

## Q2 2026 Grant Awards

### Rural Grants

#### A Place to Belong

Capital support to transition into Fergus Falls location to expand access and strengthen programming in rural Minnesota **\$50,000**

#### Bemidji Community Arts Council

Project support to build organizational capacity and facilitate successful leadership transition in rural Minnesota Area **\$50,000**

#### Bemidji Pride

Project support to strengthen Pride Support Network's organizational and financial systems and program delivery, and build a regional coalition as part of the Capacity Building Program in rural Minnesota **\$130,000**

#### Buzzle Township

Capital support for a welcoming community space by restoring Pinewood Hall in rural Minnesota **\$50,000**

#### City of Cass Lake

Capital support to make ADA accessible improvements to the library in rural Minnesota **\$25,000**

#### City of Federal Dam

Project support to create a community gathering space in City Hall as part of the Rural Placemaking program in rural Minnesota **\$150,000**

#### City of Hanska

Capital support for ADA improvements at the Hanska Community Center in rural Minnesota **\$60,000**

#### City of Kilkenney

Capital support for community center/library renovations and a new bandshell as part of the Rural Placemaking Program in rural Minnesota **\$157,600**

#### City of Murdock

Project support to establish a pop-up entrepreneurial vendor space in rural Minnesota **\$30,000**

**City of Nicollet**

Project support to study housing needs, economic development priorities, workforce challenges as part of the Small Communities Program in rural Minnesota

**\$30,000**

**City of Winger**

Capital support to make community center improvements in rural Minnesota

**\$50,000**

**Commons Land Community**

Project support for a resilient food system through a 100-acre farmland stewardship project in rural Minnesota

**\$248,000**

**Conexiones**

Project support to expand organizational capacity as part of the Rural Placemaking program in rural Minnesota

**\$75,000**

**Cooperative Development Fund of CDS**

FBO Cooperative Development Services for capacity support to provide worker ownership education and conversion support to businesses and tribal communities in rural Minnesota

**\$100,000**

**Cultures, Humanities, and Arts on the Iron Range**

Capital and capacity support to renovate and staff the Restorative and Community Empowerment Exchange organization coworking space as part of the Rural Placemaking Program in rural Minnesota

**\$100,000**

**Dakota Wicohan**

Project support to develop and launch the Dakota Language and Cultural Institute as part of the Rural Placemaking program in rural Minnesota

**\$200,000**

**Ely Area Community Foundation**

Capital support for the Ely Community Hub Outdoor Pavilion Project in rural Minnesota

**\$50,000**

**Fillmore County Economic Development Authority**

Capacity support to identify shared values and priorities to better guide decisions around housing, community vitality, and adapt to changing needs in rural Minnesota

**\$60,000**

**Friends of Buckham Memorial Library**

Project support for Stories at Home Community Storytelling & Literacy program as part of the Rural Placemaking program in rural Minnesota

**\$30,000**

**Friends of Frog Tree Farm**

Project support for the development of the Minnesota Black Rural History Trail in rural Minnesota

**\$50,000**

**Grand Marais Arts Inc**

Project support to improve organizational capacity through property acquisition as part of the Rural Placemaking program in Rural Minnesota

**\$50,000**

**Hispanic Advocacy and Community Empowerment through Research**

Project support for “Sanar Creando: Healing the Passport Blues” project as part of the Rural Placemaking program in rural Minnesota

**\$150,000**

**Honoring Dakota Project**

Project support for the Dakota Lifeways Community Initiative as part of the Rural Placemaking program in rural Minnesota

**\$50,000**

**Initiative Foundation**

Capacity support to strengthen educational opportunities and long-term student success through the establishment and growth of a dedicated Education Foundation in rural Minnesota

**\$50,000**

**Justice North**

Capacity building for new Americans in rural Minnesota

**\$200,000**

**Little Falls Food Co-op dba Purple Carrot Market**

Capital support to create a more sustainable and resilient food system through the establishment of a food co-op in rural Minnesota

**\$90,000**

**Manoomin Arts Initiative**

Capacity support to develop art acquisition consulting skills and processes to connect governments, nonprofits, and businesses with local art as part of the Rural Placemaking Program in rural Minnesota

**\$50,000**

**Mewinzha Ondaadiziike Wiigaming**

Project support to prepare for and design a culturally relevant capital campaign and begin construction of a teaching lodge as part of the Capacity Building Program in rural Minnesota

**\$100,000**

**Minnesota Humanities Center**

Project support to deliver Sketches of Minnesota in additional small communities as part of the Rural Placemaking Program in rural Minnesota

**\$50,000**

**Minnesota Songwriter Sanctuary**

Capital support for a mobile festival stage in rural Minnesota

**\$120,000**

**New York Mills Arts Retreat**

Capital support to renovate and expand the New York Mills Regional Cultural Center as part of the Rural Placemaking Program in rural Minnesota

**\$100,000**

**Nisookamig Corp**

Project support for a master-apprentice Ojibwe language cohort model as part of the Rural Placemaking program in rural Minnesota

**\$150,000**

**Northeast Entrepreneur Fund, Inc**

Capacity support to expand access to capital for underserved entrepreneurs through an impact investment program in rural Minnesota

**\$125,000**

**North Star Neighbors**

Capacity support to establish a sustainable acquisition and rehabilitation system and aging homeowner transition model in rural Minnesota

**\$150,000**

**Northwoods Food Project**

Project support to strengthen Cook County's local food economy in rural Minnesota

**\$90,000**

**Onyx Collective**

Project support to build organizational capacity and expand Mobile Resiliency Hubs for Black residents as part of the Rural Placemaking program in Western and Central rural Minnesota

**\$150,000**

**Ottertail Community & Wellness Center**

Capital support to create a community gathering garden and greenhouse as part of the Rural Placemaking Program in rural Minnesota

**\$30,000**

**Reclaim Community**

Capital support for the Jasper School repurpose and rehabilitation project in rural Minnesota

**\$150,000**

**Region Nine Development Commission**

Project support for housing, community and economic development and clean energy projects in rural Minnesota

**\$200,000**

**Southwest Minnesota Housing Partnership**

Project support to improve community engagement through a Sustainable Housing Creative-in-Residence pilot as part of the Rural Placemaking Program in rural Minnesota

**\$120,000**

**Springboard for the Arts**

Project support to deliver programming for rural cultural organizers as part of the Rural Placemaking Program in rural Minnesota

**\$150,000**

**The Bridge Center**

Capital support to renovate and activate The Bridge Center as a safe, accessible, and welcoming physical space for community connection as part of the Rural Placemaking Program in rural Minnesota

**\$200,000****The Village Agricultural Cooperative**

Project support for a resilient local food system with a Hmong community-led, sustainable farm system in rural Minnesota

**\$60,000****University of Minnesota Foundation**

FBO University of Minnesota Extension Department of Community Development for project support for a generational wealth transfer community engagement program in rural Minnesota

**\$150,000****WAVE Saludos Welcome Center**

project support to strengthen its ability to operate as a stable, community-rooted access point for immigrant and refugee residents as part of the Capacity Building Program in rural Minnesota

**\$60,000****West Central Minnesota Communities Action Inc.**

Project support to address affordable home ownership and maintenance challenges by providing a tool library for incarcerated work-release workers and Community Land Trust homeowners in rural Minnesota

**\$30,000****White Earth Land Recovery Project**

Project support for Voices of the Land Media Project as part of the Rural Placemaking program in rural Minnesota

**\$40,000****Total****47 grants****\$4,560,600**