



## March 2014 grant awards

### Local Grants

#### Area of focus: Vibrant Itasca County

##### Arrowhead Economic Opportunity Agency

Operations support of the Free At Last independent living skills program and the LIFE homeless youth program in 2014-15 in Itasca County **\$24,000**

##### Balsam Township

Donation for a new fire hall in Itasca County **\$1,000**

##### Bigfork Improvement Group

Capital support for restoration and preservation of the Bigfork City Hall in Itasca County **\$12,500**

##### Deer River White Oak Society, Inc.

Capital support for upgrades to maintenance equipment in Itasca County **\$5,000**

##### Depot Commons Association

Project support for continuation of the Workforce Development program for 2014 **\$57,000**

##### Eldercircle

Capital support for accounting services software and equipment in Itasca County **\$5,000**

##### Grand Rapids Area Community Foundation

Operations support for the Itasca County Sharing Fund in 2014 and 2015 **\$200,000**

##### Grand Rapids Area Community Foundation

Project support to supplement the Sharing Fund for heating assistance for Itasca area families through April 2014 **\$50,000**

##### Grand Rapids Area Community Foundation

Donation in support of the Itasca Area Cancer Crisis Fund **\$1,000**

##### Grand Rapids Players

Donation towards three community plays in 2014 in Itasca County **\$500**

##### Grand Rapids Show Boat Inc

Donation in support of underwriting The Whitesidewalls concert as a fundraiser for Grand Rapids Showboat in Itasca County **\$1,000**

**Grand Rapids Summer Celebration Inc**

Donation toward the 2014 Tall Timber Days festival in Itasca County **\$1,000**

**Greenway 316 Foundation Inc**

Donation in support of Financial Aid Night for Greenway students and parents in Itasca County **\$300**

**Greenway Joint Recreation Association**

Donation in support of the first annual Greenway Area Recreational Fishing Tournament in Itasca County **\$500**

**Independent School District 2**

Donation for Financial Aid night for Hill City high school students and parents in the Itasca County area **\$300**

**Independent School District 118, Remer**

Donation towards the Native parent engagement project in the Itasca area **\$800**

**Independent School District 118, Remer**

Donation towards Financial Aid Night at Northland High School in the Itasca County area **\$300**

**Independent School District 316**

Donation to replace the outdoor seating in the Greenway School Forest in Itasca County **\$1,000**

**Independent School District 317 Deer River**

Donation towards two FAFSA Completion workshops for Deer River High School students and parents in Itasca County **\$230**

**Independent School District 318**

Project support to bring in speaker Jamie Vollmer for the IASC multi-district day workshop in Itasca County **\$4,500**

**Independent School District 318**

Capital support to purchase playground equipment at Forest Lake Elementary School in Grand Rapids **\$3,000**

**Independent School District 318**

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

**Itasca Community College**

Donation for O Gitch I Dah Club's 2014 annual spring pow-wow in Itasca county **\$1,000**

**Itasca Ski & Outing Club**

Donation towards Mt. Itasca Ski Patrol's 2014 communication equipment in Itasca County **\$1,000**

**Lets Go Fishing of MN**

Donation for the Itasca Chapter Lets Go Fishing with Seniors in Itasca County **\$1,000**

**Neighbors Helping Neighbors Food Shelf**

Operating support to hire a Site Coordinator in Itasca County **\$20,000**

**Nonprofits Assistance Fund**

Project support to implement a capacity building service program for nonprofit organizations in Itasca County **\$100,000**

**Northland Counseling Center Inc**

Project support to conduct a study for the Itasca County Housing Institute **\$5,000**

**Reif Arts Council**

Capital support to renovate and expand the Reif Center **\$1,500,000**

**Rural Renewable Energy Alliance**

Capital support for the installation of a minimum of five solar heating systems for low-income households in the Itasca area over the course of 2014 **\$50,000**

**Support Within Reach**

Project support for board and staff development in planning, collaboration and conflict resolution in Itasca County **\$3,000**

**Wirt Community Club**

Donation for the 2014 Wirt Summer Fest in Itasca County **\$1,000**

**Area of focus: Expand Opportunity**

**Amherst H. Wilder Foundation**

Project support to prepare a report and presentation clarifying and explaining the school readiness and family outcomes of Invest Early in Itasca County **\$10,000**

**Independent School District 317 Deer River**

Project support for the 2014 FIRST Robotics team at Deer River High School in Itasca County **\$5,000**

