



Blandin Foundation™  
STRENGTHENING RURAL MINNESOTA

## 2009 grants infuse community action

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 December 2009, and were made in the Foundation's six strategic focus areas. Each focus area addresses a unique aspect of rural life, with the common vision of healthy rural communities grounded in strong economies, where burdens and benefits are widely shared. 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.

### Economic Initiatives

*These grants help fund value-added initiatives that leverage community assets, community involvement and new technologies to revitalize our communities in ways unforeseen.*

**City of Blackduck (Blackduck, MN)** <http://www.blackduckmn.com>

\$10,000 for a study to identify opportunities for economic and business growth in the Blackduck area.

**The Conservation Fund (Grand Rapids, MN)** <http://www.conservationfund.org>

\$7,000,000 in support for project costs for the Outdoor Heritage Fund in Itasca County

**Depot Commons Association (Grand Rapids, MN)** <http://www.grandmn.com>

\$1,500 in support for the 2009 Greater Grand Rapids Job Fair.

**Depot Commons Association (Grand Rapids, MN)** <http://www.grandmn.com>

\$50,000 for project support to implement the Community Branding effort in the Itasca County area.

**Depot Commons Association (Grand Rapids, MN)** <http://www.grandmn.com>

\$1,835 for attendance at educational and workforce development policy discussions.

**Deer River Hired Hands (Deer River, MN)**

\$175,000 for capital support for a recycling facility in the Itasca County area.

**Grand Rapids Showboat, Inc. (Grand Rapids, MN)**

\$10,000 for repairs and upgrades to the showboat.

**Grand Rapids Area Community Foundation (Grand Rapids, MN)** <http://gracf.org>

\$5,000 in support for Friends of the Forest History Center to extend the Center's operations during the summer and fall season of 2009.

**City of Grand Rapids (Grand Rapids, MN)** <http://grandrapids.govoffice.com>

\$4,500 to initiate a Search Conference to discuss the future of the Itasca County area among diverse interests and how it can be achieved.

**Itasca Community College (Grand Rapids, MN)** <http://www.itascacc.edu>  
\$30,000 in project support for the Wood Biomass Boiler Project in Itasca County.

**Itasca Economic Development Corporation (Grand Rapids, MN)** <http://www.itascadv.org>  
\$225,000 for continued operating support to promote economic development in the Itasca County area.

**Itasca Economic Development Corporation (Grand Rapids, MN)** <http://www.itascadv.org>  
\$35,000 for continued support of the Greenway Area Business Association in Itasca County.

**Itasca Economic Development Corporation (Grand Rapids, MN)** <http://www.itascadv.org>  
\$22,000 for project support to produce a comprehensive property audit and feasibility study for redeveloping the Ainsworth site in Itasca County.

**Itasca Economic Development Corporation (Grand Rapids, MN)** <http://www.itascadv.org>  
\$15,000 in project support for the 2009 Grantwriter Program in Itasca County.

**Itasca County (Grand Rapids, MN)** <http://www.co.itasca.mn.us>  
\$10,000 in support for the Marcell Experimental Forest Symposium.

**Itasca County Agricultural Association (Grand Rapids, MN)** <http://www.itscacityfair.org>  
\$10,000 for capital upgrades to the campground located near the Itasca County fairgrounds.

**Minnesota Shooting Sports Education Center (Grand Rapids, MN)** <http://www.mssec.org>  
\$2,700 for technical assistance and to develop a mission and vision statement for the facility.

**Minnesota Wood Education Project (Grand Rapids, MN)** <http://www.truenorthwoods.com>  
\$8,000 for continued support of Goods from the Woods 2010 event

**Minnesota Wood Education Project (Grand Rapids, MN)** <http://www.truenorthwoods.com>  
\$15,000 for continued support of the Goods from the Woods 2009 event.

**Nonprofits Assistance Fund (Grand Rapids, MN)** <http://www.nonprofitsassistancefund.org>  
\$50,000 for services to Itasca County nonprofits to help organizations understand their financial situations and develop plans to sustain their missions.

