



## 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**

**Independent School District 318**

Project support for sponsoring a youth-led TEDx event at the Reif Center in Itasca County. **\$4,000**

**Independent School District 318**

Donation in support of Financial Aid Night for Grand Rapids High School students and parents in Itasca County. **\$150**

**ISD 317 Deer River**

Project support for Anishinaabe Worldview Training for Deer River and Remer educators and other local community members in Itasca County. **\$12,675**

**ISD 317 Deer River**

Donation in support of Deer River High School's 2017 post prom event in Itasca County. **\$500**

**Itasca Choral Society**

Donation in support of the 2016-17 fall and spring concert programs in Itasca County. **\$250**

**Itasca Community College**

Donation in support of O Gitch I Dah Club's 2017 annual spring pow-wow in Itasca County. **\$1,000**

**Itasca Community College**

Project support for post-production costs for a video about the value of inclusion and diversity in Itasca County. **\$4,000**

**Itasca Community College**

Donation in support of the advancement of students with Native ancestry in the engineering and science fields in Itasca County. **\$1,000**

**Itasca Community Television, Inc.**

Operating support over two years in the Grand Rapids/Itasca County area. **\$160,000**

**Itasca County**

Donation in support of the Forest Education Awareness Program's annual training for educators and community members in Itasca County. **\$1,000**

**Itasca County Family YMCA Inc.**

Operating support over two years for the child care, youth and senior programs in the Grand Rapids/Itasca County area. **\$190,000**

**Legal Aid Service of Northeastern MN**

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. **\$350,000**

**Marcell Family Center, Inc.**

Capital support for renovations to the facility to house a child care center in Itasca County. **\$2,000**

### **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**