



## June 2018 grant awards

### Local Grants

#### Area of focus: Expand Opportunity

##### **Itasca Area Schools Collaborative**

Operating support for continuation of the Invest Early program in Itasca County. **\$1,925,000**

##### **Arrowhead Economic Opportunity Agency**

Operations support for continuation of the Adult Scholarship Program through June 2020 in Itasca County. **\$302,132**

#### Area of focus: Vibrant Itasca County

##### **Arrowhead Economic Opportunity Agency**

Project support to develop the Arrowhead Mobility Management Program in Itasca County. **\$20,000**

##### **Cook Area Health Services Inc**

Donation in support of hosting a documentary/discussion on anxiety and depression with Bigfork students in grades 6-12 in Itasca County. **\$500**

##### **Deer River Area Health Care Foundation**

Donation in support of area health and wellness initiatives in Itasca County. **\$250**

##### **Deer River Area Health Care Foundation**

Project support to conduct a Community Wellness Center study in Itasca County. **\$7,500**

##### **Edge of Wilderness Community Center**

Project support for 2018 programming events and upgrades in Itasca County. **\$8,875**

##### **Grand Rapids Area Community Foundation**

Capital support for a community and recreation space in Ball Club in Itasca County. **\$20,000**

##### **Grand Rapids Area Community Foundation**

Donation in support of Grand Rapids High School 2018 Post Prom event in Itasca County. **\$750**

##### **Grand Rapids Area Community Foundation**

Project support for the Life Skills Academy project in Itasca County. **\$25,000**

##### **Grand Rapids Area Male Chorus**

Donation in support of the Together We Sing program in Itasca County. **\$1,000**

**Grand Rapids Economic Dev. Authority**

Donation in support of developing a community profile for Itasca County. **\$1,000**

**Independent School District 2**

Donation in support of the Orff Instrument Extravaganza in Itasca County. **\$1,000**

**Independent School District 316**

Operating support for Children First! activities through June 2020 in Itasca County. **\$7,000**

**Independent School District 317**

Donation in support of Spring Awards Night and presentation of Blandin Education Grants in Itasca County. **\$200**

**Independent School District 317**

Operating support for Children First! activities through June 2020 in Itasca County. **\$7,000**

**Independent School District 318**

Donation in support of advertising the 2018-19 Blandin Education Grants Program in the Grand Rapids High School yearbook in Itasca County. **\$300**

**Independent School District 318**

Project support for continuation of the Children's Fair and county wide Children's First! activities through June 2020 in Itasca County. **\$72,000**

**Independent School District 319**

Operating support for Children First! activities through June 2020 in Itasca County. **\$5,000**

**Itasca County Agricultural Association**

Donation in support of capital improvements to the fairgrounds in Itasca County. **\$1,000**

**Itasca County Health & Human Services**

Donation in support of Historical Trauma Training being held in Grand Rapids, Itasca County. **\$750**

**Itasca County Historical Society**

Donation in support of the picture Grace oral history project in Itasca County. **\$1,000**

**Itasca Life Options**

Capital support to make accessibility and safety upgrades to its new facility in Itasca County. **\$50,000**

**Judy Garland Children's Museum**

Donation in support of the 2018 Wizard of Oz Festival in Itasca County. **\$1,000**

**Let's Go Fishing of Minnesota**

Donation in support of the 2018 Let's Go Fishing with Seniors program in the Grand Rapids/Itasca County area. **\$1,000**

**Northern Lights Community School**

Donation in support of Spring Awards Night and presentation of Blandin Education Grants in Itasca County. **\$200**

## **Rural Minnesota**

### **Area of focus: Expand Opportunity**

#### **Area Partnership for Economic Expansion**

Project support to conduct an economic feasibility study of introducing mass timber manufacturing in rural Minnesota. **\$25,000**

#### **Beltrami Wellness Education for Long Life**

Project support for start-up operations for Bike Bemidji as part of the Blandin Leadership Grants program in rural Minnesota. **\$1,000**

#### **First Children's Finance**

Project support over three years to establish a child care business center in northeast Minnesota. **\$195,000**

#### **Longville Area Community Choir**

Donation in support of the Music in the Park series for the Longville, Remer and surrounding communities in the Itasca County area. **\$250**

#### **Metropolitan Economic Development Assn**

Project support to conduct a market study on minority-owned businesses in rural Minnesota. **\$10,000**

#### **Minnesota Council of Nonprofits Inc**

Project support for 2018 membership assistance in rural Minnesota. **\$1,600**

#### **Minnesota Public Radio**

Operating support over two years to continue rural news reporting, distribution and in-depth coverage in rural Minnesota. **\$200,000**

#### **NE MN Higher Education District**

Project support for foundation board capacity building across four campuses in rural Minnesota. **\$20,000**

#### **Region 5 Regional Dev Commission**

Project support for implementation of The Good Life for All Intercultural Development Training and Coaching initiative in rural Minnesota. **\$49,500**

### **Area of focus: Invest in Leadership**

#### **Amherst H. Wilder Foundation**

Project support for expanding Minnesota Compass community data and tools in rural Minnesota. **\$150,000**

#### **Amherst H. Wilder Foundation**

Project support to conduct the rural, LGBTQ and Native Nations portions of the 2018 triennial Minnesota Homeless Study in rural Minnesota. **\$25,000**

**City of Benson**

Project support for Beautify Benson and creation of an annual fundraising event as part of the Blandin Leadership Grants program in rural Minnesota. **\$5,000**

**Engage Winona**

Project support for Winona area community engagement as part of Blandin Leadership Program efforts in rural Minnesota. **\$18,500**

**Fergus Falls Downtown Inc.**

Project support for Riverfront Revitalization as part of the Blandin Leadership Grants program in rural Minnesota. **\$5,000**

**Growth and Justice**

Project support to administer the Intercultural Development Inventory to at least 150 delegates to the 2018 Thriving by Design - Rural & Urban Together convening as part of the Minnesota Rural Equity Project in rural Minnesota. **\$30,000**

**Luverne Area Community Foundation**

Donation in support of hosting a series of discussions on finding a solution for the county-wide child care shortage in rural Minnesota. **\$1,000**

**Luverne Area Community Foundation**

Donation in support of the Luv 1 Luv All poverty simulation experience as part of the Blandin Leadership Grants Program in rural Minnesota. **\$1,000**

**Native Governance Center**

Project support for Tribal Leadership Orientation in rural Minnesota. **\$21,100**

**Southern Minnesota Initiatives Foundation**

Project support for the Green Space Initiative in St. Charles as part of the Blandin Leadership Grants program in rural Minnesota. **\$4,200**

**Twin Cities Public Television, Inc.**

Project support for the One Greater Minnesota initiative in rural Minnesota. **\$50,000**

**United Way of Northeastern Minnesota**

Project support for the Bridges out of Poverty workshop as part of the Blandin Leadership Grant program in rural Minnesota. **\$5,000**

**White Earth Tribal Council**

Project support to strengthen community engagement for its Adult Basic Education program in rural Minnesota. **\$5,000**

**Total**

**48 grants      \$3,282,607**