December 2016 grant awards

Local Grants
Area of focus: Vibrant Itasca County

City of Warba
Donation in support of the Warba Feeley Sago Fire Department’s safety education event in Itasca County. $200

Grand Itasca Foundation
Capital support for renovation and expansion of Grand Itasca Clinic and Hospital to provide enhanced specialty medical services in the Grand Rapids/Itasca County area. $650,000

Grand Rapids Area Community Foundation
Donation in support of the Matching Dollar SNAP Incentive Program at the Grand Rapids Farmers’ Market to increase access to healthy local food for low-income families in Itasca County. $1,000

Grand Rapids Area Community Foundation
Donation in support of youth development activities in Lawrence Lake Township in Itasca County. $1,000

Greenway 316 Foundation Inc.
Donation in support of Financial Aid Night for Greenway High School students and parents in Itasca County. $150

Independent School District 118, Remer
Donation in support of Financial Aid Night at Northland High School in the Itasca County area. $120

Independent School District 316
Project support for development of a scholarship coach support system for Greenway High School students in Itasca County. $5,000

Independent School District 316
Donation in support of advertising the Blandin Education Awards Program in the Greenway Blast yearbook in Itasca County. $360

Independent School District 316
Project support for the 2016 Children First! New Year’s Eve event in Itasca County. $5,750
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<td>Project support for sponsoring a youth-led TEDx event at the Reif Center in Itasca County.</td>
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<td>Independent School District 318</td>
<td>Donation in support of Financial Aid Night for Grand Rapids High School students and parents in Itasca County.</td>
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<td>ISD 317 Deer River</td>
<td>Project support for Anishinaabe Worldview Training for Deer River and Remer educators and other local community members in Itasca County.</td>
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<td>Donation in support of Deer River High School’s 2017 post prom event in Itasca County.</td>
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<td>Itasca Choral Society</td>
<td>Donation in support of the 2016-17 fall and spring concert programs in Itasca County.</td>
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<td>Donation in support of O Gitch I Dah Club’s 2017 annual spring pow-wow in Itasca County.</td>
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<td>Donation in support of the advancement of students with Native ancestry in the engineering and science fields in Itasca County.</td>
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<td>Itasca Community Television, Inc.</td>
<td>Operating support over two years in the Grand Rapids/Itasca County area.</td>
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<td>Donation in support of the Forest Education Awareness Program’s annual training for educators and community members in Itasca County.</td>
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<td>Itasca County Family YMCA Inc.</td>
<td>Operating support over two years for the child care, youth and senior programs in the Grand Rapids/Itasca County area.</td>
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<td>Legal Aid Service of Northeastern MN</td>
<td>Operating support over two years to continue to provide legal assistance to low-income individuals and the Native American Outreach project in the Itasca County area.</td>
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<td>Marcell Family Center, Inc.</td>
<td>Capital support for renovations to the facility to house a child care center in Itasca County.</td>
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Minnesota Council on Foundations
Project support to provide database subscriptions to Minnesota Grantmakers Online for nonprofits serving Itasca County. $1,925

Nonprofits Assistance Fund
Project support to provide database subscriptions to Minnesota Grantmakers Online for nonprofits serving Itasca County. $300,000

Northland Counseling Center Inc.
Capital support for construction of Kiesler Wellness Center in the Grand Rapids/Itasca County area. $300,000

Area of focus: Expand Opportunity

City of Grand Rapids
Project support to complete a riverfront venue feasibility study in Itasca County. $20,000

Depot Commons Association
Operating support over two years for continuation of youth workforce development in the Grand Rapids/Itasca County area. $20,000

ElderCircle
Project support for the 2016 annual community Thanksgiving in Itasca County. $2,000

Itasca Ski & Outing Club
Capital support for improvements at Mount Itasca in Itasca County. $5,000

Area of focus: Invest in Leadership

City of Bigfork
Project support to create a comprehensive plan for the Bigfork public beach facility as part of the Blandin Leadership Grant Program in Itasca County $1,000

Rural Minnesota
Area of focus: Expand Opportunity

Greater Minnesota Housing Fund
Operating support over two years to promote the creation of affordable housing in rural Minnesota. $650,000

Growth and Justice
Project support over two years for implementation of the Minnesota Rural Equity Project in rural Minnesota. $200,000
Hibbing Community/Technical College
Donation in support of introducing students to the historical influences and impact of boarding schools on American Indians in rural Minnesota. $1,000

Independent School District 94
Donation in support of Disability Mentoring Day at Fond du Lac Tribal College in rural Minnesota. $1,000

Initiative Foundation
Project support for the Melrose Area Fire Relief Fund in rural Minnesota. $50,000

Junior Achievement of the Upper Midwest
Project support for youth financial literacy and entrepreneurship programming in rural Minnesota. $50,000

Leech Lake Financial Services, Inc.
Project support to establish a wealth building training program, expand its for-profit subsidiary capacity to create living way jobs and establish an individual Development Account program in rural Minnesota. $25,000

Lower Sioux Indian Community
Project support for transition planning for the Lower Sioux Interpretive Center in rural Minnesota. $10,000

Navigate
Donation in support of sponsorship of the 2016 Latino Heritage Celebration event in rural Minnesota. $300

Otter Tail County
Project support for regional workforce development in rural Minnesota. $40,000

Peacemaker Resources
Project support for community engagement training for leaders in the Bemidji area in rural Minnesota. $10,000

Redwood Area Communities Foundation
Project support to build local capacity to engage in ongoing, productive dialogues between native and non-native peoples in the Redwood Falls area in rural Minnesota. $9,268

White Earth Land Recovery Project
Project support for an integrated community wellness program in rural Minnesota. $50,000

Area of focus: Invest in Leadership

Borderland Young Professionals
Project support for attraction and retention of young professionals in the International Falls area as part of the Blandin Leadership Grants program. $5,000
**Grand Rapids Area Community Foundation**
Project support over two years for continued operations of the Rural Access Leadership Fund for people to participate in community-based leadership programs throughout rural Minnesota. $80,000

**Minnesota News Media Institute**
Project support over three years to continue the Editor & Publishers Leadership Program in rural Minnesota. $126,000

**North Shore Horizons**
Project support for the Two Harbors Leaders Partnering to End Poverty series of community meetings in rural Minnesota. $5,000

**Northwest Minnesota Foundation**
Project support for a regional housing summit as part of the Blandin Leadership Grants program in rural Minnesota. $2,500

**Region 5 Regional Development Commission**
Project support for curriculum design for practitioner professional development associated with the Minnesota Network of Community Developers in rural Minnesota. $27,300

**Total**
49 grants $3,382,448