**Northern Itasca Joint Powers Board (Grand Rapids, MN)** <http://www.edgeofthewilderness.org>  
\$5,000 for the Edge of the Wilderness Discovery Center improvement project

**Northeast Entrepreneur Fund, Inc. (Grand Rapids, MN)** <http://www.entrepreneurfund.org>  
\$110,000 for continued support to provide business planning training and access to financing for unemployed and underemployed men and women in Itasca County.

**Reif Arts Council (Grand Rapids, MN)** <http://www.reifcenter.org>  
\$14,500 for project support to continue marketing and sponsorship of arts opportunities among Itasca County arts organizations.

**University of Minnesota (Minneapolis, MN)** <http://www.umn.edu>  
\$50,000 in support for the Itasca County Area Transportation Study.

**City of Adrian (Adrian, MN)** <http://www.adrian.govoffice2.com>  
\$50,000 in project support to promote access to broadband technology in selected counties of southern Minnesota as part of the LightSpeed grant program

**Aitkin County (Aitkin, MN)** <http://www.co.aitkin.mn.us>

\$7,500 for continued support of the Upper Mississippi Certified Forest Products Group Chain of Custody throughout rural Minnesota

**Brainerd Lakes Area Development Corp (Brainerd, MN)** <http://www.bladc.org>

\$5,000 for technical assistance for the Brainerd river front visioning initiative as a result of participation in the Blandin Community Leadership Program

**Cass County Economic Development Corp (Walker, MN)** <http://www.co.cass.mn.us/ccedc/edc.html>

\$2,500 for 2009 membership support.

**Centro Campesino, Inc. (Owatonna, MN)** <http://www.centrocampesino.net>

\$80,000 for general operating support

**Center for Rural Policy & Development (St. Peter, MN)** <http://www.mnsu.edu/ruralmn>

\$100,000 for continued support for the organization's policy research activities across rural Minnesota

**City of Ely (Ely, MN)** <http://www.ely.mn.us>

\$5,000 to explore geothermal heating options primarily for Vermilion Community College

**Granite Falls Municipal Hospital & Manor (Granite Falls, MN)** <http://www.gfmhm.com>

\$50,000 for the implementation of the LightSpeed grant program as part of the Alltel Settlement Fund

**City of Hibbing (Hibbing, MN)** <http://www.hibbing.mn.us>

\$10,000 in project support to conduct a comprehensive brand marketing initiative for the greater Hibbing area

**Immigrant Development Center (Moorhead, MN)** <http://www.idcfm.org>

\$10,000 for technical assistance delivery to immigrants in the State of Minnesota

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

\$25,000 for financial consulting services for distressed rural businesses

**Joint Economic Development Commission (Bemidji, MN)** <http://www.bemidjiusa.com>

\$10,000 for the reuse planning of the Ainsworth facility in Bemidji

**Kandiyohi County & City of Willmar EDC (Willmar, MN)** <http://www.kandiyohi.com>

\$2,200 for Year II funding for the Get Broadband program

**Lac Qui Parle County Econ Dev Authority (Madison, MN)** <http://www.lqpeda.com>

\$25,000 for implementation of the Robust Broadband Networks Feasibility grant program as part of the Alltel Settlement Fund

**Lac Qui Parle Health Network (Madison, MN)**

\$50,000 for project support to promote access to broadband technology in selected counties of southern Minnesota as part of the LightSpeed grant program

**Lac Qui Parle Valley School District 2853 (Madison, MN)** <http://www.lqpv.org>

\$2,000 for offsetting registration fees for participants of the Internet and Email Basics classes as part of the Blandin Broadband Award to Federated Telephone

**Latino Economic Development Center (Minneapolis, MN)** <http://www.ledc-mn.org>

\$195,000 for continued support to increase organizational capacity and economic development opportunities throughout rural Minnesota

**Menahga Area Historical Society and Museum (Menahga, MN)**

\$2,000 for the Connecting Rural Communities project in Menahga and Sebeka as part of the Minnesota Community Broadband Awards

