



## Q1 2026 Grant Awards

### Local Grants

#### Advocates For Family Peace

Project support to build capacity for transitional housing in the Grand Rapids/Itasca Area

**\$40,000**

#### Balsam Township

Capital support for community center renovations and signage as part of the Rural Placemaking program in the Grand Rapids/Itasca Area

**\$150,000**

#### Bigfork Valley Foundation

Project support for capacity and endowment building in the Grand Rapids/Itasca Area

**\$105,000**

#### Bigfork Wilderness Committee

Project support for reviving Bigfork Wilderness Days event as part of the Rural Placemaking program in the Grand Rapids/Itasca Area

**\$10,000**

#### Carpenter Township

Capital support for town hall improvements in the Grand Rapids/Itasca Area

**\$25,000**

#### City of Calumet

Project support for building renovation into a multi-use community space, as part of the Community Wealth-Building program in the Grand Rapids/Itasca Area

**\$200,000**

#### City of Hill City

Project support for City Hall community room renovations as part of the Community Wealth-Building program in the Grand Rapids/Itasca Area

**\$100,000**

#### City of Nashwauk

Capital support to improve public gathering space and civic functions in the Grand Rapids/Itasca Area

**\$150,000**

#### City of Northome

Capital support to reestablish and preserve a community library as part of the Rural Placemaking program in the Grand Rapids/Itasca Area

**\$100,000**

<b>Community and Economic Development Associates</b>	
Capacity support for capacity-building, planning, and implementation efforts to underserved communities, as part of the Community Wealth-Building program in the Grand Rapids/Itasca Area	<b>\$250,000</b>
<b>Edge of the Wilderness Community Center</b>	
Project support to implement digital signage and board development and planning as part of the Capacity Building program in the Grand Rapids/Itasca Area	<b>\$35,000</b>
<b>ElderCircle</b>	
Project support for leadership transition planning as part of the Rural Placemaking program in the Grand Rapids/Itasca Area	<b>\$25,000</b>
<b>Goodland Township</b>	
Capital support for community center improvements in the Grand Rapids/Itasca Area	<b>\$25,000</b>
<b>Grace House of Itasca County</b>	
Capacity support for leadership transition as part of the Community Wealth-Building program in the Grand Rapids/Itasca Area	<b>\$30,000</b>
<b>Grand Rapids Arts</b>	
Project support to add accessibility for all during First Friday events as part of the Rural Placemaking program in the Grand Rapids/Itasca Area	<b>\$12,000</b>
<b>Habitat for Humanity of Itasca County</b>	
Capacity support to create energy-efficient affordable housing while providing vocational training, as part of the Community Wealth-Building program in the Grand Rapids/Itasca Area	<b>\$150,000</b>
<b>Harris Township</b>	
Capital support for community center renovations and outdoor recreation improvements as part of the Rural Placemaking program in the Grand Rapids/Itasca Area	<b>\$100,000</b>
<b>Itasca County</b>	
Capacity support to engage community stakeholders and leaders, focusing on the development of a 10-year strategic economic development and growth plan, as part of the Community Wealth-Building program in the Grand Rapids/Itasca Area	<b>\$75,000</b>
<b>Itasca County</b>	
Project support to improve Bowstring Airport facilities and services, as part of the Community Wealth-Building program in the Grand Rapids/Itasca Area	<b>\$25,000</b>

<b>Itasca County Family YMCA Inc</b> Project support to build capacity and prepare for a leadership transition in the Grand Rapids/Itasca Area	<b>\$70,000</b>
<b>Itasca County Family YMCA Inc</b> Project support for childcare workforce development and mentoring in the Grand Rapids/Itasca Area	<b>\$30,000</b>
<b>Itasca Economic Development Corporation</b> Capacity support for leadership transition and implementation of a strategic plan, as part of the Community Wealth-Building program in the Grand Rapids/Itasca Area	<b>\$75,000</b>
<b>Itasca Orchestra and Strings Program</b> Project support for workforce stability and technological and administrative improvements as part of the Capacity Building program in the Grand Rapids/Itasca Area	<b>\$25,000</b>
<b>Judy Garland Children's Museum</b> Project support to improve organizational stability and sustainability and outdoor expansion planning as part of the Capacity Building program in the Grand Rapids/Itasca Area	<b>\$150,000</b>
<b>Marcell Family Center, Inc</b> Capital support for facility renovations as part of the Rural Placemaking program in the Grand Rapids/Itasca Area	<b>\$120,000</b>
<b>Mobility Mania-Accessibility for All</b> Project support for the design and creation of transit hubs in Ball Club, Deer River, and Grand Rapids as part of the Rural Placemaking program in the Grand Rapids/Itasca Area	<b>\$120,000</b>
<b>Northern Itasca Hospital District, dba Bigfork Valley</b> Capacity support for local ambulance services, providing advanced lifesaving services as part of the Community Wealth-Building program in the Grand Rapids/Itasca Area	<b>\$150,000</b>
<b>Northern Itasca Hospital District, dba Bigfork Valley</b> Project support to establish an EHR help desk as part of the Capacity Building program in Grand Rapids/Itasca Area	<b>\$100,000</b>
<b>North Homes Inc</b> Project support to strengthen resource development and facilitate a successful leadership transition in the Grand Rapids/Itasca Area	<b>\$60,000</b>
<b>Northland Area Family Service Center</b> Project support for leadership transition planning in the Grand Rapids/Itasca Area	<b>\$60,000</b>

**Sand Lake Township**

Capital support for community center renovations as part of the Rural Placemaking program in the Grand Rapids/Itasca Area

**\$40,000**

**Third Coast Chamber Collective**

Project support to strengthen fundraising capacity in the Grand Rapids/Itasca Area

**\$15,000**

**Town of Lawrence**

Capital support for playground updates as part of the Rural Placemaking program in the Grand Rapids/Itasca Area

**\$22,000**

## **Rural Grants**

**Department of Public Transformation**

Program support for Engage Rural Civic Cohort and Community of Practice in rural Minnesota

**\$490,000**

**Foundations for Home**

Membership dues for 2025 and 2026

**\$30,000**

**Latino Economic Development Center**

Project support for Regenerative Agriculture project in rural Minnesota

**\$250,000**

**Minnesota Council on Foundations**

Annual Membership Grant

**\$25,250**

**Nexus Community Partners**

Project support for community engagement and planning to inform the development of a Community Wealth Building cohort in rural Minnesota

**\$250,000**

**Total**

**38 grants**

**\$3,689,250**