



## 2010 grants

For more than a half-century, the Blandin Foundation has been a partner in community-driven activities in the Grand Rapids area and rural Minnesota.

Working with people who share the Foundation's mission of strengthening communities, grantmaking efforts move forward projects and programs of all sizes and scopes, giving people here, and throughout the state, the opportunity to enhance their communities.

Grants listed below were awarded between January and June 2010. Brown type denotes grants made in the Foundation's home giving area (greater Itasca County). This list does not include grants of \$1,000 or less.

**Action through Churches Together (Grand Rapids, MN)**

\$5,000 for Itasca Community Connect event where individuals and families are able to learn about services available throughout Itasca County

**Bigfork Valley Foundation (Bigfork, MN) <http://www.bigforkvalleyfoundation.org>**

\$10,000 in planning and research support for the development of a medical reprocessing manufacturing facility in the Itasca County area

**Centennial Rotary Club of Grand Rapids (Grand Rapids, MN)**

\$1,900 for the 2010 annual Thanksgiving dinner for the Grand Rapids area

**City of Grand Rapids (Grand Rapids, MN) [www.grandrapids.govoffice.com](http://www.grandrapids.govoffice.com)**

\$50,000 in support for the Library Alternative Heating Project

**City of Grand Rapids (Grand Rapids, MN) [www.grandrapids.govoffice.com](http://www.grandrapids.govoffice.com)**

\$3,500 for preliminary design work on the Library/Blandin Foundation alternative energy project

**City of Grand Rapids (Grand Rapids, MN) [www.grandrapids.govoffice.com](http://www.grandrapids.govoffice.com)**

\$3,000 for an education program for Grand Rapids area businesses and nonprofits on ADA requirements and possible solutions to barriers allowing people with mobility issues access to facilities

**Cooperative Solutions (Grand Rapids, MN) [www.cooperativesolutions.org](http://www.cooperativesolutions.org)**

\$10,000 for Early Case Management/Early Neutral Evaluation voluntary mediation pilot program over 18 months for low-income families in the Itasca County area

**Depot Commons Association – Grand Rapids Chamber (Grand Rapids, MN) [www.grandmn.com](http://www.grandmn.com)**

\$50,000 for continued support of the Workforce Development Initiative in Itasca County

**Depot Commons Association – Grand Rapids Chamber (Grand Rapids, MN) [www.grandmn.com](http://www.grandmn.com)**

\$5,500 in support for the 2011 Governor's Fishing Opener

**Edge of the Wilderness Community Center (Bigfork, MN) [www.the-edge-center.org](http://www.the-edge-center.org)**

\$2,500 in support for the theater production of The Laramie Project

**Grand Rapids Area Community Foundation (Grand Rapids, MN) [www.gracf.org](http://www.gracf.org)**

\$150,000 for continuous funding of the Itasca County Trails Task Force

**Greenway Senior Citizens (Marble, MN)**

\$2,000 for upgrades to the roof and chimney of the Marble Senior Center

**Grand Rapids Area Community Foundation (Grand Rapids, MN) [www.gracf.org](http://www.gracf.org)**

\$7,400 in support for a seminar sponsored by Healthy Brains for Children to reinvigorate the focus community organizations place on public education regarding fetal alcohol syndrome

**Grand Rapids Area Community Foundation (Grand Rapids, MN) [www.gracf.org](http://www.gracf.org)**

\$50,000 in supplemental support for the Itasca County Sharing Fund

**Grand Rapids Area Community Foundation (Grand Rapids, MN) [www.gracf.org](http://www.gracf.org)**

\$1,300 for Mt. Itasca's funding plan facilitation as part of the Hwy 169 Corridor's participation on the Blandin Community Leadership Program

**Grand Rapids Area Community Foundation (Grand Rapids, MN) [www.gracf.org](http://www.gracf.org)**

\$5,000 for the Angel of Hope Memorial Park as part of the rural quick start program through participation in the Blandin Community Leadership Program

**Grand Rapids Area Community Foundation (Grand Rapids, MN) [www.gracf.org](http://www.gracf.org)**

\$4,800 for production of the 2010 Itasca Area Nonprofit Giving Guide

**Grand Rapids Area Community Foundation (Grand Rapids, MN) [www.gracf.org](http://www.gracf.org)**

\$1,300 for Mt. Itasca funding plan facilitation as part of the Rural Quick Start Program

