## March 2015 grant awards

### Local Grants

**Area of focus: Vibrant Itasca County**

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<td>Deer River White Oak Society, Inc.</td>
<td>Donation for the 2015 White Oak Sled Dog Race in Itasca County</td>
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<td>Depot Commons Association</td>
<td>Project support for continuation of the Workforce Development program over two years in Itasca County</td>
<td>$90,000</td>
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<td>Grand Rapids Area Community Foundation</td>
<td>Donation in support of the Itasca Area Cancer Crisis Fund for 2015</td>
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<td>Grand Rapids Players</td>
<td>Donation towards underwriting 2015 productions in Itasca County</td>
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<td>Greenway 316 Foundation Inc</td>
<td>Donation in support of Financial Aid Night for Greenway High School students and parents in Itasca County</td>
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<td>Habitat for Humanity of Itasca County</td>
<td>Project support to participate in the Financial Resiliency and Social Enterprise program in Itasca County</td>
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<td>Independent School District 118, Remer</td>
<td>Donation towards the 2015 Financial Aid Night for Northland High School students and parents in the Itasca County area</td>
<td>$120</td>
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<td>Independent School District 2, Hill City</td>
<td>Donation for the 2015 Financial Aid Night for Hill City High School students and parents in the Itasca County area</td>
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<td>Independent School District 318, Grand Rapids</td>
<td>Donation for the Grand Rapids High School 2015 post prom event in Itasca County</td>
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<td>Donation in support of Financial Aid Night 2015 for Grand Rapids High School students and parents in Itasca County</td>
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Independent School District 319, N-K
Donation towards the 2015 Financial Aid Night for Nashwauk-Keewatin High School student and parents in Itasca County $200

ISD 317, Deer River
Donation in support of Deer River High School's 2015 post prom event in Itasca County $500

Itasca Community College
Donation in support of Upward Bound summer programming in Itasca County $400

Itasca Community College
Donation for O Gitch I Dah Club's 2015 annual spring pow-wow in Itasca County $1,000

Itasca Ski & Outing Club
Donation towards Mt. Itasca Ski Patrol's communication equipment in Itasca County $1,000

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

MN Assistance Council for Veterans
Project support for programming and services for veterans in Itasca County $10,000

Pine River Backus Family Center
Project support for the Strategic Prevention Framework for students in grades 6-12 who attend Northland (Remer) Community school district in the Itasca County area $10,000

Second Harvest North Central Food Bank
Donation towards general operations as part of staff recognition program in Itasca County $500

United Way of 1,000 Lakes
Project support for community engagement work to aid communications and strategic planning to guide the continued growth of the Student Success initiative in Itasca County $22,000

Area of focus: Invest in Leaders

MacRostie Art Center
Project support for the multi-media art exhibit entitled "What's Left," specifically to defray costs of supplies and materials needed to build displays for exhibiting the art as part of the Rural Quick Start program in Itasca County $5,000
**Area of focus: Expand Opportunity**

**Independent School District 2, Hill City**  
Project support over two years for continued early childhood programming for Hill City in the Itasca area  
$170,000

**Itasca County Family YMCA Inc**  
Capital support for the Active Living Center in Itasca County  
$400,000

**Northern Community Radio KAXE**  
Project support to participate in the Financial Resiliency and Social Enterprise program in Itasca County  
$10,000

**Reif Arts Council**  
Capital support for expansion at the Reif Center in Itasca County  
$1,000,000

**Rural Minnesota**  
**Area of focus: Expand Opportunity**

**Enterprise Minnesota**  
Project support for the 2015 State of Manufacturing survey in rural Minnesota  
$10,000

**Start Early Funders Coalition**  
Project support over three years for continued funding of the Start Early Funders Coalition in rural Minnesota  
$75,000

**Start Early Funders Coalition**  
Project support to provide gap funding in 2014 for research, program development, public policy and grant making to improve early childhood efforts across rural Minnesota  
$10,000