**Minnesota Environmental Partnership (St. Paul, MN) <http://www.mepartnership.org>**

\$16,000 for partial funding for public opinion research on forest productivity issues

**Minnesota Logger Education Program (Duluth, MN) <http://www.mlep.org>**

\$40,000 in project support to implement recommendations of the Task Force on education and training services for Minnesota forestry professionals

**Minnesota West Community & Technical College (Pipestone, MN) <http://www.mnwest.edu>**

\$31,250 in project support to promote broadband technology in selected counties in southern Minnesota as part of the LightSpeed grant program

**The Northspan Group, Inc. (Duluth, MN) <http://www.northspan.org>**

\$5,000 for continued facilitation of the Range Readiness Initiative

**City of New Ulm (New Ulm, MN) <http://www.ci.new-ulm.mn.us>**

\$2,000 for increasing the use of broadband internet by both consumers and local retailers as a way for local or smaller retail stores to compete with big box retailers as part of the Minnesota Community Broadband Awards

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

\$5,000 in support for the 6th annual RAIN Maker Conference

**Southwest/West Central Service Cooperative (Marshall, MN) <http://www.swsc.org>**

\$19,130 for implementation of the Robust Broadband Networks Feasibility grant program as part of the Alltel Settlement funds

**Stevens County Economic Improvement Commission (Morris, MN) <http://www.sceic.org>**

\$2,000 for technical assistance to convene local nonprofits to identify and implement shared goals with a focus on working together to better utilize resources to serve people more effectively and efficiently as part of participation in the Blandin Community Leadership Program

**University of Minnesota (Minneapolis, MN) <http://www.umn.edu>**

\$20,000 in project support to identify forest biomass demand for current and planned wood energy and biofuels applications throughout rural Minnesota

**University of Minnesota/Cloquet Forestry Center (Cloquet, MN) <http://cfc.cfans.umn.edu>**

\$40,000 for the Sustainable Forests Education Cooperative and to implement recommendations for continued training to foresters throughout rural Minnesota

**University of Minnesota Carlson School of Management (Minneapolis, MN)**

<http://www.csom.umn.edu>

\$5,000 for sponsorship of the 2009 Minnesota Cup for emerging entrepreneurs

**University of Minnesota Department of Forest Resources (St. Paul, MN)**

<http://www.forestry.umn.edu>

\$2,500 for a demonstration of a biomass bio-baler across rural communities in Minnesota

**University of Minnesota-Duluth's Natural Resources Research Institute (Duluth, MN)**

<http://www.nrri.umn.edu/>

\$15,000 for continued support for costs to undergo initial FEMA review of containerized emergency housing concept developed by NRRI

**Educational Attainment**

*These grants help increase the educational attainment of disadvantaged populations and grow our communities' overall standard of living.*

**City of Blackduck (Blackduck, MN) <http://www.blackduckmn.com>**

\$4,000 for a feasibility study regarding a youth center.

**Eagleview Community Foundation (Squaw Lake) <http://www.riverhavenonline.com/eagleviewcf>**

\$66,000 for general operations to sustain its Technology, Broadband Access, Literacy, Community Education and Robotics program in the South Lake area of Itasca County.

**Eagleview Community Foundation (Squaw Lake) <http://www.riverhavenonline.com/eagleviewcf>**

\$10,000 for support for the Robotics Up North for Achievement program focusing on after-school science, technology, engineering and math.

**Independent School District 2 (Hill City, MN) <http://www.hillcity.k12.mn.us>**

\$150,000 for continued support of the Early Start Program in Itasca County.

**Independent School District 118 (Remer, MN) <http://www.isd118.k12.mn.us>**

\$2,000 for the first annual Literacy Fair for Northland Community Schools.

**Independent School District 118 (Remer, MN) <http://www.isd118.k12.mn.us>**

\$1,000 to support a nine-week fine arts program for grades K-6.

**Independent School District 118 (Remer, MN) <http://www.isd118.k12.mn.us>**

\$150,000 for continued support for the Northland Early Childhood Collaborative in the Remer area.

