



Blandin Foundation™
STRENGTHENING RURAL MINNESOTA

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