



## December 2021 Grant Awards

### Local Grants

#### **Arrowhead Economic Opportunity Agency**

Donation in support of the Community Connect event in Itasca County. **\$1,000**

#### **Blackberry Township**

Project support for Itasca Area Small Communities Development in Blackberry Township in Itasca County. **\$50,000**

#### **Buck Lake Improvement Club**

Project support for Itasca Area Small Communities Development in the Buck Lake area in Itasca County. **\$30,000**

#### **City of Bigfork (Bigfork Valley Foundation, as fiscal agent)**

Project support for Itasca Area Small Communities Development in Bigfork in Itasca County. **\$100,000**

#### **City of Bovey**

Project support for Itasca Area Small Communities Development in Bovey in Itasca County. **\$150,000**

#### **City of Coleraine**

Project support for Itasca Area Small Communities Development in Coleraine in Itasca County. **\$150,000**

#### **City of Deer River**

Project support for Itasca Area Small Communities Development in Deer River in Itasca County. **\$150,000**

#### **City of Effie (Bigfork Valley Foundation, as fiscal agent)**

Project support for Itasca Area Small Communities Development in Effie in Itasca County. **\$75,000**

#### **City of Grand Rapids**

Project support to research and market the impact of Minnesota's Automated Rural Transit Initiative as part of the Broadband Program in Itasca County. **\$50,000**

#### **City of Grand Rapids**

Project support for a pilot project to test the technological, social, economic, and environmental viability of operating a Connected and Automated Vehicle (CAV) service in Itasca County. **\$450,000**

#### **City of Keewatin**

Project support for Itasca Area Small Communities Development in Keewatin in Itasca County. **\$150,000**

**City of LaPrairie**

Project support for Itasca Area Small Communities Development in LaPrairie in Itasca County. **\$100,000**

**City of Nashwauk**

Project support for Itasca Area Small Communities Development in Nashwauk in Itasca County.  
**\$150,000**

**City of Northome**

Project support for Itasca Area Small Communities Development in Northome in Itasca County.  
**\$150,000**

**City of Marble**

Project support for Itasca Area Small Communities Development in Marble in Itasca County. **\$50,000**

**City of S-Lake**

Project support for Itasca Area Small Communities Development in City of S-Lake in Itasca County.  
**\$50,000**

**ElderCircle**

Donation in support of the 2021 Community Thanksgiving Dinner in Itasca County. **\$1,000**

**Great Minds Learning Center**

Project support for capacity building to research grant resources for financial sustainability in the Itasca Area. **\$4,800**

**Harris Township**

Project support for Itasca Area Small Communities Development in Harris Township in Itasca County.  
**\$100,000**

**Itasca Economic Development Corporation**

Project support to promote an Innovation Center to provide education and training to area students and community members as part of the Broadband Program in Itasca County. **\$10,000**

**Marcell Township (Bigfork Valley Foundation, as fiscal agent)**

Project support for Itasca Area Small Communities Development in Marcell Township in Itasca County.  
**\$50,000**

**Nashwauk Township**

Project support for Itasca Area Small Communities Development in Nashwauk Township in Itasca County. **\$40,000**

**S-Lake Local Indian Council (Grand Rapids Area Community Foundation, as Fiscal Agent)**

Project support for Itasca Area Small Communities Development in the S-Lake Community in Itasca County. **\$150,000**

**Trout Lake Township**

Project support for Itasca Area Small Communities Development in Trout Lake Township in Itasca County. **\$30,000**

## **Rural Minnesota**

### **Area of focus: Expand Opportunity**

#### **Duluth Lighthouse for the Blind**

Project support to alleviate social isolation by promoting broadband connectivity and use among rural Arrowhead seniors as part of the Broadband Program in rural Minnesota. **\$50,000**

#### **Face it Together Bemidji**

Project support for organizational development and capacity building in rural Minnesota. **\$60,000**

#### **Hibbing Dylan Project**

Project support to improve community vitality by upgrading Hibbing's downtown sound system and creating playlists to showcase local musicians as part of the Broadband Program in rural Minnesota. **\$10,400**

#### **Kanabec County**

Project support to conduct a broadband feasibility study in Kanabec County as part of the Broadband Program in rural Minnesota. **\$25,000**

#### **Minnesota Council on Foundations**

Project support for membership assistance in 2022 in rural Minnesota. **\$23,000**

#### **Native Governance Center**

Project support for the *We Are Still Here* Initiative in rural Minnesota. **\$40,000**

#### **Upper Midwest Film Office (Northland Foundation, as Fiscal Agent)**

Project support to Northland Foundation as fiscal agent for the Upper Midwest Film Office for capacity building over 18 months in rural Minnesota. **\$100,000**

#### **Pine County**

Project support to conduct a broadband feasibility study in Pine County as part of the Broadband Program in rural Minnesota. **\$25,000**

#### **Red Lake Band of Chippewa Indians**

Project support for key elements of launching a new Indigenous charter school including curriculum development, board training, and staff/student recruitment in rural Minnesota. **\$50,000**

**United Way of the Brown County Area, Inc.**

Project support for 2021 Rural Equity Summit to help speakers share stories of equity and inclusion work taking place throughout rural Minnesota. **\$1,000**

**Voices for Racial Justice**

Project support to help establish Seeds of Justice as a 501c3 and to continue with capacity building in rural Minnesota. **\$150,000**

**Zeitgeist Center for Arts and Community**

Project support for capacity building to support the launch of the Northland Film School and the Northland Film Festival on the Iron Range in rural Minnesota. **\$150,000**

**Area of focus: Community Leadership**

**City of Fosston**

Project support to establish a physical location for the Fosston Arts and Culture Commission as part of the Blandin Leadership Grant Program in rural Minnesota. **\$5,000**

**Kerkhoven Lions Club Foundation**

Project support to establish a local arts council as part of the Blandin Leadership Grant Program in rural Minnesota. **\$5,000**

**Native Governance Center**

Program support to promote a Native nation rebuilding movement, including leadership development, direct tribal governance support, and community engagement in rural Minnesota. **\$750,000**

**Wisdom Steps**

Project support for Native American elder organizational development as part of the Blandin Reservation Community Leadership Program in rural Minnesota. **\$5,000**

**Total            40 grants        \$3,691,200**