June 2015 grant awards

Local Grants
Area of focus: Vibrant Itasca County

**Bigfork Valley Foundation**
Donation for Bigfork area youth and family programs in Itasca County $250

**City of Bigfork**
Capital support to purchase fire department rescue equipment in Itasca County $5,000

**City of Grand Rapids**
Project support for Crisis Intervention Team training for law enforcement personnel in Itasca County $25,000

**Edge of the Wilderness Community Center**
Donation for bringing Peter Rothstein's holiday musical "All Is Calm" to Itasca County $1,000

**Edge of the Wilderness Community Center**
Project support for an Ojibwe Women Artist event and to host the Itasca Symphony in celebration of the 10th anniversary of the Edge Center in Itasca County $5,000

**Governmental and Educational Assistance Corporation**
Donation for a theater room for Manor House residents in Itasca County $500

**Grand Rapids Show Boat Inc**
Project support for technical assistance to develop a sustainability plan in Itasca County $3,000

**Grand Rapids Summer Celebration Inc**
Donation for the 2015 Tall Timber Days festival in Itasca County $1,000

**Independent School District 318**
Operating support over two years for Baby Steps in Itasca County $190,000

**Judy Garland Children's Museum**
Donation for the 2015 Judy Garland Festival in Itasca County $1,000

**Nonprofits Assistance Fund**
Project support to continue capacity building services for nonprofit organizations in Itasca County $150,000
Northland Counseling Center Inc
Capital support for construction of Kiesler Wellness Center in Itasca County $1,000,000

Reif Arts Council
Project support for developing formal working agreements between four arts programs within a new facility in Itasca County $2,838

Remer Centennial Library
Donation for library software in the Itasca County area $1,000

S Lake Local Indian Council
Donation for the spring offering powwow in Itasca County $1,000

Wirt Community Club
Donation for handicapped accessibility renovations at the Wirt town hall in Itasca County $1,000

Area of focus: Invest in Leaders

Grand Rapids Area Community Foundation
Project support for attracting national ArtPlace America funding to The local arts community in Itasca County $2,100

Area of focus: Expand Opportunity

Cass County Economic Development Corp
Donation for membership in support of economic development activities for Remer in the Itasca County area $1,000

Independent School District 316
Project support for required testing fees to become a Certified Nursing Assistant in Itasca County $1,500

Itasca Area Schools Collaborative
Operating support of the Invest Early program through June 2016 in Itasca County $2,100,000

Itasca Economic Development Corporation
Project support to increase the technology sophistication of businesses and organizations through online resources, training and networking as part of the Broadband Program in Itasca County $25,000

Northland Area Family Service Center
Project support over two years for the Northland Early Childhood Collaboration in the Itasca County area $180,000
## Rural Minnesota

### Area of focus: Expand Opportunity

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<td>Project support for development of a new economic development web portal for northeast rural Minnesota</td>
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<td><strong>Great Plains Institute For Sustainable Development</strong></td>
<td>Operations support to further the work of the Bioeconomy Coalition of Minnesota through 2015 in rural Minnesota</td>
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<td><strong>Harbor Centers Inc.</strong></td>
<td>Project support to expand the Itasca County Aging Services Guide to include Koochiching County in rural Minnesota</td>
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<td><strong>Immigrant Law Center of MN</strong></td>
<td>Operating support over two years to support the Rural Immigration Project in rural Minnesota</td>
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<td><strong>Ironworld Development Corporation</strong></td>
<td>Project support for the 2015 Iron Range Science and Engineering Festival in northeastern rural Minnesota</td>
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<td><strong>LEAP, Inc.</strong></td>
<td>Donation for a community resource fair and awareness campaign on mental health in rural Minnesota</td>
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<td><strong>Longville Area Community Choir</strong></td>
<td>Donation for the 2015 Music in the Park series in the Longville area</td>
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<td><strong>Minnesota D.A.R.E., Inc.</strong></td>
<td>Donation for D.A.R.E. programs in rural Minnesota</td>
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<td><strong>MN Council of Nonprofits Inc</strong></td>
<td>Donation for the 2015 Northeast Minnesota Nonprofit Summit in rural Minnesota</td>
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<td>Project support over three years for the Ron McKinley Fellowship Program in Itasca County</td>
<td>$304,620</td>
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<td><strong>MN Dept of Natural Resources</strong></td>
<td>Project support to study the Northern Long-Eared Bat's habitat requirements to balance conservation of bat habitat and maintenance</td>
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of sustainable forest management given the bat’s impending listing under the Endangered Species Act in rural Minnesota $7,500

**Native Americans in Philanthropy**
Project support for the 25th anniversary celebration and annual Native Philanthropy Institute in rural Minnesota $5,000

**Northland Foundation**
Project support for the 2015 Early Childhood Summit for northeastern Minnesota $5,000

**Northwest Minnesota Foundation**
Project support for planned giving program development for nonprofits in rural Minnesota $10,000

**U of MN Foundation**
Donation for the Gathering Partners in Natural Resources conference in Itasca County $500

**Voices for Racial Justice**
Project support for community organizing work for people of color in rural Minnesota $50,000

### Area of focus: Invest in Leaders

**Dakota Wicohan**
Project support for the summer leadership training and outreach program in the Lower Sioux Dakota community as part of the Rural Quick Start program $5,000

**La Crescent Area Healthy Community Partnership**
Project support for community meetings to develop a comprehensive plan and vision for La Crescent as part of the Rural Quick Start program $600

**Lake County Developmental Achievement Center Inc**
Project support for a feasibility study to establish a social services center in Two Harbors as part of the Rural Quick Start program $3,800