**Grand Rapids Area Community Foundation (Grand Rapids, MN) [www.gracf.org](http://www.gracf.org)**

\$3,500 Phase 2 of the funding plan facilitation for Mt. Itasca as part of the Rural Quick Start Program

**Grand Rapids Area Male Chorus (Grand Rapids, MN) [www.gramalechorus.org](http://www.gramalechorus.org)**

\$5,000 in partial support for the regional Big Sing event in 2011

**Independent School District 363 (Northome, MN)**

<http://www.northome.k12.mn.us/se3bin/clientschool.cgi?schoolname=school652>

\$5,000 in support for a FIRST Robotics Team

**Independent School District 319 (Nashwauk, MN) [www.nashwauk.schoolfusion.us](http://www.nashwauk.schoolfusion.us)**

\$2,000 in Support for Children First! activities throughout 2010

**Independent School District 318 (Grand Rapids, MN) <http://www.isd318.org>**

\$1,200 for Working Family Resource webinars for working parents throughout the Itasca County area

**Independent School District 318 (Grand Rapids, MN) [www.isd318.org](http://www.isd318.org)**

\$9,000 in support for Children First! activities throughout 2010

**Independent School District 317 (Deer River, MN) [www.isd317.org](http://www.isd317.org)**

\$2,000 in Support for Children First! activities throughout 2010

**Independent School District 317 (Deer River, MN) [www.isd317.org](http://www.isd317.org)**

\$40,000 to provide Deer River area students with high quality after-school educational experiences and opportunities through the Boys and Girls Club of Deer River

**Independent School District 316 (Coleraine, MN) [www.greenway.k12.mn.us](http://www.greenway.k12.mn.us)**

\$15,000 for planning support to identify opportunities for sharing resources between the Nashwauk and Greenway school districts in Itasca County

**Independent School District 316 (Coleraine, MN) <http://www.greenway.k12.mn.us>**

\$5,000 Support for a FIRST Robotics Team

**Independent School District 316 (Coleraine, MN) [www.greenway.k12.mn.us](http://www.greenway.k12.mn.us)**

\$3,000 in support for Children First! activities throughout 2010

**Itasca Alliance Against Sexual Assault (Grand Rapids, MN) [www.iaasa.org](http://www.iaasa.org)**

\$2,500 in support for strategic planning and merger expenses with Sexual Assault Services of Aitkin County

**Itasca Community College (Grand Rapids, MN) [www.itascacc.edu](http://www.itascacc.edu)**

\$3,050 Financial aid presentations at area high schools for parents and students to learn about financial preparation for college

**Itasca Community College (Grand Rapids, MN) [www.itascacc.edu](http://www.itascacc.edu)**

\$35,050 to initiate a shared ride system to address transportation issues that have been barriers to student success within the five member colleges of the Northeast Higher Education District

**Itasca County Family YMCA (Grand Rapids, MN) [www.ymcaitasca.org](http://www.ymcaitasca.org)**

\$50,000 in operating support for the Get Fit Initiative in the Itasca County area

**Itasca Economic Development Corporation (Grand Rapids, MN) [www.itascadv.org](http://www.itascadv.org)**

\$5,000 to study the feasibility of creating a leadership education economic opportunity in the local community

**Itasca Ski And Outing Club (Coleraine, MN) [www.mtitasca.com](http://www.mtitasca.com)**

\$5,000 in support for hosting the biathlon and ski jumping Olympic trials

**KOOTASCA Community Action (Grand Rapids, MN) [www.kootasca.org](http://www.kootasca.org)**

\$118,000 for continued support of the Teenage Parent Program in Itasca County

**KOOTASCA Community Action (Grand Rapids, MN) [www.kootasca.org](http://www.kootasca.org)**

\$283,000 for continued support for the Circles of Support program in Itasca County

**KOOTASCA Community Action (Grand Rapids, MN) [www.kootasca.org](http://www.kootasca.org)**

\$95,000 for continued support of the Itasca Area Crisis Nursery program in Itasca County