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

\$15,000 for the Students Achieving High Rigor program in Itasca County.

**Infinity Online #6080 (Grand Rapids, MN) <http://www.mninfinity.org>**

\$45,000 for teacher training regarding online learning techniques that can be adopted to enhance traditional classroom techniques.

**Itasca Area Schools Collaborative (Remer, MN) <http://www.iasc.k12.mn.us>**

\$3,610,000 for continued support of Invest Early in 2010 and 2011.

**Itasca Area Schools Collaborative (Remer, MN) <http://www.iasc.k12.mn.us>**

\$15,000 for project support to develop a technology plan for IASC school districts.

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

\$350,000 for financial aid assistance for Itasca County high school graduates during the 2010-11 school year.

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

\$2,700 for financial aid presentations to Itasca County area high schools.

**Itasca County Historical Society (Grand Rapids, MN)**

\$90,000 for sustaining contribution to collect, preserve, interpret and disseminate the history of Itasca County.

**Itasca County Sheriff's Office (Grand Rapids, MN) <http://www.co.itasca.mn.us>**

\$5,000 in project support for the prescription drug initiative in Itasca County.

**Itasca Orchestra and Strings Program (Grand Rapids, MN) <http://www.itascaorchestra.org>**

\$80,000 for sustaining contribution to provide orchestral music opportunities for youth and adults in the Itasca County area.

**MacRostie Art Center (Grand Rapids, MN) <http://www.macrostieartcenter.org>**

\$70,000 for sustaining contribution to provide visual arts and educational programming to residents throughout the Itasca County area.

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

\$2,250 in support for "Grab and Go Literacy Bags" available for check-out at the Marble library which will provide the necessary materials for parents and caregivers to work with children on selected topics.

**Central MN Educational Research & Development Council (St. Cloud, MN)**

\$45,000 for the MN's Digital Learning Academy collaborative online learning program for students across rural Minnesota.

**Dakota Wicohan (Morton, MN)**

\$5,000 in support for two AmeriCorps positions to work with Dakota youth in the Lower Sioux community.

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

\$5,000 for the Native youth programming in the Pipestone area as part of the Blandin Reservation Community Leadership Program.

**Minneapolis Foundation (Minneapolis, MN) <http://www.minneapolisfoundation.org>**

\$5,000 in project support for the 2009 season of Minnesota Meeting series throughout rural Minnesota.

**Northland Foundation (Duluth, MN) <http://www.northlandfdn.org>**

\$5,000 in project support for the 2009 Northeastern Minnesota Early Childhood Summit in rural Minnesota.

**Northwest Technical College (Bemidji, MN) <http://www.ntcmn.edu>**

\$10,000 for the Project Graduate program in three northwest area high schools in Minnesota.

**Ready for K (St. Paul, MN) <http://www.ready4k.org>**

\$150,000 for continued support to promote and improve school readiness throughout rural Minnesota.

**United Way Of Greater Duluth (Duluth, MN) <http://www.unitedwayduluth.org>**

\$5,000 for a strategic planning process for the Early Literacy Coalition.

**Fairness and Opportunity**

*These grants, most of which are awarded in the Foundation's local giving area, address a broad range of social issues, with particular emphasis on programs that address root causes of socioeconomic inequalities, so that all people can strive to live with dignity in our communities.*

**Action through Churches Together (Grand Rapids, MN) <http://www.actchurches.org>**

\$30,000 for a sustaining contribution to respond to community issues and expand organizational efforts in Itasca County.

**Action through Churches Together (Grand Rapids, MN) <http://www.actchurches.org>**

\$5,000 in support for the Itasca Community Connect event, a one-stop-shop where individuals and families can receive information and services available in Itasca County related to homelessness.

**Advocates for Family Peace (Grand Rapids, MN) <http://www.stopdomesticabuse.org>**

\$100,000 for a sustaining contribution to promote safety, equity and peace to families experiencing domestic abuse in Itasca County.

**Ardenhurst Township (Itasca County, MN)**

\$2,000 in project support for a community park.

