June 2020 Grant Awards

Local Grants

Area of focus: Vibrant Itasca Area

**Arrowhead Economic Opportunity Agency**
Operating support for the Adult Scholarship Program in 2020-22 in Itasca County.  **$400,000**

**City of Coleraine**
Project support for a rain garden as part of the Blandin Community Leadership grants program in Itasca County.  **$5,000**

**Grand Rapids Area Community Foundation**
Donation in support of Grand Rapids High School 2020 Post Prom event in Itasca County.  **$750**

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

**Grand Rapids Band Boosters**
Donation in support of the 2020-21 Grand Rapids Band Activities Calendar in Itasca County.  **$550**

**Grand Rapids FFA Alumni and Supporters**
Project support for Knock Out Hunger as part of the Blandin Community Leadership Program in Itasca County.  **$5,000**

**Independent School District 318**
Donation in support of advertising the 2020-21 Blandin Education Grants Program in the Grand Rapids High School yearbook in Itasca County.  **$300**

**Independent School District 318**
Donation in support of Family Night benefiting Native American students and their families in Itasca County.  **$1,000**

**Independent School District 318**
Operating support for Children’s First! activities through June 2022 in Itasca County.  **$45,000**

**Independent School District 316**
Operating support for Children’s First! activities through June 2022 in Itasca County.  **$6,000**

**Independent School District 317**
Operating support for Children’s First! activities through June 2022 in Itasca County.  **$6,000**
Independent School District 319  
Operating support for Children’s First! activities through June 2022 in Itasca County.  $6,000

Itasca Area Schools Collaborative  
Operating support for continuation of the Invest Early program in Itasca County.  $2,100,000

Itasca Community College  
Project support for cultural programming for Native American students in Itasca County.  $9,300

Itasca County Land Department  
Donation in support of safety fencing at Gunn Park in Itasca County.  $1,000

Itasca County Public Health  
Project support for a Mental Health Changemakers Retreat in Itasca County.  $25,000

Itasca Economic Development Corporation  
Project support for the Thrive Up North Campaign in Itasca County.  $20,000

Itasca Ski & Outing Club  
Project support for Itasca Ski and Outing Club for safety equipment at Mt. Itasca in Itasca County.  $2,500

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

Northland Area Family Service Center  
Project support for strategic planning to advance the Northland Early Education Collaborative, Leech Lake Head Start and Northland Schools in Itasca County.  $15,000

Pengilly Booster Club  
Capital support for community center upgrades in Itasca County.  $3,000

Rural Minnesota

Area of Focus: Effective Stewards

Minnesota Council of Nonprofits Inc  
Project support for 2020 membership assistance in rural Minnesota.  $1,750

Area of Focus: Expand Opportunity

Minnesota Chamber Foundation  
Project support for Minnesota 2030 research project in rural Minnesota.  $5,000

Minnesota Public Radio  
Operating support through June 2022 to continue rural news reporting, distribution and in-depth coverage in rural Minnesota.  $200,000
**Northland Foundation**
Project support for business succession planning and technical assistance in rural Minnesota.  $50,000

**Northland Foundation**
Project support for the continuation of the Rural Equitable Development initiative during 2020 in rural Minnesota.  $25,000

**Northwest Indian Community Development Center**
Project support for Minnesota Homeless Winter Initiative in rural Minnesota.  $10,000

**Area of Focus: Community Leadership**

**Anishinaabe Legal Services**
Capital support for upgrades to its building in rural Minnesota.  $50,000

**City of Thief River Falls**
Project support for workforce attraction and retention as part of the Blandin Community Leadership program in rural Minnesota.  $5,000

**Conexiones**
Project support for organizational capacity building to better serve Latinx community members in rural Minnesota.  $45,000

**HOPE Coalition**
Project support for Red Wing Area Homeless Committee as part of the Blandin Community Leadership program in rural Minnesota.  $5,000

**Le Sueur County**
Donation in support of meeting and marketing costs in Le Sueur County as part of the Broadband Program in rural Minnesota.  $1,000

**Longville Area Community Choir**
Donation in support of Music in the Park in rural Minnesota.  $300

**Native Governance Center**
Project support for furthering the We Are Still Here Initiative in rural Minnesota.  $50,000

**Senior Resources of Freeborn County**
Project support to expand transportation options for senior citizens as part of the Blandin Leadership Grant program in rural Minnesota.  $2,500

**United Way of Northeastern Minnesota**
Project support for the Vietnam Veterans Memorial Replica and Mobile Education Center project as part of the Blandin Leadership Grant program in rural Minnesota.  $5,000

**Waseca County**
Project support for a feasibility study as part of the Broadband Program in rural Minnesota.  $25,000

COVID-19 Grants

Itasca Area
Advocates For Family Peace
Project support for domestic violence prevention in Itasca County.  $20,000