**KOOTASCA Community Action (Grand Rapids, MN) [www.kootasca.org](http://www.kootasca.org)**

\$51,000 for Crisis Housing activities in Itasca County

**City of Marble (Marble, MN)**

\$10,000 in capital support for the new Marble Public Library

**Northern Community Radio (KAXE) (Grand Rapids, MN) [www.kaxe.org](http://www.kaxe.org)**

\$5,000 for documentary production training

**Northern Lights Community School (Warba, MN) [www.nlcschool.org](http://www.nlcschool.org)**

\$57,000 for the ItascaCorps mentoring project in Itasca County

**Northern Itasca Joint Powers Board (Marcell, MN) [www.edgeofthewilderness.org](http://www.edgeofthewilderness.org)**

\$5,000 in support to conduct a comprehensive community plan for the City of Bigfork

**Northland Counseling Center/Itasca County (Grand Rapids, MN) [www.northlandcounseling.org](http://www.northlandcounseling.org)**

\$9,500 in support for training costs associated with the Certified Peer Specialist program in Itasca County

**Pengilly Booster Club (Pengilly, MN)**

\$3,000 for fencing and playground equipment

**Reif Arts Council (Grand Rapids, MN) [www.reifcenter.org](http://www.reifcenter.org)**

\$2,500 for the Kennedy Center Partners in Education project in Itasca County

**Reif Arts Council (Grand Rapids, MN) [www.reifcenter.org](http://www.reifcenter.org)**

\$310,000 for continued support of operations and programming in Itasca County

**Second Harvest North Central Food Bank (Grand Rapids, MN) [www.secondharvestncfb.com](http://www.secondharvestncfb.com)**

\$3,000 for Kids Packs to Go Backpack Program in Itasca County

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\$2,500 for Kids Packs to Go backpack program in Itasca County

**Alexandria Technical College (Alexandria, MN)** <http://www.alextech.edu/en/Home.aspx>

\$30,000 in programming support for the Diversity Action Resource Alliance

**American Red Cross-Northland Chapter (Duluth, MN)**

<http://www.redcrossnorthland.org/index.asp?IDCapitulo=ZA9N7X692Y>

\$7,500 for disaster relief due to September flooding in central and southern Minnesota

**American Red Cross-Northland Chapter (Duluth, MN)**

<http://www.redcrossnorthland.org/index.asp?IDCapitulo=ZA9N7X692Y>

\$25,000 for disaster relief for June tornado victims in rural Minnesota

**Area Partnership for Economic Expansion (Duluth, MN)** [www.apexgetsbusiness.com](http://www.apexgetsbusiness.com)

\$45,000 to conduct research and develop strategies aimed at promoting new economic activity and job growth in the Grand Rapids/Itasca County area

**Arrowhead Economic Opportunity Agency (Virginia, MN)** [www.aeoa.org](http://www.aeoa.org)

\$10,000 in operational support for the Free At Last program serving Itasca County youth

**Arrowhead Economic Opportunity Agency (Virginia, MN)** [www.aeoa.org](http://www.aeoa.org)

\$13,525 in operational support for the Free At Last program serving Itasca County youth

**Arrowhead Economic Opportunity Agency (Virginia, MN)** [www.aeoa.org](http://www.aeoa.org)

\$50,000 for creation of a marketing plan for AEOA transportation services

**Cambridge Area Chamber of Commerce Foundation (Cambridge, MN)**

<http://www.cambridge-chamber.com/>

\$1,800 Support for the Isanti County Leadership Program as part of the Rural Quick Start Program

**Cambridge Area Chamber of Commerce Foundation (Cambridge, MN)**

<http://www.cambridge-chamber.com/>

\$5,000 Support for the Keep It Local program as part of the Rural Quick Start Program

**Cass County Economic Development Corporation (Walker, MN)** [www.co.cass.mn.us](http://www.co.cass.mn.us)

\$2,500 for a health care facility feasibility study

**Cass County Economic Development Corporation (Walker, MN)** [www.co.cass.mn.us](http://www.co.cass.mn.us)

\$2,500 for membership in 2010 to promote economic development in that segment of the Blandin Foundation's service area

**Center for Sustainable Living (Northfield, MN)** <http://centerforsustainableliving.org/wordpress/>

\$2,100 to understand the economic implications of climate change and fossil fuel dependence on rural communities as part of the Rural Quick Start Program

