June 2013 Grant awards

Local Grants
Area of focus: Vibrant Itasca County

**Bigfork Valley Foundation**
Support for youth and family programs in the Bigfork area in Itasca County $500

**Children's Mental Health Services/REACH**
Therapeutic skill building program in a group setting for those with emotional and social issues in Itasca County $1,000

**Grand Rapids Summer Celebration Inc**
Donation toward the 2013 Tall Timber Days festival in Itasca County $1,000

**Habitat for Humanity of Itasca County**
Offset cost of purchasing a new building $150,000

**Independent School District 118, Remer**
Donation towards Northland High School’s post prom party in the Itasca area $500

**Independent School District 318**
Continued operating support for Baby Steps in Itasca County $90,000

**Independent School District 319**
Capital support to construct a playground at Keewatin Elementary School in Itasca County $3,000

**Independent School District 363**
Support for a summer mental health program for Northome school students in the Itasca area $1,000

**Itasca Community College**
Donation for O Gitch I Dah Club’s 2013 annual spring pow-wow in Itasca county $1,000
**Meadowlark Institute**
Strengthen the capacity of Itasca Area residents to facilitate meetings and community change initiatives using participatory practices that result in wise collective action

-$270,600$

**MN Council On Foundations**
Subscriptions to Minnesota Grantmakers Online for 17 Itasca County nonprofits

-$4,216$

**Northland Area Family Service Center**
Cover unpaid preschool tuition from 2011-12 school year in Itasca County

-$10,000$

**Northern Lights Community School**
Cultural and educational programming for the students of Northern Lights Community School in Itasca County

-$3,400$

**Reif Arts Council**
Golden Dragon Acrobats New Year's Day 2014 performance at a reduced price in the Itasca County area

-$10,000$

**Reif Arts Council**
Support to complete all project planning, including (funding) development and architectural and engineering design for a proposed renovation and expansion of the Reif Center in Itasca County

-$100,000$

**Remer Centennial Library**
Purchase of computer equipment for library patron usage in the Itasca County area

-$2,000$

**United Way of 1,000 Lakes**
Sponsorship of the Live Stream Forum "New Structures for New Times" in Itasca County

-$706.85$

**Wirt Community Club**
Donation in support of the Wirt Summer Fest in Itasca County

-$1,000$

**Strategic Area: Expand Opportunity**

**Depot Commons Association**
Workforce development in the greater Itasca area

-$35,000$

**Independent School District 118, Remer**
Early childhood programming in the Remer area 2013-15

-$160,000$

**Itasca Area Schools Collaborative**
Continue Invest Early through June 2014

-$2,100,000$
Itasca Community College
Integrated engineering program using the Intervention, Incentive and Achievement program $292,000

Search Institute
Creation of an integrated data collection and mobilization strategy to support comprehensive data-guided development of the Itasca Area Initiative for Student Success in Itasca County $49,303

Rural Minnesota Grants
Strategic Area: Expand Opportunity

Albert Lea Public Library Foundation
Support for the Choose Civility Initiative as part of the Rural Quick Start program in rural Minnesota $5,000

Bridges of Hope
Mentoring program to build social capital for individuals living in poverty in rural Minnesota as part of the Rural Quick Start program $5,000

Citizens for Backus/AB
Programming support for Koochiching Public Television in rural Minnesota as part of the Rural Quick Start program $5,000

Dovetail Partners
Managing the research and design of a five-year anniversary regional convening of Vital Forests/Vital Communities leaders to be held in 2013 in rural Minnesota $10,000

Enterprise Minnesota
Regional sponsorship for the fifth annual State of Manufacturing poll to be conducted in April 2013 in rural Minnesota $5,000

Initiative Foundation
Support for the Thriving Organizations Partnership (TOP) Initiative in rural Minnesota $100,000

Leech Lake Band of Ojibwe Housing Authority
Spring pow-wow to unite tribal communities, carry on Native traditions and lead Native youth to a better life in rural Minnesota $3,400

MN Council of Nonprofits Inc
Membership for 2013 $1,000

Native Americans in Philanthropy
Membership support in 2013 throughout rural Minnesota $2,500
Northland Foundation
KIDS Plus Pathway to Career event to help 10th and 11th grade students explore careers available in northeastern Minnesota $10,000

Northwest Technical College-Bemidji
Create new training products for advanced manufacturing skills needed in the region $175,000

Park Rapids Lakes Area Arts Council
Facilitation assistance for area arts entities as part of the Rural Quick Start program in rural Minnesota $5,000

Technical Academies of Minnesota
Support for the first Technical Academy charter school to be opened in Waldorf, Minnesota $49,776

U of M Carlson School of Management
2013 Minnesota Cup Business Plan Competition in rural Minnesota $10,000

University of Minnesota Natural Resources Research Institute
Support for the Heating the Midwest conference in support of regional economic development in rural Minnesota $3,500

Volunteers in Education
Expand tutoring program to Eveleth, Gilbert and Nett Lake school districts in rural Minnesota $20,000

Strategic Area: Invest in Leaders

International Falls Economic Development Authority
Engaging the community in creating a shared vision and development plan for 125 acres of property along the Rainy River in Koochiching County $4,960

PFund Foundation
Support for the LGBT mapping and community engagement project in rural Minnesota $30,000

Broadband grants
29 grants of less than $50,000, including $401,631

Children’s Dental Services
Using teledentistry to bring high quality dental services to the Nashwauk,
Keewatin and Northome school districts in Itasca County $50,000

**Grand Rapids Area Community Foundation**
Support for an Itasca Community Portal where new residents, existing residents and visitors can easily find the information they need in Itasca County $10,000

**Itasca Economic Development Corporation**
Spur the innovative use of technology by small businesses in the Itasca area through specific training, technology business planning and implementation assistance with widespread promotion of successful results $20,000

**Itasca Economic Development Corporation**
Itasca Area Knowledge Workers program $10,000

**Matching gifts**
54 grants $22,550

**Total** (124 grants) $4,155,542.85