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STRENGTHENING RURAL MINNESOTA

Q3 2026 Grant Awards

Local Grants

First Call for Help of Itasca County
Project support for the renovation of the Family Resource Center Hub in Itasca County **$250,000**

Itasca County Family YMCA Inc
Project support to prepare for implementation of a capital campaign in Itasca County **$220,000**

Regents of The University of Minnesota
FBO University of Minnesota Extension Department of Community Development for project support to continue a Community of Practice for small communities and townships in Itasca County **$79,530**

MacRostie Art Center
Capacity building support to engage in strategic planning with and alongside Fire in the Village, and to update studio spaces in the Itasca County area **$20,000**

Grand Rapids Area Community Foundation
Project support for the Workforce Ready Scholarship Endowed Fund and to establish a Student Emergency Endowed Fund in Itasca County **$250,000**

College Possible
Project support to promote college attainment and talent development in high schools in the Itasca County area **$250,000**

Rural Grants

Aitkin County CARE, Inc.
Project support for the Non-Emergency Medical Transportation Program in rural Minnesota **$31,000**

Southern Minnesota Initiative Foundation
Project support for Minnesota Public Radio's "Keeping Local Talent" conversation in Itasca County

$15,000

Total
8 grants **$1,115,530**