $300

Independent School District 318
Donation in support of the Help Me Grow referral system for children with developmental concerns. $500

Independent School District 318
Operating support for continuation of Baby Steps Boutique. $65,000

Independent School District 319
Donation in support of upgrades to the Nashwauk Keewatin school district’s music program. $1,000

Itasca Area Schools Collaborative
Operating support for continuation of Invest Early through June 2020. $2,100,000

Itasca County
Capital support for ADA accessibility modifications to the pavilion, grounds and fishing pier at Gunn Park. $50,000

Itasca County Agricultural Association
Project support for Fiber Arts demonstrations at the county fairgrounds. $500

Itasca County Family YMCA Inc
Donation in support of community gardens at elementary schools. $750

Itasca County Family YMCA Inc
Capital support to increase child care capacity. $5,000

Judy Garland Children’s Museum
Donation in support of the 2019 Wizard of Oz Festival. $1,000

MN Assistance Council for Veterans
Project support for programming and services to veterans. $10,000

MN Diversified Industries
Donation in support of board and senior management development through taking the IDI assessment and engagement around diversity, equity and inclusion. $1,000

Northern Lights Community School
Donation in support of Spring Awards Night and presentation of Blandin Education Grants. $200
**Northland Area Family Service Center**  
Operating support for continuation of the Northland Early Childhood Collaborative.  **$180,000**

**Northland Counseling Center Inc**  
Project support to complete a housing study and needs analysis.  **$5,000**

**Northland Counseling Center Inc**  
Project support for supportive services that reduce recidivism of individuals who exit the prison system and are homeless.  **$10,000**

**Reif Arts Council**  
Operating and programming support over two years for the Reif Center.  **$340,000**

**Area of Focus: Expand Opportunity**

**Northeast Minnesota Office of Job Training**  
Project support for youth workforce development.  **$10,000**

**Area of Focus: Community Leadership**

**Independent School District 118, Remer**  
Project support for Anishinaabe Worldview Training for educators, administrators and support staff/paraprofessionals in the Remer, Deer River and Hill City school districts including interested community members.  **$14,500**

**Rural Minnesota**

**Area of Focus: Expand Opportunity**

**Blue Earth County**  
Project support to conduct a feasibility study to better understand options for improving broadband infrastructure and services throughout rural Blue Earth County as part of the Broadband Program.  **$25,000**

**Chisago County Housing and Redevelopment Authority-Economic Development Authority**  
Project support to conduct a feasibility study to better understand options for improving broadband infrastructure and services within the townships of Fanconia and Chisago Lake area as part of the Broadband Program.  **$9,700**

**City of Virginia**  
Project support to implement projects in the Laurentian Chamber service area that promote access, adoption and use of broadband technology as part of the Broadband Program.  **$97,500**

**Enterprise Minnesota**  
Project support for the 2019 State of Manufacturing Survey.  **$7,500**

**Great Plains Institute for Sustainable Development**
Project support for continuing the work of the Bioeconomy Coalition of Minnesota to grow rural economies through development of advanced biofuels, renewable chemicals and biomass thermal energy production. $100,000

Immigrant Law Center of Minnesota
Operating support for continuation of the Rural Immigration. $235,000

Iron Range Partnership for Sustainability
Project support to study the economic and market viability for local, year-round indoor food production and consumption across the Iron Range. $35,000

Minnesota Council on Foundations
Ongoing membership support for 2019. $17,800

Minnesota Council of Nonprofits Inc
Donation in support of sponsorship for the May 2019 Greater Minnesota Nonprofit Summit. $1,000

Minnesota Council of Nonprofits Inc
Project support for 2019 membership assistance. $1,600

Red Wing Ignite
Project support to strengthen regional support systems for entrepreneurs in the Red Wing area. $50,000

Springboard for the Arts
Project support for the 2019 Rural Arts and Culture Summit. $10,000

West Central Initiative
Project support over three years to increase capacity for inclusive community development. $50,000

Area of Focus: Community Leadership

CommunityGiving
Project support for sponsorship of the 2019 CommunityGiving Day. $5,000

Independent School District 309
Project support for the Peace by Piece metal artwork and celebration as part of the Blandin Leadership Grants program. $4,000

Native Governance Center
Donation in support of training sessions for the US Census Tribal Partnership Complete Count Committee for all 11 tribal nations. $950

Park Rapids Rotary Foundation
Capital support for completion of a community health and wellness park as part of the Blandin Leadership Grants program. $5,000
Pioneer Home Foundation
Project support for community volunteerism for senior wellness in rural Minnesota as part of the
Blandin Leadership Grants program.  $5,000

St. James Public Schools
Project support to establish Convivenicia Hispana as a nonprofit organization.  $5,000

Twin Cities Public Television, Inc.
Project support, over two years, for continuation of the One Greater Minnesota Initiative.  $100,000

We Got Your Back
Project support for Alexandria are community conversations on mental health as part of the Blandin
Leadership Grants program.  $5,000

Total
53 grants  $3,740,235