



Grants Awarded - Northeastern Minnesota 2004 – 2009 *(not including Itasca County)*

City of Biwabik \$5,000
Development of a long-term strategic plan due to the resurgence of the iron ore industry

Bois Forte Reservation \$10,000
Project support as part of the Get Broadband program

Central Iron Range Initiative (CIRI) \$67,500
To further the development and use of mining pits located between communities on the Central Iron Range

Cook County \$2,500
Technical assistance support to conduct a land-use plan for the Grand Marais area

Cook County Higher Education \$125,000
Operating and program support for the Distance Education Center in Grand Marais

CREED \$5,000
Support of two northern teachers to participate in the “Discover Science on the Range in the Field of Energy workshop

Ely Area Development Association \$50,000
Project support to promote local innovation in Ely as part of Project Firefly

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Project support to create new business opportunity for contract manufacturing/prototype development and locally designed products

City of Ely \$5,000
Explore geothermal heating options primarily for Vermilion Community College

Harbor Friends \$5,000
Technical assistance to conduct a study of marinas around Lake Superior as part of the Community Advantage Leadership Program

City of Hibbing \$37,500
Project support to bring fiber technology to Iron Range communities through the Iron Range Community FiberNet Initiative in rural Minnesota

City of Hibbing \$3,200
Technical assistance for the Central Iron Range Entrepreneurship Initiative

Hibbing Community College \$15,000
Implementation of the Get Broadband program

Hibbing Economic Development Authority \$5,000
Complete a retail assessment of Hibbing and the surrounding area that will address expansion and stabilization of existing retail and recruitment of additional retail

City of International Falls \$5,000
Architectural design of a welcome center as part of the Blandin Community Leadership Program

Minnesota State Colleges and Universities Foundation **\$225,000**

Project support to the Northern Minnesota College Readiness Partnership to improve student success and build capacity among local school districts and community colleges in northern Minnesota

Northeast Entrepreneur Fund **\$250,000**

Project support to implement the Northland Entrepreneur Development System in rural Minnesota

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Project support to fund the development of a business plan to implement the Entrepreneur League System in northeast Minnesota

Northeast Service Cooperative **\$34,000**

Project support to conduct a feasibility study of a community open infrastructure fiber-optic network in northeast Minnesota

Northland Foundation **\$15,000**

Support of the 2007 Regional Kindergarten Transition Summit, and 2008 and 2009 NE MN Early Childhood Summits

Northland Institute **\$5,000**

Sponsorship of the Northland Executive Business Forum series

North Shore Trade and Tech Project **\$45,000**

Project support to link educational opportunities for North Shore youth and adults to the current work force realities in northeastern Minnesota

Northspan Group **\$25,000**

Facilitation of the Range Readiness Initiative

Occupational Development Center **\$50,000**

Capital support to relocate operations in rural Minnesota

Occupational Development Center **\$50,000**

Project support to enhance employment opportunities and increase self-sufficiency for people with barriers to employment in northeast Minnesota

Northeast Service Cooperative **\$6,500**

Planning effort to determine the interest and readiness of east Iron Range school districts to undertake a collaborative similar to the Itasca Area Schools Collaborative

Rainy River Community College **\$15,000**

Support to initiate marketing activities to promote utilization of broadband technology as part of the Get Broadband program in the International Falls area

Town of Tofte **\$5,000**

Technical assistance support to the community with its economic development planning in Tofte

University of Minnesota Duluth **\$10,000**

Seed capital to reactivate the Indian Mental Health Training Project

University of Minnesota Duluth/NRRI **\$150,000**

Project support for a Product Development Fund to enhance economic growth in northeastern Minnesota

Vermilion Community College **\$15,000**

To raise awareness of the value of broadband technology as part of the Get Broadband program in the Ely area

VocalEssence **\$5,000**

To provide educational workshops and concerts in Hibbing, Virginia and Grand Rapids



Examples of statewide grants with regional impacts

Area Partnership for Economic Expansion (APEX) **\$45,000**
Membership assistance

Arrowhead Regional Development Commission **\$ 40,000**
Project support to help businesses obtain expert consulting services to grow the workforce and increase profitability throughout rural Minnesota

Bemidji State University **\$ 88,000**
For continued support of the Northern Tier High Technology Corridor

Greater Minnesota Housing Fund **\$6,000,000**
For Phase II and Phase III of the State's Generic Environmental Impact Statement on Timber Harvesting Throughout rural Minnesota

Minnesota Department of Natural Resources **\$ 47,000**
For Phase II and Phase III of the State's Generic Environmental Impact Statement on Timber Harvesting Throughout rural Minnesota

Minnesota Logger Education Program **\$199,000**
For the Advanced Training for Logging Professionals as part of the Vital Forests/Vital Communities initiative

Minnesota Logger Education Program **\$ 40,000**
Project support to implement task force recommendations

MinnPost **\$225,000**
Start-up funding for a new online media outlet to bolster reporting capacity throughout rural Minnesota

Minnesota Public Radio **\$310,000**
For continued support to provide news coverage to residents throughout rural Minnesota

Minnesota Public Radio **\$ 52,000**
Project support to create a five-part radio and Internet Series on the economic future of rural Minnesota communities

Minnesota Public Radio **\$775,000**
For continued support of delivering news programming to rural communities throughout Minnesota

Minnesota Wood Campaign **\$ 50,000**
Continuation funding for education and planning throughout rural Minnesota

Minnesota Wood Education Project **\$ 10,000**
Programming for North Woods Education Project

Minnesota Wood Education Project **\$ 90,000**
For the FSC Group certification program throughout rural Minnesota

University of Minnesota **\$ 50,000**
Study and make recommendations regarding increased family forest owner participation in the Sustainable Forest incentive Act in support of the Vital Forests/Vital Communities program

University of Minnesota \$ 20,000

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 \$215,000**

To facilitate the application of ecosystem classification to silvicultural and stewardship planning and to maintain and restore sustainable, healthy forest ecosystems in Minnesota as part of the Vital Forests/ Vital Communities initiative

**University of Minnesota
Cloquet Forestry Center \$ 40,000**

For the Sustainable Forests Education Cooperative and to implement recommendations for continued training to foresters throughout rural Minnesota

**University of Minnesota
College of Natural Resources \$179,000**

For developing a certification framework for Minnesota's Nonindustrial Private Forests

**University of Minnesota
Duluth/NRRI \$ 10,000**

To develop a full-scale model/prototype of a housing unit to be used for promotional and development efforts in rural Minnesota

**University of Minnesota
Duluth/NRRI \$ 15,000**

Continued support to undergo initial FEMA review of containerized emergency housing concept