



March 2015 grant awards

Local Grants

Area of focus: Vibrant Itasca County

Deer River White Oak Society, Inc. Donation for the 2015 White Oak Sled Dog Race in Itasca County	\$500
Depot Commons Association Project support for continuation of the Workforce Development program over two years in Itasca County	\$90,000
Grand Rapids Area Community Foundation Donation in support of the Itasca Area Cancer Crisis Fund for 2015	\$1,000
Grand Rapids Players Donation towards underwriting 2015 productions 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
Habitat for Humanity of Itasca County Project support to participate in the Financial Resiliency and Social Enterprise program in Itasca County	\$10,000
Independent School District 118, Remer Donation towards the 2015 Financial Aid Night for Northland High School students and parents in the Itasca County area	\$120
Independent School District 2, Hill City Donation for the 2015 Financial Aid Night for Hill City High School students and parents in the Itasca County area	\$150
Independent School District 318, Grand Rapids Donation for the Grand Rapids High School 2015 post prom event in Itasca County	\$750
Independent School District 318, Grand Rapids Donation in support of Financial Aid Night 2015 for Grand Rapids High School students and parents in Itasca County	\$150

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

PCs for People

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

\$47,500**Project FINE**

Project support for online marketing for diverse businesses as part of the Broadband Program in rural Minnesota

\$25,000**Red Wing Ignite**

Donation in support of planning and project development efforts as part of the Broadband Program in rural Minnesota

\$1,000**Red Wing Ignite**

Project support for the Innovation to Reality program as part of the Broadband Program in rural Minnesota

\$10,000**Redwood County**

Donation in support of planning and project development efforts as part of the Broadband Program in rural Minnesota

\$1,000**Region 5 Regional Dev Commission**

Donation in support of planning and project development efforts as part of the Broadband Program in rural Minnesota

\$1,000**Sherburne County**

Donation in support of planning and project development efforts as part of the Broadband Program in rural Minnesota

\$1,000**Total
60 grants****\$2,234,820**