September 2020 Grant Awards

Local Grants

Area of focus: Vibrant Itasca Area

**Calumet Public Library**  
Donation in support of new children’s books.  $1,000

**City of Warba**  
Capital support for upgrades to the Warba Legion Campground.  $3,000

**Cohasset Economic Development Authority**  
Program-Related Investment to support small businesses within the City of Cohasset during the COVID-19 crisis in Itasca County.  $50,000

**Depot Commons Association**  
Capital support to upgrade the heating system at the Chamber of Commerce and Welcome Center building.  $6,000

**Grand Itasca Foundation**  
Project support for the COVID-19 Keep Itasca Healthy Campaign.  $5,000

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Project support for the COVID-19 second phase of the Keep Itasca Healthy Campaign.  $8,000

**Grand Rapids Area Community Foundation**  
Capital support for an accessible park for Ball Club community members.  $22,000

**Grand Rapids Area Community Foundation**  
Project support for continuation of the Itasca County Trails Task Force.  $150,000

**Independent School District 2**  
Project support for virtual graduation assistance.  $500

**Independent School District 316**  
Project support for emergency assistance to address the inequities in the use of technology for students across School District 316 in Itasca County.  $75,000

**Independent School District 317**  
Project support for summer food distribution program in Itasca County.  $30,000

**Independent School District 318**
Project support for emergency assistance to address the inequities in the use of technology for students across School District 318 in Itasca County.  **$150,000**

**Itasca County**
Capital support for safety and electrical upgrades to a multi-purpose building at the Fairgrounds.  **$10,000**

**Itasca County Family YMCA**
Project support for emergency assistance for childcare staff compensation in Itasca County  **$5,000**

**MN Diversified Industries**
Capital support for a Hollow Core Profile Extruder to grow and diversify its business opportunities for people with disabilities.  **$675,000**

**North Central MN Farm & Antique Association**
Capital support for upgrades to buildings at the Blackberry site.  **$5,000**

**Reif Arts Council**
Donation in support of drive-in concerts.  **$500**

**Rural Minnesota**

**Area of focus: Expand Opportunity**

**Center for Rural Policy & Development**
Project support over two years for general operations.  **$70,000**

**City of Rice Lake**
Project support to boost internet survey responses as part of the Broadband program.  **$1,250**

**Itasca County Health and Human Services**
Project support to update the quintennial Bridge to Health survey.  **$5,000**

**Lutheran Social Service of Minnesota**
Donation for COVID-19 emergency assistance for the Range Together for Youth LGBTQ+ program.  **$1,000**

**Main Street Project**
Project support for its Community Connectors immigrant outreach and local foods project.  **$150,000**

**Minnesota Department of Education**
Project support for planning project between rural public libraries and manufactured housing communities to promote digital access and literacy.  **$50,000**

**Northeast Entrepreneur Fund**
Long-term loan guarantee to access $10 million in Federal loan capital for small businesses in Northeast Minnesota.  **$50,000**
Region 5 Regional Development Commission
Project support for a housing and workplace feasibility study for the Leech Lake Band of Ojibwe.
$35,000

Saint Paul & Minnesota Foundation
Project support for Connected MN internet access for low-income Indigenous and families of color.
$50,000

The Food Group
Project support for Big River Farms to increase participation and outcomes for emerging farmers and farmers of color.  $50,000

University of Minnesota Extension Service
Donation in support of the Connecting Entrepreneurial Communities Conference.  $1,000

Women’s Foundation of Minnesota
Project support for continuation of the Young Women’s Initiative.  $100,000

Area of focus: Community Leadership

Grand Portage Reservation Tribal Council
Project support for COVID-19 emergency assistance for food distribution to Tribal members.  $50,000

Leech Lake Financial Services, Inc.
For continued operating support for the remainder of 2020.  $50,000

Northwest Indian Community Development Center
Project support for COVID-19 emergency assistance for food and wellness access.  $50,000

Owatonna Area Chamber Foundation
Project support for Engage Owatonna: Let’s Talk as part of the Blandin Leadership Grant program.  $5,000

Springboard for the Arts
Project support for two rural recovery funds for arts organizations and artist-led community projects in rural Minnesota.  $50,000

YWCA Duluth
Project support to expand the reach of the Facilitating Racial Equity Collaborative’s Overcoming Racism Conference and mini grants to organizations across rural Minnesota.  $49,980

Total
35 grants  $2,014,230