Grant Awards - September and December 2014

Local Grants
Area of focus: Vibrant Itasca County

Ball Club Local Indian Council
Donation in support of Ball Club’s 52nd annual Mii-Gwitch Mahnomen Days pow wow in Itasca County $1,000

Bigfork Valley Foundation
Project support for the engineering and planning of the Bigfork RiverWalk project in Itasca County $2,000

Bovey/Coleraine Youth Center Inc
Project support for the 2014 New Year’s Eve community celebration in Itasca County $5,750

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

Deer River Area Health Care Foundation
Donation in support of increasing patient access to cardiac and pulmonary rehabilitation in Itasca County $250

Edge of the Wilderness Community Center
Project support to host the Ragamala Dance Company in October 2014 for one public performance and two school activities in Itasca County $3,000

ElderCircle
Project support for the 2014 annual community Thanksgiving dinner in Itasca County $2,200

First Call for Help of Itasca County
Project support for the 2014 Community Connect event in Itasca County $5,000

First Call for Help of Itasca County
Donation towards bullying prevention and suicide awareness training in Itasca County $500

Grand Itasca Foundation
Donation in support of the High School Scholarship Fund in Itasca County $250
Grand Rapids Band Boosters
Donation to advertise the 2015-16 Blandin Education Grants program in the Grand Rapids High School band calendar in Itasca County $550

Grand Rapids Show Boat Inc
Donation in support of repairs to the stage and bleachers in Itasca County $1,000

Greater Pokegama Lake Association
Donation towards the Annual Independence Day fireworks on Pokegama Lake for the Grand Rapids area in Itasca County $1,000

Greenway Joint Recreation Association
Donation in support of the second annual Fishing Tournament for the Greenway Sports Complex in Itasca County $500

Independent School District 318
Donation in support of Grand Rapids High School's safe driving campaign "Celebrate My Drive" in Itasca County $500

Independent School District 318
Donation for advertising the 2015-16 Blandin Education Grants Program in the Grand Rapids High School yearbook in Itasca County $325

Inger Local Council
Donation for Inger's 2014 Cha Cha Bah Ning Pow Wow in Itasca County $1,000

Itasca Area Schools Collaborative
Donation towards providing Question, Persuade and Refer (QPR) training to all school district staff in suicide awareness in Itasca County $927.35

Itasca Choral Society
Donation for the fall and spring concert programs in Itasca County $200

Itasca Community Television, Inc.
Operating support over two years in Itasca County $160,000

Itasca County Family YMCA Inc
Operating support over two years for the child care, youth and senior programs in Itasca County $170,000

Legal Aid Service of Northeastern MN
Operating support to continue to provide legal assistance to low-income individuals and the Native American Outreach project in the Itasca County area $270,000

Legal Aid Service of Northeastern MN
Project support for a new Domestic Violence Court in Itasca County area $79,124
Pengilly Booster Club
Donation towards upgrades to the Pengilly Community Center in Itasca County $1,000

Reif Arts Council
Project support for a visual humorist and musician for the New Year’s Day 2015 performance at a reduced price for the Itasca County area $6,500

Youth for Christ
Operating support in 2015 for the Ground Floor Youth Center in Itasca County $85,000

Area of focus: Expand Opportunity

City of Grand Rapids
Project support for facilitation services for government entities on potential collaboration efforts in the Grand Rapids/Itasca County area $2,500

GiveMN
Project support for training and technical assistance for nonprofits and schools in the Itasca County area to successfully transition to the new giving platform and to prepare for Give to the Max Day 2014 $10,000

Grand Rapids Area Community Foundation
Project support for the Grand Gathering and conversation event at Grand Rapids High School in Itasca County $5,000

Grand Rapids Economic Dev. Authority
Project support for a comprehensive building assessment of Central School so as to preserve and improve it as an economic and cultural community asset in Itasca County $18,000

Greater MN Housing Fund
Project support for supportive services to residents of the Beacon Hill housing development in Itasca County $300,000

Itasca Community College
Project support for activities associated with the shared text project, Rez Life, for students, staff and community members in Itasca County $6,250

Itasca Community College
Project support for the 2015 Career Fair in Itasca County $10,000

Itasca Community College
Project support for continuation of financial aid programs for Itasca County high school graduates for the 2015-16 academic year $375,000
Itasca Community College
Project support for developing programming to improve the success rate for students of African descent and improve cross-cultural competency within both the college and the surrounding community in Itasca County $50,000

Itasca Community College
Project support for FIRST Robotics teams from Grand Rapids, Deer River and Northome high schools in Itasca County $15,000

Nashwauk Township
Capital support for citizen-led efforts to establish a new community center for Nashwauk Township in Itasca County $50,000

Trout Lake Township
Donation towards technology equipment to expand computer literacy in the Trout Lake community in Itasca County $1,000

Rural Minnesota
Area of focus: Expand Opportunity

Advocates For Family Peace
Project support to explore whether a merger or alignment with Domestic Abuse Intervention Programs (DAIP) would be a positive strategic opportunity to families experiencing domestic violence in Itasca, St. Louis and neighboring counties in rural Minnesota $17,000

Anishinabe Legal Services
Operating support to provide free legal representation to indigent parents in child protection matters before the Leech Lake Tribal Court in rural Minnesota $50,000

Citizens League
Project support for the Taking on 2025 initiative to make Minnesotans aware of the enormous demographic changes taking place in the next 11 years in rural Minnesota $30,000

City of Grand Marais
Project support to finalize bidding, secure customer agreements, and finalize financing options for constructing and operating a biomass district heating system for the rural community of Grand Marais $50,000

