



June 2017 grant awards

Local Grants

Area of focus: Expand Opportunity

Grand Rapids Area Community Foundation

Project support over three years for continuation of the Itasca County Trails Task Force in Itasca County. **\$150,000**

Itasca Area Schools Collaborative

Operating support for continuation of the Invest Early program in Itasca County. **\$1,975,000**

Northland Area Family Service Center

Operating support over two years for the Northland Early Childhood Coalition in the Itasca County area. **\$180,000**

Area of focus: Vibrant Itasca County

Bigfork Valley Foundation

Capital support to preserve a nonprofit dental clinic in Itasca County. **\$50,000**

Bigfork Wilderness

Donation in support of Bigfork Wilderness Days celebration in Itasca County. **\$500**

Boys and Girls Club of the Leech Lake Area

Operating support for the Deer River unit through 2018 in Itasca County. **\$135,000**

City of Bigfork

Capital support for an outdoor skating rink/warming house in Itasca County. **\$2,500**

City of Deer River

Capital support to purchase a generator to support emergency services in Itasca County. **\$7,500**

Civil Air Patrol

Donation in support of the activities of the Civil Air Patrol, Grand Rapids Squadron, in Itasca County. **\$500**

Cooperative Solutions

Project support for transition and relocation of services in Itasca County. **\$3,660**

Deer River Area Health Care Foundation

Donation in support of the planning stage of a Community Wellness Center for the Deer River area in Itasca County. **\$1,000**

Edge of the Wilderness Community Center

Project support for 2017 performances and events in Itasca County. **\$9,000**

Grand Rapids Summer Celebration

Donation in support of the 2017 Tall Timber Days festival in Itasca County. **\$1,000**

Independent School District 316

Donation in support of the Greenway 2017 Post Prom event in Itasca County. **\$500**

Independent School District 318

Donation in support of Bigfork Elementary School's Community Work Day in Itasca County. **\$500**

Independent School District 318

Operating support over two years for continued assistance of Baby Steps Boutique in the Itasca County area. **\$165,000**

Independent School District 318

Donation in support of Grand Rapids High School 2017 Post Prom event in Itasca County. **\$750**

Independent School District 319

Capital support to purchase computers for the Nashwauk Public/School Library in the Itasca County. **\$2,000**

Independent School District 319

Donation in support of Nashwauk-Keewatin High School's 2017 post prom event in Itasca County. **\$500**

ISD 317 Deer River

Project support to conduct a Full Service Community Schools needs assessment in the Itasca County area. **\$40,000**

Itasca Community College Foundation

Project support for planning funds to construct a Student Union on the Itasca Community College campus in the Itasca County area. **\$25,000**

Judy Garland Children's Museum

Donation in support of the 2017 Judy Garland Festival in Itasca County. **\$1,000**

Northome Community Food Shelf

Operating support and fresh food product for the Northome Community Food Shelf in Itasca County. **\$10,000**

Reif Arts Council

Operating and programming support over two years for the Reif Center in the Itasca County area. **\$340,000**

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

Program-related investment for a small business loan program to assist African immigrant entrepreneurs in rural Minnesota. **\$200,000**

Boys and Girls Club of the Leech Lake Area

Operations support to provide bridge funding in rural Minnesota. **\$49,000**

Bug-O-Nay-Ge-Shig School

Donation in support of youth activities at Bug-O-Nay-Ge-Shig school in rural Minnesota. **\$500**

Dakota Wicohan

Project support for a master-apprentice art program as part of the Blandin Leadership Grants Program in rural Minnesota. **\$2,500**

Enterprise Minnesota

Project support for the 2017 State of Manufacturing Survey in rural Minnesota. **\$5,000**

Family Safety Network of Cass County Inc.

Donation for a symposium called "One Load at a Time" focusing on raising awareness and combating sex trafficking and sexual violence on the Leech Lake Reservation in rural Minnesota. **\$500**

Immigrant Law Center of Minnesota

Operating support to provide legal services and education for immigrants in rural Minnesota. **\$150,000**

Interfaith Action of Greater Saint Paul

Donation for sponsorship of the Minnesota Council on Foundation's briefing on poverty in rural Minnesota. **\$1,000**

Longville Area Community Choir

Donation for the Music in the Park series for the Longville, Remer and surrounding communities in the Itasca County area. **\$500**

Meeker County

Project support for the Meeker County Broadband and Advance Technology Feasibility Study as part of the Broadband Program in rural Minnesota. **\$25,000**

Minnesota Council of Nonprofits Inc.

Project support for 2017 membership assistance in rural Minnesota. **\$1,600**

Minnesota Council of Nonprofits Inc.

Project support for sponsorship of the Minnesota Council of Nonprofits' 2017 annual conference in rural Minnesota. **\$5,000**

Minnesota Education Equity Partnership

Project support over three years for equity policy development and implementation in Nobles County and the Mille Lacs area in rural Minnesota. **\$180,000**

Region 5 Regional Development Commission

Donation for the placemaking workshop in rural Minnesota. **\$800**

Southern Minnesota Initiative Foundation

Project support over three years for the Rural Entrepreneurial Venture Program in rural Minnesota. **\$150,000**

Southwest Regional Development Commission

Project support for the Coalition for Better Broadband as part of the Broadband Program in rural Minnesota. **\$123,800**

White Earth Tribal Council

Project support for the White Earth Broadband Initiative as part of the Broadband Program in rural Minnesota. **\$25,000**

Area of focus: Invest in Leadership

Aitkin County Growth, Inc.

Project support for a mapping and planning project to grow and strengthen the business and manufacturing base in the Aitkin County area as part of the Blandin Leadership Grant Program in rural Minnesota. **\$5,000**

Chisholm Kids Plus

Project support for the community improvement work as part of the Blandin Leadership Grant program in rural Minnesota. **\$5,000**

Goodness, Inc.

Project support for the Taste of Willmar event as part of the Blandin Leadership Grant Program in rural Minnesota. **\$2,875**

MinnPost

Project support for the production of 12 stories on immigrant communities in rural Minnesota. **\$25,000**

PFund Foundation

Project support to implement the Better OUTcomes initiative in rural Minnesota. **\$180,000**

Redwood Area Communities Foundation

Project support for LINC Redwood County to host discussions about available County services as part of the Blandin Leadership Grant program in rural Minnesota. **\$5,000**

Region 5 Regional Development Commission

Project support to implement curriculum designed for the Minnesota Network of Community Developers in rural Minnesota. **\$75,000**

West Central Minnesota Educational Television Company

Project support for civic engagement efforts as part of the Blandin Leadership Grant program in rural Minnesota. **\$5,000**

Total

49 grants \$4,323,985