**Bi-County Community Action Council (Remer, MN) <http://www.bicap.org>**

\$15,000 for heating assistance to low-income families in the Remer area.

**Bigfork Valley Hospital (Bigfork, MN) <http://www.bigforkvalley.org>**

\$30,000 for a sustaining contribution for the Home Visitor program in Itasca County.

**Bovey/Coleraine Youth Center (Bovey, MN)**

\$3,850 for the Bovey/Coleraine New Year's Eve Party as part of the Children First 2009 New Year's Eve Celebration in Itasca County.

**Bovey/Coleraine Youth Center (Bovey, MN)**

\$170,000 for continued operating support of the Youth Center in 2010.

**Bridges Kinship Mentoring (Grand Rapids, MN) <http://www.bridgesmentoring.org>**

\$80,000 for a sustaining contribution to provide mentoring opportunities for young people in the Itasca County area.

**Centennial Rotary Club of Grand Rapids (Grand Rapids, MN) <http://www.grrotary.org>**

\$1,900 for the 2009 Annual Community Thanksgiving Dinner for the Grand Rapids area.

**Community Café (Grand Rapids, MN)**

\$50,000 for a sustaining contribution to help reduce hunger through the Community Cafe in Itasca County.

**Cooperative Solutions (Grand Rapids, MN) <http://cooperativesolutions.org>**

\$5,000 in support for the Early Case Management/Early Neutral Evaluation pilot program in Itasca County.

**Cooperative Solutions (Grand Rapids, MN) <http://cooperativesolutions.org>**

\$100,000 for a sustaining contribution for mediation services in Itasca County.

**ElderCircle (Grand Rapids, MN) <http://www.eldercircle.org>**

\$60,000 for a sustaining contribution to offer senior programming to residents in the Itasca County area.

**ElderCircle (Grand Rapids, MN) <http://www.eldercircle.org>**

\$10,000 for general operating support through 2009.

**First Call for Help of Itasca County (Grand Rapids, MN) <http://www.firstcall211.net>**

\$100,000 for a sustaining contribution for emergency, information and referral services in Itasca County during 2010 and 2011.

**Forget-Me-Not Foundation (Grand Rapids, MN) <http://www.fmnfride.org>**

\$5,000 for a new heating system for the indoor arena so the horseback riding program for disabled people can operate year round.



**Friendship Ventures (Grand Rapids, MN)** <http://www.friendshipventures.org>

\$6,000 for a sustaining contribution for Itasca County disabled youth to participate in camp activities.

**Girl Scouts of MN and WI Lakes and Pines (Grand Rapids, MN)** <http://www.gslakesandpines.org>

\$20,000 for a sustaining contribution for the Girl Scouts program in Itasca County.

**GRACE House of Itasca County (Grand Rapids, MN)** <http://www.itascagrighthouse.org>

\$50,000 for operating support of the shelter and day center services in Itasca County.

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

\$50,000 in support for the playground, beach, park and accessibility portions of the Pokegama Golf and Park Project.

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

\$10,000 in project and programming support for the Grand Rapids Public Library in the Grand Rapids/Itasca County area.

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

\$3,900 for Fireworks 2009 as part of the Children First 2009 New Year's Eve Celebration in Itasca County.

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

\$30,000 for the Rural Access Leadership Fund for people to participate in community-based leadership programs throughout rural Minnesota.

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

\$4,800 in support for the 2009 Charitable Giving Guide in Itasca County.

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

\$270,000 for continued operating support through 2012.

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

\$150,000 for continued support of the Itasca County Sharing Fund in Itasca County.

**Habitat for Humanity of Itasca County (Grand Rapids, MN)** <http://www.itascahabitat.org>

\$50,000 for a sustaining contribution for low-income housing development in Itasca County.

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

\$94,000 for continued support of the Baby Steps Boutique in Itasca County.

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

\$39,000 for continued support of the Step Ahead early childhood education program in Itasca County.

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

\$25,000 for a continuation of funding for the Children First! initiative in Itasca County.

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

\$70,000 for a sustaining contribution to provide support and advocacy to victims of sexual violence and prevention education in Itasca County.

