



Blandin Foundation™
STRENGTHENING RURAL MINNESOTA

March 2012 Grant awards

Local Grants

Area of focus: Expand Opportunity

- Arrowhead Economic Opportunity Agency** \$350,000 over 2 years
Continuation funding for the Adult Scholarship Program in Itasca County
- GiveMN** \$25,000 over two years
To promote and reward nonprofit participation and usage of online giving in Itasca County
- KOOTASCA Community Action** \$590,000 over two years
Continuation funding for Circles of Support, Crisis Nursery, Teenage Parent Program, Homeless Prevention and Community Engagement programs.

Statewide

Area of focus: Expand Opportunity

- Brainerd Lakes Area Chamber of Commerce Education Association** \$80,000 over 2 years
Continuation funding and expansion of the Workplace Connection program in the Brainerd Lakes schools
- GiveMN** \$50,000 over 2 years
To promote and reward nonprofit participation and usage of online giving in Itasca County and throughout rural Minnesota
- Grand Rapids Area Community Foundation** \$50,600 over 2 years
For continued support for the Rural Access Leadership Fund for people to participate in community-based leadership programs throughout rural Minnesota
- Northeast Entrepreneur Fund** \$50,000 over 2 years
Project support for business peer groups for small entrepreneurs in northeast Minnesota
- Northeast Service Unit** \$250,000
Capital support for the Iron Range Engineering program on the campus of Mesabi Range Community and Technical College in Virginia

Organizing Apprenticeship Project

\$100,000 over 2 years

Project support for the Equity in Education Benchmarks project in ten rural communities in Minnesota

University of Minnesota Duluth

Natural Resources Research Institute

\$150,000 over 3 years

Continued support for the Product Development Fund to spur economic growth in rural Minnesota