College of St. Scholastica
Project support to develop an Ojibwe curriculum for Niigaane immersion school teachers at Bug-O-Nay-Ge-Shig School in rural Minnesota $10,000

Dovetail Partners
Project support for collaborative work to address the northern Minnesota forest dependent community's concerns and opportunities related to the
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<td>Greater Bemidji</td>
<td>Capital support to develop an R&amp;D incubator/accelerator for emerging high-tech manufacturing companies with a focus on entrepreneurship development in the Bemidji area</td>
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<td>Project support for the 2014 annual nonprofit conference in rural Minnesota</td>
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<td>Project support for the summer 2014 issue of <em>Giving Forum</em> focusing on diversity, equity and inclusion throughout rural Minnesota</td>
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<td>MN Dept of Natural Resources</td>
<td>Project support to publish, print and distribute a forest management guide book for loggers, managers and foresters in rural Minnesota</td>
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<td>MN Diversified Industries</td>
<td>Project support to build capacity in marketing, communications, and fund development to strengthen MDI’s ability to pursue business opportunities and to provide meaningful employment opportunities for people with disabilities in rural Minnesota</td>
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<td>Project support for developing a Brainerd race equity plan and implementing the Mille Lacs Region race equity plan</td>
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<td>Navigate</td>
<td>Donation for sponsorship of the Latino Heritage Celebration event in rural Minnesota</td>
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**Northern Minnesota Public Television**  
Project support for new programming, research, development and implementation as part of the Program Future Fund in rural Minnesota  
$50,000

**PFund Foundation**  
Project support for PFund's expanded work in Minnesota (QReach) to map LGBT organizational infrastructure, networks, and approaches to social change work in rural Minnesota  
$30,000

**Second Harvest North Central Food Bank**  
Project support for the Cass Lake Area Food Shelf to cover food costs for three months during the summer of 2014 in rural Minnesota  
$6,000

**Second Harvest North Central Food Bank**  
Project support for the Kids Packs To Go Backpack program and Cass Lake Food Shelf in rural Minnesota  
$3,000

**United Way of Freeborn County, Inc**  
Donation in support of the Freeborn County Leaders Partnering to End Poverty steering committee in rural Minnesota  
$1,000

**Walker Area Community Foundation**  
Donation in support of public art depicting the cultural heritage of the Leech Lake area in rural Minnesota  
$1,000

**Area of focus: Invest in Leadership**

**City of Ely**  
Project support to create a downtown plan with the help of the Minnesota Design team as part of the Rural Quick Start program  
$5,000

**City of Waubun**  
Project support for a forum to address local community issues as part of the Rural Quick Start program  
$2,500

**Cook County Community Radio**  
Project support for strategic planning assistance as part of the Rural Quick Start program  
$3,500

**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
Independent School District 544 Fergus Falls
Project support for curriculum development of "Skills for Tomorrow Today" as part of the Rural Quick Start program

LEAP, Inc.
Project support to obtain nonprofit status for the Staples-Motley Beyond Poverty group and convene focus groups as part of the Rural Quick Start program in rural Minnesota

LEAP, Inc.
Project support to implement the Bridges of Hope Mentoring Program in Staples-Motley as part of the Rural Quick Start program

Northfield Area Foundation
Project support to develop an environmental scan for the greater Northfield community as part of the Rural Quick Start Program

St Joseph’s Area Health Services Inc
Project support for the Park Rapids Food Angels Backpack Program as part of the Rural Quick Start program

Broadband
Local grants

Itasca County
Project support to gather data on areas in Itasca County that are underserved and unserved by broadband in addition to identifying strategies for development of a robust network throughout Itasca County as part of the Broadband Program

Rural Minnesota grants

City of Monticello
Project support to research and review the benefits and potential structures of creating an organizational entity to support collaboration between municipalities, co-ops and other publicly oriented broadband providers as part of the Broadband Program

City of Starbuck
Donation towards conducting a series of four e-marketing workshops for area businesses as part of the Broadband Program in rural Minnesota
Employment Enterprises, Inc
Project support to provide clients with disabilities and mental illness access to online job training skills as part of the Broadband Program in rural Minnesota $4,790

Fond Du Lac Band of Lake Superior Chippewa
Project support to upgrade the currently deployed unmanaged and limited wireless network at the FDL Ojibwe School to a modern, centrally managed network with greater capacity as part of the Broadband Program in rural Minnesota $10,000

KOOTASCA Community Action, Inc
Operating support for the Circles of Support PCs for People affiliate operation as part of the Broadband Program in rural Minnesota $12,500

Leech Lake Band of Ojibwe
Project support to begin deployment of a wireless network across the reservation to provide quality broadband to tribal members at affordable prices as part of the Broadband Program in rural Minnesota $50,000

The Brainerd Baxter Youth Center
Project support to establish a PCs for People affiliate office at TheShop youth center where youth will be trained to refurbish and redistribute the computers as part of the Broadband Program in rural Minnesota $25,000

Regents of The University of Minnesota
Donation for sponsorship of the Telecommunications and Information Society Policy Forum to hold a Broadband Roundtable discussion on June 17, 2014 $500

Winona Senior Friendship Center Activity Council, Inc
Project support to provide videoconferencing technology to older adults no longer able to travel to the Friendship Center, while engaging young adult volunteers as trainers as part of the Broadband Program in rural Minnesota $10,000

September subtotal
39 grants $773,120

December subtotal
42 grants $2,743,526.35

Total
81 grants $3,516,646.35