**Citizens League (Saint Paul, MN)** [www.citizensleague.org](http://www.citizensleague.org)

\$10,000 in support for the Creating Pathways to Prosperity policy initiative

**City of Litchfield (Litchfield, MN)** <http://www.litch.com>

\$1,750 in planning funds to increase economic development and heritage tourism as part of the Rural Quick Start Program

**Dakota Wicohan (Granite Falls, MN)** [www.dakotawicohan.com](http://www.dakotawicohan.com)

\$5,000 in support for continuing two AmeriCorps positions working with Dakota youth

**Dakota Wicohan (Morton, MN)** [www.dakotawicohan.com](http://www.dakotawicohan.com)

\$5,000 in support for continuing three AmeriCorps positions working with Dakota youth

**Debate Minnesota (Erskine, MN) [www.debateminnesota.com](http://www.debateminnesota.com)**

\$10,000 for operations support to host six debates in regional areas around the state for Governor and the U.S. House

**Depot Preservation Alliance (Baudette, MN)**

\$5,000 for research and planning for preservation of the rail depot in Baudette

**Dovetail Partners Inc (Minneapolis, MN) [www.dovetailinc.org](http://www.dovetailinc.org)**

\$5,000 in support for the Working Forests and Carbon workshop and field tour in Aitkin County

**Duluth-Superior Area Community Foundation (Duluth, MN) [www.dsacommunityfoundation.com](http://www.dsacommunityfoundation.com)**

\$5,000 to build the fundraising capacity for the Duluth Legacy Endowment Fund and strengthen its long-term ability to provide quality-of-life programs and activities that meet a public need as part of participation in the Blandin Community Leadership Program

**Duluth Local Initiatives Support Corporation (Duluth, MN) [www.lisc.org](http://www.lisc.org)**

\$5,000 in support for Sustainable Community Week as part of the Blandin Community Leadership Program training

**Enterprise Minnesota (Minneapolis, MN) [www.enterpriseminnesota.org](http://www.enterpriseminnesota.org)**

\$5,000 for Regional sponsorship in the 2nd annual State of Manufacturing Poll

**Enterprise Minnesota (Minneapolis, MN) [www.enterpriseminnesota.org](http://www.enterpriseminnesota.org)**

\$5,000 in regional sponsorship for the third annual State of Manufacturing poll to be conducted in February 2011

**Friends of the Minnesota Valley (Bloomington, MN) [www.friendsofmnvalley.org](http://www.friendsofmnvalley.org)**

\$5,000 for Creating Entrepreneurship Opportunities through Natural Resource Conservation project in southern Minnesota

**Greater Twin Cities United Way (Minneapolis, MN) [www.unitedwaytwincities.org](http://www.unitedwaytwincities.org)**

\$20,000 for Phase II of the School Readiness Funders Coalition business plan that will direct the state in the area of early childhood care and education policies for the next decade

**Headwaters Regional Dev Commission (Bemidji, MN) <http://www.hrdc.org>**

\$5,000 in technical assistance for the community of Marshall to begin a stewardship process as part of the Rural Quick Start Program

**Hmong Arts Connection (Saint Paul, MN) [www.hmongnet.org](http://www.hmongnet.org)**

\$5,000 for initial organization and start-up expenses for the Southwest Minnesota Hmong Community Center

**Immigrant Law Center of Minnesota (Saint Paul, MN) [www.immigrantlawcentermn.org](http://www.immigrantlawcentermn.org)**

\$220,000 for general support of statewide advocacy outreach, expansion of services to serve immigrants/refugees, and to implement the benefits of Comprehensive Immigration Reform to clients living in rural Minnesota

**Independent School District 659 (Northfield, MN) <http://www.nfld.k12.mn.us>**

\$5,000 in project support to build inclusion and leadership among diverse populations in the Northfield School District as part of the Rural Quick Start Program

**Independent School District 309 (Park Rapids, MN) [www.parkrapids.k12.mn.us](http://www.parkrapids.k12.mn.us)**

\$50,000 in support of a program to nurture, grow and retain talented students in the Park Rapids area

**Initiative Foundation (Little Falls, MN) [www.ifound.org](http://www.ifound.org)**

\$25,000 in capital for a low-interest, short-term loan fund for businesses damaged in the Wadena tornado.