**Independent School District 318**

Project support for the 2014 FIRST Robotics team at Grand Rapids High School in Itasca County **\$6,000**

**Independent School District 363**

Project support for the 2014 FIRST Robotics team at Northome High School in the Itasca County area **\$5,000**

**KOOTASCA Community Action**

Operating support of the Homelessness Prevention Program in 2014-15 in Itasca County **\$30,000**

**KOOTASCA Community Action**

Operating support for the Crisis Nursery Program in 2014-15 in Itasca County **\$48,000**

**KOOTASCA Community Action**

Operating support for the Teenage Parent Program in 2014-15 in Itasca County **\$118,000**

**KOOTASCA Community Action**

Operating support to promote community engagement activities and partnerships in 2014-15 in Itasca County **\$94,000**

**KOOTASCA Community Action**

Project support for continuation of the Circles of Support program during 2014-15 in Itasca County **\$250,000**

**Minnesota Wood Education Project**

Project support for the 2014 Goods from the Woods event, including a study and planning for future sustainability in Itasca County **\$10,000**

## **Rural Minnesota**

### **Area of focus: Expand Opportunity**

**City of Aitkin**

Project support to form an economic development structure to lead ongoing economic development activity in Aitkin County **\$1,500**

**Cass County Economic Development Corp**

Operations support for economic development efforts in Remer and northern Cass County for 2014 **\$3,500**

**Centro Campesino, Inc.**

Operating support to address discrimination, workers' rights violations, immigrant and migrant youth development, along with self-advocacy, access to higher education and health care **\$100,000**

**DEBWE Youth Center**

Project support for the American Indian educational youth project as part of the Rural Quick Start program **\$5,000**

**Enterprise Minnesota**

Project support for regional sponsorship of the 2014 State of Manufacturing poll **\$5,000**

**Greater Twin Cities United Way**

Project support for continued funding for the Start Early Funders Coalition **\$20,000**

**Immigrant Law Center of MN**

Operating support to expand service delivery to low-income immigrant populations in rural communities in northwestern Minnesota **\$48,000**

**Independent School District 94**

Donation in support of the career focused transition conference for high school students with disabilities in northeast Minnesota **\$1,000**

**Independent School District 318**

Donation for "Connecting the Dots" youth conference April 16, 2014 **\$500**

**Independent School District 2170**

Capital support for outdoor enrichment activities as part of the Rural Quick Start program in rural Minnesota **\$4,000**

**Ironworld Development Corporation**

Project support for the 2014 Iron Range Science and Engineering Festival **\$2,500**

**City of Kiester**

Project support to form the Kiester Co-op as part of the Rural Quick Start program in rural Minnesota **\$5,000**

**Leech Lake Band of Ojibwe**

Project support for a community gathering for Smokey Point/Kego Lake/Boy Lake Local Indian Council **\$3,000**

**Minnesota Logger Education Program**

Project support to integrate point of harvest (MN Master Logger Certification) with forest management certification for family forests in rural Minnesota. **\$30,000**

**NE MN Higher Education District**

Project support for building professional development capacity within and across the District's five rural community colleges **\$16,000**

**Northland Foundation**

Operations support for continued funding of the Rural Economic Development (RED) Group in 2014 **\$20,000**

**Northland Foundation**

Project support for the 2014 Northeastern Minnesota Early Childhood Summit **\$5,000**

**US Army Corps of Engineers**

Donation to provide life jackets to children participating in the Leech Lake Kids Fishing Derby in rural Minnesota **\$500**

**Area of focus: Invest in Leadership**

**Red Wing Downtown Council Main Street Inc**

Project support for planning and marketing a local restaurant challenge designed to revive the downtown area of Red Wing **\$5,000**

# Broadband

## Local grants

### **Grand Rapids Area Community Foundation**

Project support to continue implementation and marketing of a collaborative community portal and to create a mobile-friendly version of the portal     **\$15,000**

### **Itasca Economic Development Corporation**

Project support for business technology assessments, a Google Place initiative and to assist with capitalizing a loan fund for small businesses to implement technology improvements     **\$30,000**

### **Itasca Economic Development Corporation**

Project support to help Itasca County become a learning community where technology best practices are shared through "Social Media Breakfasts" and utilized to the benefit of area businesses and organizations     **\$15,000**

## Rural Minnesota grants

### **Arrowhead Economic Opportunity Agency**

Donation towards introducing the use of an online screening tool for Two Harbors Area Food Shelf patrons that will help identify public programs for which they might qualify     **\$1,000**