Bigfork Valley Foundation
Project support for community and hospital emergency response needs and to establish a low-interest business loan program in Itasca County.  $35,000

City of Nashwauk
Capital support for equipment to hold city-led meetings virtually in Itasca County.  $5,000

Cohasset Economic Development Authority
Program Related Investment to support small businesses within the City of Cohasset during the COVID-19 crisis in Itasca County.  $50,000

First Call for Help of Itasca County
Project support for supplies and equipment in Itasca County.  $10,000

Grand Rapids Area Community Foundation
Project support for the Sharing Fund to help low-income residents with essential needs in Itasca County.  $137,000

Grand Rapids Area Community Foundation
Project support for strengthening access to mental health supports in Itasca County.  $13,000

Grand Rapids Area Community Foundation
Project support to support nonprofit and other community organizations engaging in immediate basic needs relief, short-term response, and longer-term recovery during the health and economic crisis in Itasca County.  $150,000

Grand Rapids Economic Development Authority
Program Related Investment to establish a small business COVID-19 loan fund to be named “Emergency Working Capital Loan Fund” in Itasca County.  $500,000

Great Minds Learning Center
Project support to implement specialized online learning for children in Itasca County.  $8,300

Itasca Area Schools Collaborative
Project support for emergency assistance to care for children of medical and service industry workers in the Itasca area.  $15,000

Itasca Economic Development Corporation
Project support for the Itasca Strong campaign to support local businesses in Itasca County.  $5,000
Itasca Economic Development Corporation
Program Related Investment to establish a COVID-19 response fund for small businesses to be named “Itasca Small Business Relief Fund” in Itasca County.  $500,000

KOOTASCA Community Action, Inc
Project support for computers and internet service for area low-income families to ensure immediate access to new, state-mandated online K-12 education in Itasca County.  $25,000

Northern Community Radio KAXE
Project support for remote operating equipment in Itasca County.  $19,314

Northland Counseling Center Inc
Project support for technology and internet upgrades to serve mental health needs in Itasca County. $25,000

Northland Foundation
Project support for the Emergency Child Care Grant Program in Itasca County.  $30,000

Second Harvest North Central Food Bank
Project support for emergency food packaging and distribution in Itasca County.  $10,000

Rural Minnesota

Bois Forte Band of Chippewa Indians
Project support for food distribution to meet essential needs and for strengthening the Band's emergency response infrastructure for Tribal members in rural Minnesota.  $50,000

Fond Du Lac Band of Lake Superior Chippewa
Project support for food distribution to meet essential needs and for strengthening the Band's emergency response infrastructure for Tribal members in rural Minnesota.  $50,000

Headwaters Foundation for Justice
Project support to help meet essential needs across black, Indigenous, and communities of color in rural Minnesota.  $50,000

Initiative Foundation
Project support for emergency community wellness efforts in rural Minnesota.  $25,000

Leech Lake Band of Ojibwe
Project support for distribution of food and essential needs to Tribal members in rural Minnesota. $100,000

Lower Sioux Indian Community
Project support for emergency response for distribution of food and essential needs to Tribal members in rural Minnesota.  $50,000
Mille Lacs Band of Ojibwe
Project support for food distribution to meet essential needs and for strengthening the Band’s emergency response infrastructure for Tribal members in rural Minnesota. $50,000

Northland Foundation
Project support for emergency access to childcare for critical workers in rural Minnesota. $25,000

Northwest Minnesota Foundation
Project support to support its emergency response fund in rural Minnesota. $25,000

PFund Foundation
Project support for emergency mini-grant program to assist non-profits and small businesses owned and/or operated by LGBTQIA people in rural Minnesota. $50,000

Red Lake Band of Chippewa Indians
Project support for emergency assistance for food distribution to Tribal members in rural Minnesota. $50,000

Saint Paul & Minnesota Foundation
Project support for Minnesota Disaster Recovery Fund in rural Minnesota. $50,000

Southern Minnesota Initiative Foundation
Project support for an emergency response fund in rural Minnesota. $25,000

Southwest Initiative Foundation
Project support for emergency access to childcare for critical workers in rural Minnesota. $25,000

Upper Sioux Community
Project support for emergency food distribution and storage capacity for Tribal members in rural Minnesota. $50,000

West Central Initiative
Project support for its emergency response fund in rural Minnesota. $25,000

White Earth Tribal Council
Project support for emergency assistance for food distribution to Tribal members in rural Minnesota. $50,000

Women’s Foundation of Minnesota
Project support for Women and Girls Emergency Response Fund in rural Minnesota. $50,000

Total
70 grants $5,504,564