**JOBS NOW Coalition (Saint Paul, MN) [www.jobsnowcoalition.org](http://www.jobsnowcoalition.org)**

\$115,000 for continued support to promote economic opportunities and labor market outcomes for residents throughout rural Minnesota

**Junior Achievement of the Upper Midwest (Duluth, MN) [www.jaum.org](http://www.jaum.org)**

\$10,000 for the implementation of Junior Achievement programming in Itasca County schools

**Keepers Sacred Tradition of Pipemakers (Pipestone, MN) [www.pipekeepers.org](http://www.pipekeepers.org)**

\$5,000 for continued support for the native youth drum and dance class

**Koochiching County (International Falls, MN) [www.co.koochiching.mn.us](http://www.co.koochiching.mn.us)**

\$15,000 to Maintain services at the Northome Resource Center in 2010

**Lac Qui Parle County Economic Development Authority (Madison, MN) [www.lqpv.org](http://www.lqpv.org)**

\$34,000 for implementation of the LightSpeed grant program as part of the Alltel Settlement Fund

**Leech Lake Band of Ojibwe (Cass Lake, MN) [www.llojibwe.com](http://www.llojibwe.com)**

\$50,000 for the Bug O Nay Ge Shig school truancy reduction program

**Leech Lake Band of Ojibwe (Cass Lake, MN) [www.llojibwe.com](http://www.llojibwe.com)**

\$50,000 in capital support for broadcasting equipment to start a broadcasting operation on the Leech Lake Indian Reservation

**Leech Lake Tribal College (Cass Lake, MN) [www.lltc.edu](http://www.lltc.edu)**

\$10,000 for support towards creation of a master campus development plan

**Main Street Project (Minneapolis, MN) [www.mainstreetproject.org](http://www.mainstreetproject.org)**

\$10,000 to encourage participation of rural Latinos in the 2010 census

**Minnesota Assistance Council for Veterans (Saint Paul, MN) [www.mac-v.org](http://www.mac-v.org)**

\$10,000 for programming and services to veterans and their families in Itasca County

**MN Campus Compact (Minneapolis, MN) [www.mncampuscompact.org](http://www.mncampuscompact.org)**

\$20,000 to improve college success measures, develop job skills and attitudes and expose rural and urban students to career opportunities in rural Minnesota

**Minnesota Chamber Foundation (Saint Paul, MN) [www.mnchamber.com](http://www.mnchamber.com)**

\$5,000 in operating support for the Minnesota Business Gives Program

**MN Coalition for the Homeless (St. Paul, MN) [www.mnhomelesscoalition.org](http://www.mnhomelesscoalition.org)**

\$10,000 to design and facilitate a strategic planning process

**Minnesota Council of Nonprofits Inc (Saint Paul, MN) [www.mncn.org](http://www.mncn.org)**

\$2,000 for sponsorship of the Fast Fundraising Facts Workshop in Itasca County

**Minnesota Council of Nonprofits Inc (Saint Paul, MN) [www.mncn.org](http://www.mncn.org)**

\$25,000 in support for the rural elements of MCN's Nonprofit Advocacy Network

**Minnesota Council on Foundations (Minneapolis, MN) [www.mcf.org](http://www.mcf.org)**  
\$5,616 for subscriptions for twenty-four area grantees to Minnesota Grantmakers Online

**Minnesota DARE Inc (Saint Bonifacius, MN) [www.dareminnesota.com](http://www.dareminnesota.com)**  
\$2,500 for programming support for northern Minnesota

**Minnesota E-Democracy (Minneapolis, MN) [www.e-democracy.org](http://www.e-democracy.org)**  
\$10,000 for continuation of Cass Lake/Leech Lake Issues Forum community outreach efforts

**Minnesota Home Care Association (Saint Paul, MN) [www.mnhomecare.org](http://www.mnhomecare.org)**  
\$5,000 for planning for a more robust system for home health care technology resource delivery

**Minnesota Humanities Center (Saint Paul, MN) [www.minnesotahumanities.org](http://www.minnesotahumanities.org)**  
\$10,000 in support for the Iron Range history and cultural project