**H.O.W.A. Family Center**  
Donation towards program expansion and outreach to serve Native American families in rural Minnesota  
$1,000

**Leech Lake Band of Ojibwe**  
Donation in support of planning for the Minnesota Tribal Child Care agencies in rural Minnesota  
$1,000

**Leech Lake Band of Ojibwe**  
Project support for regalia making workshops on the Leech Lake Reservation in rural Minnesota  
$10,000

**Minnesota Folklore Theater Inc**  
Donation in support of providing a summer theater camp experience for all area youth in the Walker-Cass Lake area highlighted by a performance of Annie, reimagined and set in a native boarding school in the 1920s  
$1,000
MN Coalition for the Homeless
Project support to implement the Intercultural Development Inventory assessment and update the strategic plan in rural Minnesota $20,000

Northern Community Radio KAXE
Project support for the Great Northern Radio Show in rural Minnesota $22,000

Northland Foundation
Operations support for continued funding of the Rural Economic Development (RED) Group in 2015 $20,000

Northland Foundation
Project support for the 2015 KIDS PLUS Pathway to Careers event in rural Minnesota $10,000

Park Rapids Community Development Corporation
Project support for the downtown revitalization project in rural Minnesota $30,000

The Advocates for Human Rights
Project support to meet emergency humanitarian legal assistance for Central American unaccompanied child asylum seekers in rural Minnesota $35,000

US Army Corps of Engineers
Project support for the 2015 Kids Fishing Derby which focuses on water safety education for youth and to provide each participating child with their own properly fitted PFD in rural Minnesota $500

Voyageur’s National Park Association
Project support for a regional geotourism partnership with the National Geographic Society in rural Minnesota $10,000

Women’s Foundation of Minnesota
Project support over two years for continuing the Building Economic Success Together (girlsBEST) and women’s economic opportunity Programming throughout rural Minnesota $100,000

Area of focus: Invest in Leaders

Brainerd Lakes Area Chamber of Commerce Education Assn
Project support to engage in discussions utilizing Art of Hosting World Café community conversations on issues facing the Brainerd area as part of the Rural Quick Start Program $5,000

City of Pipestone
Project support for an area employment fair as part of the Rural Quick Start Program in rural Minnesota $5,000
Regents of The University of Minnesota
Project support for the One Minnesota 2015 Conference of Legislators in rural Minnesota $10,000

Broadband
Rural Minnesota grants

Big Stone Area Growth
Project support to expand the usage of online digital tools through the use of a community web/blog portal, and social media breakfasts as part of the Broadband Program in rural Minnesota $6,400

Carlton County
Donation in support of planning and project development efforts as part of the Broadband Program in rural Minnesota $1,000

Chisago County Housing and Redevelopment Authority-Economic Development Authority
Donation in support of planning and project development efforts as part of the Broadband Program in rural Minnesota $1,000

City of Gaylord
Donation in support of planning and project development efforts as part of the Broadband Program in rural Minnesota $1,000

City of Long Prairie
Project support to prepare a pre-engineering proposal for the City of Long Prairie and surrounding area to build a fiber to the premise network through a public/private partnership as part of the Broadband Program in rural Minnesota $15,000

East Central Regional Development Commission
Donation in support of planning and project development efforts as part of the Broadband Program in rural Minnesota $1,000

Martin County
Donation in support of planning and project development efforts as part of the Broadband Program in rural Minnesota $1,000

Mille Lacs County
Project support to conduct a study to provide information needed to install a Fiber to the Premise (FTTP) broadband system as part of the Broadband Program in rural Minnesota $10,000

Nobles County
Donation in support of planning and project development efforts as part of the Broadband Program in rural Minnesota $1,000
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<td>Project support to coordinate the distribution of 500 computers to eligible recipients in each of ten Blandin Broadband Communities as part of the Broadband Program in rural Minnesota</td>
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<td>Project FINE</td>
<td>Project support for online marketing for diverse businesses as part of the Broadband Program in rural Minnesota</td>
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