

May 2025 Grant Awards

Local Grants

Ardenhurst Township Project support for community beautification and safety	\$10,000
Auntie's Place Capacity support to develop programming for Auntie's House, an arts and culture community hub in the Itasca County area	\$150,000
Bearville Township Capital support for a fire hall/community center in the Itasca County area	\$175,000
Bigfork Valley Hospital Capital support to implement new Electronic Health Record software in the Itasca County area	\$250,000
Blackberry Township Capital support to renovate the park and community center in the Itasca County area	\$100,000
Bowstring Township Capital support to build a community park and recreation area in Itasca County	\$150,000
Carpenter Township Capital support for community center upgrades in Itasca County	\$10,000
City of Calumet Capital support for improvements to city owned structures and implementation of a community garden, and Hill Annex mine musum in the Itasca County area	\$250,000
City of Cohasset Capacity support for strategic planning, workforce/housing development, business support, and community engagement in the Itasca County area	\$222,000
City of Deer River Project support to improve downtown business accessibility and improvements in the Itasca County area	\$200,000

City of Hill City Capital support to continue to enhance the campground and recreation space in the Itasca County area	\$150,000
City of Keewatin Capital support to improve safety and accessibility of Keewatin city hall in the Itasca County area	\$150,000
City of Marble Capital support to renovate city hall and upgrades to the city park in the Itasca County area	\$110,000
City of Nashwauk Capital support to renovate the playground in the Itasca County area	\$150,000
City of Northome Capital support for safety and accessibility upgrades to community-owned facilities in the Itasca County area	\$125,000
City of Squaw Lake Capital support to install an LED sign and additional town signage in the Itasca County area	\$92 ,000
Edge of the Wilderness Discovery Center Capital/capacity building support for energy improvements, strategic planning and high-speed fiber optic lines in the Itasca County area	\$97,500
Feeley Township Capital support for town hall renovations and equipment upgrades in the Itasca County area	\$22,000
Fire in the Village Capacity building support to develop and sustain new creative community gathering models and cultural organizing strategies in the Itasca County area	\$150,000
Goodland Township Capital support for community center revitalization in the Itasca County area	\$100,000
Grace House of Itasca County Project support for Warming Shelter feasibility project and homeless housing in Grand Rapids and the Itasca County area	\$100,000
Grand Rapids Economic Dev. Authority Project and capacity support for Placemaking and Community Wealth Building in Grand Rapids in the Itasca County area	\$2,800,000

Grand Rapids Players Project support to bring live performances to five small communities in the Itasca County area	\$10,000
Greenway Joint Recreation Association Capital support to upgrade front entrance doors and add outdoor lighting near storage facility in the Itasca County area	\$75,000
Habitat for Humanity of Itasca County Capacity support to increase home preservation impact in the Itasca County area	\$150,000
Inger Local Indian Council Capital support for community park upgrades and build outdoor cultural space in the Inger Community in the Itasca County area	\$150,000
ISD 317 Deer River Project support for coordination of Full Service Community School efforts in the Itasca County area	\$185,000
Itasca Area Schools Collaborative Capacity building to support high school career pathway programming/internships in the Itasca County area	\$250,000
Itasca Area Schools Collaborative (Early Edge) Capacity Building support for early childhood education/child care in the Itasca County area	\$1,000,000
Itasca County Health & Human Services Project support to establish a Mental Health Court in the Itasca County area	\$200,000
Itasca County Land Department Capital support for accessibility improvements at Bass Lake Campground in the Itasca County area	\$35,000
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Itasca Economic Development Corporation Project support for Bigfork community revitalization program for area businesses in the Itasca County area	\$66,000
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Itasca Pride Project and capacity support for placemaking in the Itasca County area	\$25,000
KOOTASCA Community Action, Inc Capacity support for organizational development and financial resilience in the Itasca County area	\$1,500,000
MacRostie Art Center Capacity building support to improve efficiency and fundraising, be more effective in reaching underserved populations, and to conduct strategic planning in the Itasca County area	\$120,000
Marcell Family Center, Inc Capital support for community center upgrades in the Itasca County area	\$70,000
Mobility Mania – Accessibility for All Capacity building for microtransit expansion to Deer River/Ball Club in Itasca County area	\$230,000
Northern Community Radio KAXE Capacity building support for rural journalism social enterprise and organizational sustainability in the Itasca County area	\$500,000
Northern Itasca Joint Powers Board Planning/capacity building support for improvements to the waste treatment system in the Itasca County area	\$5,000
Northome Fire Dept. Capital support for fire equipment upgrades in the Itasca County area	\$90,000
S Lake Local Indian Council Capital support for community center upgrades and build an outdoor cultural space in the Itasca County area	\$150,000
Sam's Place Capital support for building upgrades in the Itasca County area	\$130,000
Sand Lake Township Capital support to upgrade community center facility in the Itasca County area	\$35,000
Third Coast Chamber Collective Project support for strategic planning in the Itasca County area	\$10,000
United Way of 1,000 Lakes Project/capacity building support to increase financial stability through the establishment of a planned giving strategy in the Itasca County area	\$150,000

City of Warba

Capital support to renovate and upgrade the community park in the Itasca County area

\$150,000

Total 48 grants

\$10,204,500