June 2021 Grant Awards

Local Grants

Area of focus: Vibrant Itasca Area

Advocates for Family Peace
Operating support in 2022-23 to promote safety, equity and peace to families experiencing domestic abuse in Itasca County.  $100,000

Children’s Mental Health Services/REACH
Donation in support of the 9th Annual Stomp on Stigma 5K in Itasca County.  $500

City of Cohasset
Project support for building a new playground at the school and community center site in Itasca County.  $10,000

City of Coleraine
Capital support to upgrade the roof and entryway of the Coleraine Public Library in Itasca County.  $10,000

City of Grand Rapids
Donation in support of the Annual Independence Day celebration in Itasca County.  $1,000

Community Café
Operating support in 2022-23 to help reduce hunger in Itasca County.  $80,000

Elder Circle
Operating support in 2022-23 for ElderCircle and the Home Visitor Program in Itasca County.  $134,000

First Call for Help of Itasca County
Operating support in 2022-23 for information and referral services in Itasca County.  $100,000

Girl Scouts of Minnesota and Wisconsin Lakes & Pines
Operating support in 2022-23 for the Girl Scouts program in Itasca County.  $20,000

Grace House of Itasca County
Operating support in 2022-23 to provide shelter for individuals experiencing homelessness in Itasca County.  $100,000

Grand Rapids Yellow Ribbon Citizens Committee
Donation in support of Itasca Area Veterans and National Guard members in Itasca County.  $1,000
Habitat for Humanity of Itasca County
Operating support in 2022-23 for the local Habitat for Humanity organization in Itasca County. $100,000

Independent School District #2
Operating support for the Early Start program in 2021 and 2022 in Itasca County. $166,000

ISD 317 Deer River
Donation in support of Deer River High School’s 2021 post prom event in Itasca County. $500

Itasca County Agricultural Association
Donation in support of children’s education programs in Itasca County. $1,000

Itasca Orchestra and Strings Program
Operating support in 2022-23 to provide orchestral music instruction to adults and youth in Itasca County. $100,000

Judy Garland Children’s Museum
Operating support in 2022-23 to continue and broaden the school service program in Itasca County. $60,000

Leech Lake Band of Ojibwe
Project support for families in need during the COVID-19 health and economic crisis in rural Minnesota. $45,000

MacRostie Art Center
Operating support in 2022-23 to provide visual arts and educational programming to residents in Itasca County. $90,000

Marcell Family Center
Operating support in 2022-23 for the family center program in Itasca County. $80,000

Northern Community Radio
Operating support in 2022-23 to provide news and information to residents in Itasca County. $100,000

Northern Minnesota Public TV
Operating support in 2022-23 for programming and services in rural Minnesota. $50,000

Northland Area Family Services Center
Operating support in 2021-2022 for the Northland Early Education Collaborative in Itasca County. $180,000

Second Harvest North Central Food Bank
Operating support in 2022-23 for food bank operations in Itasca County. $100,000

Special Olympics Minnesota
Operating support in 2022-23 for the Special Olympics program in Itasca County. $40,000
Support Within Reach
Operating support in 2022-23 to assist victims of sexual violence in Itasca County. $100,000

United Way of 1,000 Lakes
Operating support in 2022-23 for administration in Itasca County. $70,000

Voyageurs Area Council of Boy Scouts
Operating support in 2022-23 for Boy Scout programming in Itasca County. $20,000

Area of focus: Expand Opportunity

Itasca Community College
Program support for financial aid programs during the 2021-22 academic year in Itasca County. $239,400

Reif Arts Council
Operating and programming support in 2021-2023 in Itasca County. $360,000

Area of focus: Community Leadership

Duluth Superior Educational TV
Operating support in 2022-23 to produce Native Report in rural Minnesota. $100,000

KOOTASCA Community Action
Project support for racial and social justice programming in Itasca County. $305,675

Rural Minnesota

Area of focus: Expand Opportunity

Immigrant Law Center of Minnesota
Project support for the Rural Immigration Program in rural Minnesota. $200,000

KOOTASCA Community Action, Inc.
Project support in 2021-2024 for building capacity to develop affordable housing in rural Minnesota. $720,000

Northland Foundation
Project support for the Rural Equitable Development group in rural Minnesota. $11,000

Area of focus: Community Leadership

Bemidji Community Arts Council
Operating support for the Miikanan Gallery in rural Minnesota. $150,000
City of Plainview
Project support for community tree restoration project as part of the Blandin Leadership Grant Program in rural Minnesota.  $5,000

Community Giving
Donation in support of the 2021 Community Giving Virtual Conference in rural Minnesota.  $1,000

Niibi Center
Operating support for language and cultural revitalization in rural Minnesota.  $150,000

**Area of focus: Effective Stewards**

Minnesota Council of Nonprofits Inc.
Project support for 2021 membership assistance in rural Minnesota.  $1,750

**Total**

40 grants  $4,102,825