### **Artspace Projects, Inc.**

Project support to provide affordable broadband access and training opportunities to low-income artists and their families and nonprofit organizations who work in the Franklin Arts Center     **\$25,000**

### **East Central Minnesota Educational Cable Cooperative**

Project support to increase public access to the internet by creating a network of WiFi hotspots throughout the community     **\$18,245**

### **Fond Du Lac Band of Lake Superior Chippewa**

Project support for a two week technology learning workshop on mobile app creation for students     **\$11,640**

### **Fond Du Lac Band of Lake Superior Chippewa**

Project support to increase public access to the internet by creating 13 public access wireless hotspots at tribally-owned locations on the reservation, including housing, tribal office, Head Start and the tribe's medical clinic     **\$7,890**

### **Fond Du Lac Band of Lake Superior Chippewa**

Project support to provide mobile devices to students with learning centered around math and Ojibwe language and culture     **\$7,500**

### **ISD 330 Heron Lake-Okabena**

Capital support to provide access to laptops and the internet, both at the schools for students, and to their local communities through Community Ed classes and open lab time. **\$22,000**

**ISD 330 Heron Lake-Okabena** Project support to provide access to a community computer lab and internet hotspots **\$9,000**

**ISD 912 Milaca Public Schools**

Capital support for the purchase and operation of 12 wi-fi routers for school buses across four districts so students can use travel time for homework and increase their chances of succeeding in school

**\$12,790**

**ISD 2907 Round Lake Brewster**

Project support to provide access to mobile devices at the schools for P-8 students and their families, and to their local communities through Community Ed classes, open lab time, and Social Media Breakfasts **\$15,000**

**Jackson County Library**

Project support to provide increased library access to mobile devices and the internet for individuals, preschools and seniors, and for other organizations on a check-out basis **\$11,000**

**Kanabec Area Chamber Foundation**

Project support to help local businesses increase and improve their use of online marketing through training and technical support, including accessing the current expertise of local students **\$4,000**

**Kanabec County**

Project support to connect FirstLight Health System to other providers in the community, specifically Kanabec County Public Health and St. Clare Living Community of Mora and begin to provide patient services via telemedicine **\$15,000**

**Lac qui Parle Valley School District**

Project support to create a center with hands-on learning opportunities in science, technology, engineering and math (STEM) with a focus on agriculture **\$25,000**

**Lac qui Parle Valley School District**

Project support for the District's move to 1:1 device learning for all students in grades 5-12 **\$25,000**

**Lake County**

Project support to provide a central online source of information, events and resources for Lake County residents and visitors alike, providing both a unifying force and an economic development tool

**\$25,000**

**Lake of the Woods County**

Project support to increase public access to the internet and increase traffic and business for local establishments; to provide additional training to businesses and residents and support for Google site claiming **\$15,000**

**Lake of the Woods Senior Citizens Council, Inc**

Capital support to increase public access to computers and the internet by providing more computers and internet access points at several public and nonprofit locations **\$24,900**

**Lake Superior School District #381**

Project support to increase public access to the internet, thereby increasing traffic and business for local establishments **\$25,000**

**Mille Lacs Band of Ojibwe**

Capital support for a public-private partnership to build Fiber to the Home in Lake Lena **\$25,000**

**Mille Lacs Band of Ojibwe**

Capital support to provide computers and training to 100 low-income band member families **\$7,125**

**Mille Lacs County**

Project support to create a public access computer lab at the Courthouse with computers placed at two additional locations **\$11,000**

**Mille Lacs County**

Capital support to distribute 100 computers to low-income families in Mille Lacs County **\$6,750**

**Mille Lacs County**

Project support to conduct analysis around broadband availability and affordability using Geographical Information Systems (GIS) **\$5,250**

**Mille Lacs County**

Project support to create five new public wi-fi hotspots within the county **\$3,750**

**Mille Lacs County**

Capital support to create two video conference centers through which citizens can participate in public meetings held at the courthouse **\$3,000**

**City of Mora**

Capital support to provide a public space, equipped with high speed broadband, computer and related technology to support telecommuting and after-school homework **\$24,920**

**Northshore Area Partners**

Project support to provide internet training to the senior citizens of Lake County **\$1,170**

**Project FINE**

Project support to provide ongoing training and access to immigrants and refugees; activities will focus on advanced digital literacy and using technology to develop connections with others in the community and beyond **\$25,000**

**Total**

**93 grants \$3,375,510**