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