June 2011 Grants approved by Blandin Foundation trustees

**LOCAL**

**Expand Opportunity focus area**

[**Itasca Water Legacy Partnership**](http://www.minnesotawaters.org/group/iccola/itasca-water-legacy-project-team-clean-waters) **$155,000 over 2 years**

For operations to build local capacity for water quality assessment and encourage personal practices that sustain Itasca County’s high-quality waters

[**Hill City School District**](http://www.hillcity.k12.mn.us/) **$150,000 over 2 years**

For continued support of the Early Start program in the Hill City school district

[**Itasca Area Schools Collaborative**](http://www.iasc.k12.mn.us/se3bin/clientschool.cgi?schoolname=school499) **$3,990,000 over 2 years**

For continued support of Invest Early in 2011-2013 in the Itasca County area

[**Remer School District**](http://www.isd118.k12.mn.us/) **$160,000 over 2 years**

For continued support of the Northland Early Childhood Collaborative in the Remer-Longville area

[**ServeMinnesota**](http://www.serveminnesota.org/) **$100,000 over 2 years**

Project support for placement of ten AmeriCorps members in Itasca County

**$4,555,000**

**Commitment to Home focus area**

[**Itasca County Family YMCA**](http://ymcaitasca.org/) **$120,000 over 2 years**

For continued operating support for 2011-2012

**$120,000**

**STATEWIDE**

**Expand Opportunity focus area**

[**Corporation for Supportive Housing**](http://www.csh.org/) **$100,000 over 2 years**

Project support to assist Minnesota tribes in developing sustainable funding streams to finance supportive services for formerly homeless and at-risk members across Minnesota

[**Leech Lake Tribal College**](http://lltc.edu/) **$160,000**

Capital support for a library to house its Learning Center/Peer Tutoring program and provide community members with access to the college’s collection and free internet connection throughout rural Minnesota

[**Northwest Minnesota Foundation**](http://www.nwmf.org/) **$60,000 over 2 years**

Project support for the IDEA Competition to grow the economy and promote innovation in northwest Minnesota

[**Women’s Foundation of Minnesota**](http://www.wfmn.org/) **$125,000 over 2 years**

Project support for Building Economic Success Together (girls BEST) convening, grant making and technical assistance programming throughout rural Minnesota ($100,000) and A Future: a statewide initiative to end commercial sexual exploitation of girls in Minnesota ($25,000).

[**Northfield Public Schools**](http://nfld.k12.mn.us/) **$60,000 over 2 years**

Project support for Tackling Obstacles and Raising College Hopes (TORCH) community initiative to increase graduation and post-secondary attendance rates of minorities in the Northfield area

[**Strong Towns**](http://www.strongtowns.org/) **$150,000 over 3 years**

Work plan development to advance concepts of land use change and financial resilience for rural communities in Minnesota

**$655,000**

**$5,330,000**