**Minnesota Public Radio (Saint Paul, MN) [www.mpr.org](http://www.mpr.org)**  
\$200,000 for continued support of delivering news programming to rural communities throughout Minnesota

**Minnesota Rural Partners Inc (Saint Paul, MN) [www.mnruralpartners.wordpress.com](http://www.mnruralpartners.wordpress.com)**  
\$10,000 for public education efforts to highlight the interdependence of rural and urban areas of the state

**MN Technology of Participation (Minneapolis, MN) [www.mntop.us](http://www.mntop.us)**  
\$10,000 to provide training to 25 Itasca County nonprofits in the Technology of Participation facilitation methods

**Minnesota Wood Education Project (Saint Paul, MN)**  
\$8,000 in support of the 2011 Goods from the Woods program

**Nicollet County (Saint Peter, MN) [www.co.nicollet.mn.us](http://www.co.nicollet.mn.us)**  
\$5,000 for technical assistance with the development and implementation of a countywide leadership/network program in Nicollet County as part of participation in the Blandin Community Leadership Program

**Nonprofits Assistance Fund (Minneapolis, MN) [www.nonprofitsassistancefund.org](http://www.nonprofitsassistancefund.org)**  
\$75,000 in project support to build nonprofit capacity, promote partnerships and strategic alliances among Itasca County area nonprofits

**Northeast Minnesota Area Health Education Center (Hibbing, MN) [www.mnahec.umn.edu](http://www.mnahec.umn.edu)**  
\$5,000 for a public education program focusing on germ awareness in Itasca County and surrounding schools as part of the Rural Quick Start program

**Northland Area Family Service Center (Longville, MN) [www.northlandfamilycenter.org](http://www.northlandfamilycenter.org)**  
\$25,000 in support for the home visiting program for families with children 0-3

**Northland Foundation (Duluth, MN) [www.northlandfdn.org](http://www.northlandfdn.org)**  
\$5,000 in support for the 2010 Northeastern Minnesota Early Childhood Summit

**The Northspan Group Inc (Duluth, MN) [www.northspan.org](http://www.northspan.org)**  
\$15,000 for sponsorship of the Minnesota Cup business plan competition

**City of Palisade (Palisade, MN)**  
\$10,000 for research and education for the community on a plasma arc gasification opportunity

**City of Palisade (Palisade, MN)**

\$20,000 for further research, planning and public education for the Palisade Plasma Arc Gasification Endeavor (PAGE)

**Parents United for Public Schools (Saint Paul, MN) [www.parentsunited.org](http://www.parentsunited.org)**

\$75,000 for Parents United Leadership Boot Camp, a training program provided to community leaders in rural Minnesota that have interest in quality E-16 education and the skills needed to effect change

**Pine Point Community Council (Ponsford, MN) [www.pinepointcommunity.com](http://www.pinepointcommunity.com)**

\$5,000 for the Ojibwe language revitalization program on the White Earth Reservation as part of the rural quick start program

**Pine Technical College (Pine City, MN) [www.pinetech.edu](http://www.pinetech.edu)**

**\$20,000 in technical assistance to design and develop operating procedures and guidelines for effective operation of an Entrepreneurship Center and Technology Business Incubator on the Pine Technical College campus**

**RAIN Source Capital Inc. (St. Paul, MN) <http://www.rainsourcecapital.com/>**

\$2,500 sponsorship for the 2010 Regional Angel Investor Network educational conference

**Rainy River Community College (International Falls, MN) [www.rrcc.mnscu.edu](http://www.rrcc.mnscu.edu)**

\$110,000 in project support to establish math and science education programs throughout rural Minnesota

**Red Lake Band of Chippewa Indians (Red Lake, MN) [www.rlenn.com](http://www.rlenn.com)**

\$5,000 in support of the Northern Minnesota Reservation Economic Development Summit

**Redwood Area Communities Foundation (Redwood Falls, MN) [www.radc.org](http://www.radc.org)**

\$5,000 for technical assistance for leadership planning and development for the Tatanka Bluffs Corridor as an outgrowth of participation in the Community Advantage Leadership Training