**MinnPost**
Project support for a series of solutions-focused stories covering important rural Minnesota issues $50,000

### Broadband

**Rural Minnesota grants**

**Brainerd Lakes Development Corp**
Project support to determine the feasibility/strategy to create and sustain a high tech Live/Work Center in the Brainerd Lakes region as part of the Broadband Program in rural Minnesota $6,000
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<td>Chisago County Housing and Redevelopment Authority-Economic Development Authority</td>
<td>Project support to conduct a combined community survey and outreach effort to spur interest and action around broadband networks and services as part of the Broadband Program in rural Minnesota</td>
<td>$1,990</td>
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<td>Chisago County Housing and Redevelopment Authority-Economic Development Authority</td>
<td>Project support to design, promote and conduct multiple e-commerce/social media training sessions throughout the county as part of the Broadband Program in rural Minnesota</td>
<td>$10,000</td>
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<td>Chisago Lakes School District 2144</td>
<td>Project support to provide wi-fi on school buses to enable more productive use of student time on long bus rides to and from school activities and to provide free wi-fi at community events as part of the Broadband Program in rural Minnesota</td>
<td>$18,275</td>
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<td>City of Gaylord</td>
<td>Project support to market the concept of tech centers/maker spaces across the Renville/Sibley Fiber area and determine the feasibility/market demand/next steps in the development process as part of the Broadband Program in rural Minnesota</td>
<td>$3,750</td>
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<td>Depot Studios</td>
<td>Project support to provide computer access with a wi-fi hotspot at an artist, craft and entrepreneurial center in Isle as part of the Broadband Program in rural Minnesota</td>
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<td>East Central Regional Development Commission</td>
<td>Project support to conduct an analysis of the region's existing broadband assets and services to inform community leaders about potential gaps and opportunities as part of the Broadband Program in rural Minnesota</td>
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<td>Essentia Health Foundation</td>
<td>Project support to provide tele-health training sessions in Resilient Region Five's five-county area and on the Leech Lake Reservation as part of the Broadband Program</td>
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<td>Independent School District 2752 - Fairmont Area Schools</td>
<td>Project support to develop and market a shared community calendar and facilities scheduler as part of the Broadband Program in rural Minnesota</td>
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<td>Fond Du Lac Band of Lake Superior Chippewa</td>
<td>Project support for two sessions of a two-week technology learning workshop on mobile app creation for students as part of the Broadband Program in rural Minnesota</td>
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Independent School District 2365 - Gibbon Fairfax Winthrop Schools
Project support to outfit school buses with wi-fi to enable more productive use of student time on long bus rides to and from school activities, and to provide free wi-fi at community events as part of the Broadband Program in rural Minnesota $24,605

Independent School District 181 - Brainerd Public Schools
Project support for technology and mobile devices in the Early Childhood and Family Education programs as part of the Broadband Program in rural Minnesota $5,000

Independent School District 390 – Lake of the Woods Schools
Project support to increase access to technology for students and area residents as part of the Broadband Program in rural Minnesota $9,875

Independent School District 518 – Worthington Schools
Project support to provide digital literacy training for diverse communities via a train-the-trainer approach (ethnic leaders will learn to teach basic computer skills in their native language) as part of the Broadband Program in rural Minnesota $9,000

Independent School District 518 – Worthington Schools
Project support for online marketing, technology and digital literacy training for area residents as part of the Broadband Program in rural Minnesota $9,000

Joseph R Brown Heritage Society
Project support to create an e-marketing platform and tourism apps for communities in the Renville/Sibley Fiber Project area as part of the Broadband Program in rural Minnesota $10,000

Kandiyohi County & City of Willmar EDC
Project support to promote and host a hackfest in Willmar as part of the Broadband Program in rural Minnesota $10,000

Leech Lake Band of Ojibwe
Project support to create a tribal computer refurbishment program that will provide refurbished computers to Leech Lake Band members while also providing job and skills training as part of the Broadband Program in rural Minnesota $10,000

Leech Lake Band of Ojibwe
Project support to continue and expand the Temporary Employment Program-hosted digital literacy program at four locations on the Leech Lake Reservation as part of the Broadband Program in rural Minnesota $20,680

Long Lake Township
Project support to conduct an engineering study to determine the cost and funding options for a high-speed broadband network in Long Lake Township as part of the Broadband Program in rural Minnesota $7,500
Martin County
Project support for a technology learning workshop on mobile app creation for students as part of the Broadband Program in rural Minnesota $9,950

Martin County
Project support to provide broadband technology training opportunities for Martin County residents as part of the Broadband Program in rural Minnesota $15,000

Mille Lacs County
Project support to facilitate implementation of a county-wide broadband feasibility study to review existing network services and infrastructure, market demand and technology alternatives for broadband as part of the Broadband Program in rural Minnesota $10,000

MN West Community/Tech College-Worthington
Project support to develop a two-credit college course on digital literacy targeted toward high school and college students as part of the Broadband Program in rural Minnesota $8,500

Red Wing Ignite
Project support to engage community youth in technology skills and discover opportunities within Red Wing for employment and entrepreneurship as part of the Broadband Program in rural Minnesota $10,000

Red Wing Ignite
Project support to convene business innovation networks and provide resources to fuel innovation in Red Wing as part of the Broadband Program in rural Minnesota $4,000

Sherburne County
Project support to do research and create a shared marketing program to engage citizens and elected officials around the concept of improving broadband services in Sherburne County as part of the Broadband Program in rural Minnesota $15,000

Upper Minnesota Valley Regional Development Commission
Project support for a study to determine the feasibility of constructing a fiber network connecting all public buildings in the Upper Minnesota Valley Region as part of the Broadband Program in rural Minnesota $25,000

Total
73 grants $4,626,653