**Itasca County (Grand Rapids, MN)** <http://www.co.itasca.mn.us>

\$25,000 in project support for the Itasca County Wellness Court.

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

\$100,000 for a sustaining contribution to offer programs and services to individuals in the Itasca County area.



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

\$100,000 for operating support for the senior and youth center at the YMCA in Grand Rapids.

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

\$5,000 in project support for the Youth Meal Program at the YMCA in the Itasca County area.

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

\$1,000 for a New Year's Back to School Dance as part of the Children First 2009 New Year's Eve Celebration in Itasca County.

**Judy Garland Children's Museum (Grand Rapids, MN)** <http://www.judygarlandmuseum.com>

\$1,000 to support the Ho-Ho-Ho Down Country Christmas as part of the Children First 2009 New Year's Eve Celebration in Itasca County.

**Lakes and Pines Community Action Council (Grand Rapids, MN)** <http://www.lakesandpines.org>

\$15,000 to assist low-income families in the Hill City area facing an energy-related crisis in winter of 2008-09.

**Marcell Family Center (Marcell, MN)** <http://www.edgeofthewilderness.org>

\$65,000 for a sustaining contribution for family center programming in Itasca County.

**Marcell Township (Marcell, MN)**

\$2,000 in capital support for playground equipment in the Marcell public recreation area.

**Minnesota Council of Nonprofits Inc (Grand Rapids, MN)** <http://www.mncn.org>

\$1,750 to subsidize registration fees for Itasca County area nonprofit leaders to attend the Recession-Year Financial Leadership workshop.

**Minnesota Special Olympics Incorporated (Grand Rapids, MN)**

<http://www.specialolympicsminnesota.org>

\$60,000 for a sustaining contribution for the Special Olympics program in Itasca County.

**Northland Area Family Service Center (Remer, MN)** <http://www.northlandfamilycenter.org>

\$5,000 for Energy assistance needs in the Remer/Longville area.

**Northland Counseling Center (Grand Rapids, MN)** <http://www.northlandcounseling.org>

\$10,000 for upgrades to Midway Villa's electrical and heating/cooling system to improve efficiency and cost-effectiveness.

**City of Northome (Northome, MN)** <http://www.ci.northome.mn.us>

\$5,000 for capital support for upgrades to the Northome Library.

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

\$2,000 in support for the 2009 Hunger Study to determine the distribution of food assistance services to low-income people.

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

\$100,000 for a sustaining contribution for Food Bank operations in Itasca County.

**Star of the North Humane Society (Coleraine, MN)** <http://www.starnorth.org>

\$4,000 in project support for strategic planning activities.

**Star of the North Figure Skating Club (Grand Rapids, MN) <http://www.snfsc.org>**

\$1,000 to support the Star of the North Skating Party as part of the Children First 2009 New Year's Eve Celebration in Itasca County.

**United Way of 1000 Lakes (Grand Rapids, MN) <http://www.unitedwayof1000lakes.org>**

\$44,000 for a sustaining contribution in support of administration during 2010 and 2011 in Itasca County.

**Voyageurs Area Boy Scouts (Grand Rapids, MN) <http://www.vac-bsa.org>**

\$20,000 for a sustaining contribution for the Boys Scouts program in Itasca County.

**Youth for Christ (Grand Rapids, MN) <http://www.yfc.net>**

\$170,000 Continuation funding for the Ground Floor Youth Center during 2010.

**Youth for Christ (Grand Rapids, MN) <http://www.yfc.net>**

\$50,000 for a sustaining contribution for the Campus Life program in Itasca County.

**Arrowhead Economic Opportunity Agency (Duluth, MN) <http://www.aeo.org>**

\$20,000 for continued support of the Free At Last youth development program in Itasca County.

**Leech Lake Band of Ojibwe (Inger, MN) <http://www.llojibwe.com>**

\$1,000 to support the Inger Community New Year Event as part of the Children First 2009 New Year's Eve Celebration in Itasca County.