**Redwood Area Communities Foundation (Redwood Falls, MN) [www.radc.org](http://www.radc.org)**

\$10,000 to continue Sunktanka Native Youth Development program

**Redwood Area Communities Foundation (Redwood Falls, MN) [www.radc.org](http://www.radc.org)**

\$5,000 in planning support for the Minnesota Valley History Learning Center as part of the Rural Quick Start Program

**Southern Minnesota Initiative Foundation (Owatonna, MN) [www.smifoundation.org](http://www.smifoundation.org)**

\$10,000 in support for the Tornado Recovery Fund to provide assistance to farmers and rural businesses impacted by the June tornado

**Southern Minnesota Initiative Foundation (Owatonna, MN) [www.smifoundation.org](http://www.smifoundation.org)**

\$20,000 in support for the Flood Recovery Fund to help businesses get back to pre-disaster conditions from the widespread flooding during September in southern Minnesota

**Southwest Initiative Foundation (Hutchinson, MN) [www.swifoundation.org](http://www.swifoundation.org)**

\$5,000 in support for the endowment of the Granite Falls Area Community Foundation as part of the rural quick start program

**Southwest Initiative Foundation (Hutchinson, MN) [www.swifoundation.org](http://www.swifoundation.org)**

\$25,000 for Community Engagement and Leadership Competencies project throughout rural Minnesota

**Southwest Initiative Foundation (Hutchinson, MN) [www.swifoundation.org](http://www.swifoundation.org)**

\$5,000 in support for the endowment of the Granite Falls Area Community Foundation as part of the Rural Quick Start Program

**University of Minnesota – Cloquet Forestry Center (Cloquet, MN) <http://cfc.cfans.umn.edu/>**  
\$10,000 for continuation of Vital Forests Vital Communities Task Force implementation

**University of Minnesota (Minneapolis, MN) [www.umn.edu](http://www.umn.edu)**  
\$50,000 in project support for the Engaged Philanthropy Program throughout rural Minnesota

**University of Minnesota (Minneapolis, MN) [www.umn.edu](http://www.umn.edu)**  
\$10,000 for community-engaged design work for the Superior National Forest Scenic Byway

**University of Minnesota (Minneapolis, MN) [www.umn.edu](http://www.umn.edu)**  
\$10,000 in support for the "One Minnesota" Legislative Policy conference

**University of Minnesota (Minneapolis, MN) [www.umn.edu](http://www.umn.edu)**  
\$50,000 for the Minnesota Principals Academy research-based executive development program in northern Minnesota conference

**Voyageur's National Park Association (Minneapolis, MN) [www.voyageurs.org](http://www.voyageurs.org)**  
\$25,000 for the Sustainable Gateway Communities Initiative to work with communities to create teams for the benefit of their local economy and connect their community to public lands across rural Minnesota

**Welcome Center Inc (Austin, MN) [www.austinwelcomecenter.org](http://www.austinwelcomecenter.org)**  
\$35,000 in project support for the College Access program in rural Minnesota

**Wells Academy (Bemidji, MN) [www.wellstech.com](http://www.wellstech.com)**  
\$50,000 in operating support to provide training to Native American apprentice students in northern Minnesota

**White Earth Band of Ojibwe (White Earth, MN) [www.whiteearth.com](http://www.whiteearth.com)**  
\$50,000 for project support to assist northern Minnesota Indian Reservations with organizational development and strategic plan implementation in rural Minnesota

**White Earth Land Recovery Project (Callaway, MN) [www.nativeharvest.com](http://www.nativeharvest.com)**  
\$10,000 to increase and expand the White Earth Food Systems project on the White Earth Indian Reservation

**Willmar Area Multicultural Market (Willmar, MN)**  
\$50,000 in support for a multi-cultural community kitchen in the Willmar area

**Windustry (Minneapolis, MN) [www.windustry.org](http://www.windustry.org)**  
\$25,000 in project support for the Community Options for Renewable Energy initiative throughout rural Minnesota

**City of Winthrop (Winthrop, MN) [www.winthropminnesota.com](http://www.winthropminnesota.com)**  
\$40,000 for implementation of the Robust Broadband Networks Feasibility grant program as part of the Alltel Settlement Fund

**Women's Leadership Fund (Saint Paul, MN) [www.wfmn.org](http://www.wfmn.org)**  
\$10,000 for a planning grant for the Rural Women's Leadership Summit in Minnesota