



September 2015 grant awards

Local Grants

Area of focus: Vibrant Itasca County

Ball Club Local Indian Council

Donation in support of Ball Club's 53rd annual Mii-Gwitch Mahnomen Days pow wow in Itasca County **\$1,000**

City of Grand Rapids

Donation in support of National Night Out hosted by the Grand Rapids Police Department in Itasca County **\$250**

Cooperative Solutions

Project support over two years for families participating in the Early Case Management/Early Neutral Evaluation program in Itasca County **\$8,000**

Depot Commons Association

Donation in support of bringing Bukata Hayes of the Greater Mankato Diversity Council to do a community presentation about the changing diverse population of the future in Itasca County **\$1,000**

Edge of the Wilderness Discovery Center

Donation in support of start-up expenses for the Edge of the Wilderness Discovery Center in Itasca County **\$1,000**

First Call for Help of Itasca County

Project support for the Coordinated Entry Project in Itasca County **\$4,800**

First Call for Help of Itasca County

Project support for the 2015 Community Connect event in Itasca County **\$5,000**

Goodland Township

Project support for strategic planning to enhance the organizational capacity of the fire department in Itasca County **\$2,500**

Grand Itasca Foundation

Donation towards support of the High School Scholarship Fund in Itasca County **\$500**

Grand Rapids Area Community Foundation

Project support for production of a video celebrating the role of philanthropy in building a stronger Itasca County area **\$30,000**

Grand Rapids Area Community Foundation Donation in support of a dog park in Grand Rapids/Itasca County	\$1,000
Grand Rapids Area Community Foundation Capital support to create a pop-up park in downtown Grand Rapids featuring public art in Itasca County	\$875
Grand Rapids Band Boosters Donation for advertising the 2016-17 Blandin Education Grants program in the Grand Rapids High School band calendar in Itasca County	\$550
Grand Rapids Players Project support for the production of Ziibi in Itasca County	\$5,000
Grand Rapids Show Boat Inc Project support to underwrite 2015 productions 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
Independent School District 2 – Hill City Donation for the Health and Wellness Expo for the Hill City School District in the Itasca County area	\$250
Inger Local Council Donation for Inger's 2015 Cha Cha Bah Ning Pow Wow in Itasca County	\$1,000
Itasca Hospice Foundation Donation for the 2015 educational seminar on dementia in Itasca County	\$500
MN Council On Foundations Project support to provide database subscriptions to Minnesota Grantmakers Online for nonprofits serving Itasca County	\$4,400
Area of focus: Expand Opportunity	
Itasca Community College Project support for the 2015 shared text project to cover speaker and panelist expenses for students, staff and community members in Itasca County	\$6,000
Minnesota Forestry Association Project support for the Boots on Your Ground program to grow quality forest management practices in Itasca County	\$9,000
Northern Lights Community School Capital support for technology infrastructure upgrades in Itasca County	\$25,000

United Way of 1,000 Lakes

Project support for development of brand identity and communications tools in support of the Student Success Pathway work in Itasca County **\$10,000**

Rural Minnesota

Area of focus: Expand Opportunity

Greater Twin Cities United Way

Project support to strengthen the racial equity work of the Start Early Funders Coalition in rural Minnesota **\$8,000**

Great Plains Institute For Sustainable Development

Project support for continuing the work of the Bioeconomy Coalition of Minnesota to grow rural economies through development of advanced biofuels, renewable chemicals and biomass thermal energy production in rural Minnesota **\$195,000**

Growth and Justice

Donation in support of facilitation assistance to gather the five Strive communities in a way that is equitable for rural participants in rural Minnesota **\$1,000**

Itasca Cty Health & Human Serv

Donation in support of gathering rural Minnesota health data for the 2015 Public Health Community Assessment in rural Minnesota **\$1,000**

Minnesota Education Equity Partnership

Project support for the Race Equity in Education project in the Mille Lacs and Nobles county areas in rural Minnesota **\$50,000**

Native Americans in Philanthropy

Membership support through June 2016 throughout rural Minnesota **\$2,500**

Navigate

Donation for sponsorship of the 2015 Latino Heritage Celebration event in rural Minnesota **\$250**

Southern Minnesota Initiative Foundation

Donation in support of the second annual Feast! Local Foods Marketplace in rural Minnesota **\$500**

Southwest Initiative Foundation

Donation for sponsorship of the 2015 EDAM Summer Conference for economic professionals throughout rural Minnesota **\$1,000**

Area of focus: Invest in Leaders

Citizens for Backus/AB

Project support for community awareness activities as part of the

Rural Quick Start program in rural Minnesota **\$1,000**

City of Frazee

Donation in support of rehabilitating the downtown park which is a community focal point and tourist attraction as part of the Rural Quick Start program in rural Minnesota **\$500**

City of Waubun

Project support for the Waubun Community Council to support family engagement and lifestyle changes on the White Earth Reservation as part of the Rural Quick Start program in rural Minnesota **\$1,000**

Red Lake Band of Chippewa Indians

Project support for the Accelerated Second Language Program as part of the Rural Quick Start program in rural Minnesota **\$5,000**

Willmar Area Multicultural Market

Project support to record immigrant stories via Green Card Voices as part of the Rural Quick Start program in rural Minnesota **\$5,000**

Broadband

Rural Minnesota grants

Aitkin County

Project support to increase the knowledge and use of e-commerce and social media tools for small businesses in Aitkin County as part of the Broadband Program in rural Minnesota **\$3,938**

