March 2021 Grants

Local Grants

Ball Club Local Indian Council
Donation in support of the 2020 community Thanksgiving dinner in Itasca County. $500

Boys Club of Duluth Inc
Operating support for the Boys and Girls Club of Grand Rapids and Greenway in 2021-22 in Itasca County. $308,000

Boys Club of Duluth Inc
Project support for the New Year’s Eve Community Celebration in Itasca County. $6,500

ElderCircle
Donation in support of the 2020 community Thanksgiving dinner in Itasca County. $1,000

Grand Rapids Area Community Foundation
Project support for the Itasca County Sharing Fund during the COVID-19 health and economic crisis in Itasca County. $150,000

Grand Rapids Economic Development Authority
Payout from an existing program-related investment loan to acquire two downtown commercial lots for future development in Itasca County. $140,000

Independent School District 317 Deer River
Project support for student cultural building initiatives in Itasca County. $10,000

Independent School District 318 Grand Rapids
Project support for student technology equity during the COVID-19 health and economic crisis in Itasca County. $150,000

Independent School District 318 Grand Rapids
Donation in support of Ojibwe Language Signage in Itasca County. $1,000

Independent School District 319 Nashwauk Keewatin
Project support for essential technology infrastructure to support distance learning during the COVID-19 health and economic crisis in Itasca County. $10,000

Itasca County Housing & Redevelopment Authority
Project support to remove family barriers during the COVID-19 health and economic crisis in Itasca County. $60,000
Itasca Economic Development Corporation
Operating support for infrastructure and capacity building in 2021-22 in Itasca County.  $750,000

Itasca Economic Development Corporation
Program-related investment (loan) to establish the Itasca Small Business Relief Fund II during the COVID-19 health and economic crisis in Itasca County.  $150,000.

KOOTASCA Community Action, Inc
Project support for local families in need throughout the winter during the COVID-19 health and economic crisis in Itasca County.  $80,000

Leech Lake Band of Ojibwe
Project support for food distribution assistance during the COVID-19 health and economic crisis in Itasca County.  $75,000

MacRostie Art Center
Project support for exhibits and operations during the COVID-19 health and economic crisis in Itasca County.  $30,000

United Way of 1,000 Lakes
Project support to address immediate and evolving needs of nonprofits in Itasca County.  $5,000

Rural Minnesota

Greater Twin Cities United Way
Project support for Greater Twin Cities United Way as fiscal agent for the Start Early Funders Coalition for its research and education work in rural Minnesota.  $25,000

Leech Lake Financial Services, Inc.
Project support in 2021 for affordable housing development in the Leech Lake area in rural Minnesota.  $50,000

White Earth Tribal Council
Project support to implement projects that promote access, adoption and use of broadband technology as part of the Blandin Broadband program in rural Minnesota.  $75,000

Minnesota Council on Foundations
Ongoing membership support for 2021 in rural Minnesota.  $17,800

Area Partnership for Economic Expansion
Project support research and education activity in 2021 in rural Minnesota.  $10,000

Bois Forte Band of Chippewa Indians
Project support for youth development programming in rural Minnesota.  $30,000
Community Integration Center
Operating support to promote equity-focused capacity to diverse communities in rural Minnesota. $50,000

Hispanic Advocacy and Community Empowerment through Research
Project support for research on the impact of immigration to the economy in rural Minnesota. $25,000

Nameless Coalition for the Homeless
Project support to develop and strengthen staff capacity for long-term sustainability in rural Minnesota. $50,000

ReVive Virginia
Project support for community mental health efforts as part of Blandin Leadership Grants program in rural Minnesota. $5,000

Region 5 Regional Development Commission
Project support for a new Rural Justice System Consortium initiative in rural Minnesota. $8,000

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$2,272,800