**Minnesota Coalition for Battered Women (St. Paul, MN) <http://www.mcbw.org>**

\$10,000 for continued support for the Women of Color and Native Women's Leadership Project throughout rural Minnesota.

**Minnesota Community Foundation (St. Paul, MN) <http://www.saintpaulfoundation.org>**

\$46,000 for project support to create an on-line philanthropic marketplace for nonprofits in the Itasca County area.

**Minnesota Council on Foundations (Minneapolis, MN) <http://www.mcf.org/>**

\$3,000 for sponsorship of the 2009 annual meeting of members.

**Minnesota Council on Foundations (Minneapolis, MN) <http://www.mcf.org>**

\$4,914 for subscriptions for twenty one area grantees to Minnesota Grantmakers Online.

**United Way Of Greater Duluth (Duluth, MN) <http://www.unitedwayduluth.org>**

\$5,000 for the Heading Home St. Louis initiative to end homelessness in the state.

## **Intercultural Competency**

*These grants support projects to help communities work effectively across differences. Through these efforts, communities identify their varied cultural voices, foster intercultural dialogue and understanding, and bring to the table different life experiences (whether from gender, age, physical ability, race or cultural background) that enhance a community's collective problem-solving resources.*

**University of Minnesota Extension (Grand Rapids, MN) <http://www.extension.umn.edu>**

\$1,000 for conference support "How History Affects American Indian Family Dynamics: Implications for our Work with Children and Youth."

**Afton Historical Society Press (Afton, MN) <http://www.aftonpress.com>**

\$10,000 in support for To Be Free: Understanding and Eliminating Racism.

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

\$10,000 in project support for the Bemidji area's Shared Vision Initiative.

**Independent School District 480 (Onamia, MN)** <http://www.onamia.k12.mn.us>

\$2,500 for an Ojibwe language instruction program from early childhood through third grade.

**Northland Foundation (Duluth, MN)** <http://www.northlandfdn.org>

\$45,000 in project support for the AGE to AGE program: bringing generations together initiative throughout rural Minnesota.

## **Rural Voice**

*These grants support new and existing avenues for rural residents to express rural perspectives in local and statewide policy debates, so they have an effective voice on issues and opportunities.*

**Northern Community Radio (Grand Rapids, MN)** <http://www.kaxe.org>

\$100,000 for a sustaining contribution for news programming throughout Itasca County in 2010 and 2011.

**Duluth-Superior Area Educational TV Corporation (Duluth, MN)**

\$50,000 for a sustaining contribution for the production of Venture North and Native Report throughout rural Minnesota in 2010 and 2011.

**Minneapolis Foundation (Minneapolis, MN)** <http://www.minneapolisfoundation.org>

\$25,000 in support for The Bottom Line Fund report to identify and present fiscal policy options for consideration by the state government.

**Minnesota Public Radio (St. Paul, MN)** <http://www.mpr.org>

\$125,000 for continued support of delivering news programming to rural communities throughout Minnesota.

**Northern Minnesota Public Television (Bemidji, MN)** <http://www.lakelandptv.org>

\$50,000 for a sustaining contribution for programming and services in the northern region of Minnesota.

## **Develop Diverse Leaders**

*In addition to ongoing investments in community leadership training programs, the Foundation funds a small number of grants that develop leaders in specialized sectors critical to the health of rural communities.*

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

\$9,700 for continued support of the Rural Access Leadership Fund.

**Depot Commons Association (Grand Rapids, MN)** <http://www.grandmn.com>

\$12,500 in support for the Youth Leadership for Vital Communities initiative in Itasca County.

**Arrowhead Economic Opportunity Agency (Duluth, MN)** <http://www.aeo.org>

\$2,000 for the Rural Women's Leadership Project Forum/Community Conversations in northern Minnesota.

**University of Minnesota (Minneapolis, MN)** <http://www.umn.edu>

\$10,000 in support for the 2010 "One Minnesota" Legislative Policy Conference.

**University of Minnesota (Minneapolis, MN)** <http://www.umn.edu>

\$555,000 in project support for the Native Youth Leadership Program in rural Minnesota.