Audubon Center of the North Woods

Project support to connect various alternative energy facilities into a unified network for data collection and analysis for integration into curriculum and energy management systems as part of the Broadband Program in rural Minnesota **\$1,875**

Chokio-Alberta Public Schools

Project support to prepare students to work in a technology-based future through exposure to career opportunities and insight/attainment into the necessary skill sets for those jobs as part of the Broadband Program in rural Minnesota **\$2,000**

City of Cloquet

Project support to provide mobile technology, wi-fi access and training to staff, county residents and visitors of the three Carlton County libraries as part of the Broadband Program in rural Minnesota **\$14,000**

Community Partners, Two Harbors Living at Home Block Nurse Program

Project support to provide senior citizens of Lake County with access to online health information through the use of mobile devices and staff assistance as part of the Broadband Program in rural Minnesota **\$900**

County of Cook

Project support to expand county wi-fi access through creating and maintaining public hotspot and video conferencing locations as part of the Broadband Program in rural Minnesota **\$10,800**

Fond Du Lac Band of Lake Superior Chippewa

Project support to allocate appropriate devices to reservation community centers to increase technology knowledge and use through training programs, outreach and service delivery as part of the Broadband Program in rural Minnesota **\$12,750**

Hancock Public Schools ISD 768

Project support to provide technology training to students and community members as part of the Broadband Program in rural Minnesota **\$3,675**

Independent School District 2769 Morris Area School

Project support to fully integrate technology into classrooms for each learner through internet access and mobile devices as part of the Broadband Program in rural Minnesota **\$13,000**

Isle Public Schools ISD 473

Project support to provide computer classes and a wi-fi public access site in the Mille Lacs lakes area as part of the Broadband Program in rural Minnesota **\$14,000**

Kandiyohi County & City of Willmar EDC

Project support to increase wi-fi access in Kandiyohi County by installing access points on busses, a mobile daycare center and at the community center as part of the Broadband Program in rural Minnesota **\$17,680**

Lac qui Parle Valley ISD 2853

Project support for student career pathways programming as part of the Broadband Program in rural Minnesota **\$6,000**

Lake Superior School District #381

Project support to provide refurbished computers to low-income families with school-aged children as part of the Broadband Program in rural Minnesota **\$4,100**

Lake Superior School District #381

Project support to implement and promote distance learning opportunities in Lake County for students, teachers, and community members as part of the Broadband Program in rural Minnesota **\$5,000**

Martin County

Project support for a feasibility study to choose and prioritize programs and initiatives to stimulate development of state-of-the-art broadband networks throughout Martin County as part of the Broadband Program in rural Minnesota **\$20,000**

Martin County	
Project support to create a network of wi-fi hotspots throughout Martin County as part of the Broadband Program in rural Minnesota	\$7,150
Moose Lake Community Schools	
Project support to provide mobile devices to two rural school districts to increase educational attainment and to provide technology training through community education as part of the Broadband Program in rural Minnesota	\$18,000
Nobles County	
Project support to conduct a feasibility study to gather information and provide a decision making path for local officials to meet the goal of ubiquitous broadband coverage across Nobles County as part of the Broadband Program in rural Minnesota	\$25,000
Nobles County	
Project support to provide more accessible, reliable and affordable access to internet services for the rural residents of Nobles County as part of the Broadband Program in rural Minnesota	\$9,755
Pioneer Youth Center	
Project support to provide interactive learning experiences for at-risk youth through access to full wi-fi to enhance student success as part of the Broadband Program in rural Minnesota	\$9,950
Red Wing Ignite	
Project support to strengthen Red Wing School District's STEAM education by facilitating community partnerships with existing Red Wing technology-oriented companies as part of the Broadband Program in rural Minnesota	\$14,000
Red Wing Ignite	
Project support to create opportunity by branding and marketing Red Wing to attract people, talent and investment as part of the Broadband Program in rural Minnesota	\$12,000
Redwood Area School District	
Project support to provide a series of computer/internet classes for residents and businesses of Redwood County as part of the Broadband Program in rural Minnesota	\$3,540
Redwood County	
Project support equip a training lab in the courthouse to provide a venue for technology training for the general public, employers and Redwood County employees as part of the Broadband Program in rural Minnesota	\$9,150
Sherburne County	
Project support to complete a broadband feasibility study in Sherburne County that will identify needs, existing services and infrastructure, and partnership and operations options as part of the Broadband Program in rural Minnesota	\$25,000

Sherburne County

Project support to provide public access to computers in the Sherburne County Historical Building and equip a community meeting room with appropriate technology, including a robust Wi-Fi network as part of the Broadband Program in rural Minnesota

\$10,000**Southwest Minnesota Broadband Services**

Project support to promote collaborative economic development activities through the use of social media and internet-based marketing and sales tools as part of the Broadband Program in rural Minnesota

\$16,250**Two Harbors Community Radio**

Project support to provide live streaming capacity for Two Harbors Community Radio, allowing interested listeners to hear broadcasts beyond the limited reach of the FM signal as part of the Broadband Program in rural Minnesota

\$5,000**Upper Minnesota Valley Regional Development Commission**

Project support to create a regional IT professional network to ignite cross-industry collaborations so the region can fully integrate technology in day-to-day efforts and large scale planning efforts as part of the Broadband Program in rural Minnesota

\$5,000**Upper Minnesota Valley Regional Development Commission**

Project support to create a shared marketing message and implementation strategy for the region in an effort to attract people and investment as part of the Broadband Program in rural Minnesota

\$15,000**Total
68 grants****\$705,888**