



March 2018 Grants

Local Grants

Area of focus: Vibrant Itasca County

Bigfork Improvement Group

Capital support for the final phase of renovation of the Bigfork City Hall in Itasca County.
\$30,000

Boys Club Of Duluth Inc

Donation in support of staff match for the Boys and Girls Clubs of Grand Rapids and Greenway in Itasca County. **\$500**

Cass County Economic Development Corp

Donation in support of economic development work in the Remer area. **\$1,000**

ElderCircle

Project support for the 2017 annual community Thanksgiving dinner in Itasca County. **\$2,000**

Grand Rapids Area Community Foundation

Operating support for SPARK to conduct research, education and engagement to strengthen youth programming, youth worker professional development and stronger outcomes over two years for youth in Itasca County. **\$160,000**

Grand Rapids Area Community Foundation

Operating support for continued crisis aid and management support over two years for the Itasca County Sharing Fund in Itasca County. **\$200,000**

Grand Rapids Players

Donation in support of underwriting performances in Itasca County. **\$1,000**

Great Minds Learning Center

Operating support for expansion and relocation to accommodate program growth in Itasca County. **\$10,000**

Greenway Joint Recreation Association

Donation in support of the fifth annual fishing tournament for the Greenway Sports Complex in Itasca County. **\$500**

Independent School District 118, Remer

Project support to offer a second round of Anishinaabe Worldview Training to Remer and Deer River school personnel and community members in Itasca County. **\$12,675**

Independent School District 2

Capital support for enhancement of publicly accessible community space within the newly remodeled Hill City school in Itasca County. **\$150,000**

Independent School District 316

Donation in support of the Greenway 2018 Post Prom event in Itasca County. **\$500**

Independent School District 319

Donation in support of the Nashwauk-Keewatin School District's music program in Itasca County. **\$1,000**

Itasca Community College

Project support for the 2018 career fair in Itasca County. **\$100,000**

Itasca Community College

Project support for the Navigating Information conference in Itasca County. **\$5,060**

Itasca County

Capital support for equipment for the Itasca County Dive Team. **\$5,000**

Itasca County Family YMCA Inc

Donation in support of establishing a new fundraising event for nonprofits in Itasca County. **\$1,000**

Itasca Water Legacy Partnership

Project support for research, education and consultation associated with protecting water quality and restoring shorelands over three years in Itasca County. **\$150,000**

Minnesota 4-H Foundation

Project support to provide training opportunities for Itasca Networks for Youth members and students at Northern Lights Community School in Itasca County. **\$3,500**

MN Assistance Council for Veterans

Project support for programming and services to veterans in Itasca County. **\$100,000**

North Central MN Farm & Antique Assoc.

Donation support for local history and culture events in Itasca County. **\$1,000**

Northern Community Radio KAXE

Capital support for construction of a new transmission tower in Itasca County. **\$250,000**

Northern Lights Nordic Ski Club

Capital support for a storage/maintenance and meeting location for the Ski Club in Itasca County. **\$10,000**

Northland Counseling Center Inc

Project support for expansion of the Northern Opportunity Works program over two years in Itasca County. **\$87,964**

Santa's Mitten Maids

Donation in support of families experiencing emergency situations in Itasca County. **\$500**

Second Harvest North Central Food Bank

Project support for the Kids Backpack Food program in Itasca County. **\$5,000**

Second Harvest North Central Food Bank

Project support for the One Crisis Away public awareness campaign about poverty in Itasca County. **\$5,000**

Area of focus: Expand Opportunity**City of Grand Rapids**

Capital support for accessibility and ADA compliant features to be constructed on the pedestrian bridge crossing the Mississippi River in Itasca County. **\$50,000**

Itasca Community College

Project support for financial aid programs during the 2018-19 academic year in Itasca County. **\$395,000**

Itasca Economic Development Corporation

Project support for meeting facilitation of the Itasca Area Response Team in Itasca County. **\$21,250**

KOOTASCA Community Action, Inc

Operating support for Circles of Support, Teenage Parent Program, Crisis Nursery, Community Engagement and Transitional Housing programs over two years in Itasca County. **\$530,350**

Sand Lake Township

Donation in support of accessing broadband services at the Sand Lake Community Center as part of the Broadband Program in Itasca County. **\$900**

Rural Minnesota**Area of focus: Expand Opportunity****Area Partnership for Economic Expansion**

Project support for completion of a Regional Workforce Skills Assessment in rural Minnesota. **\$10,000**

Arrowhead Regional Arts Council

Project support for design of a ReCharge the Range event highlighting the importance of arts, culture and tourism as one vital part of the overall Iron Range economic in rural Minnesota. **\$4,000**

City of Ely

Project support of the "Business Development/Broadband Survey, Ely Small Business Workshop Series" as part of the Broadband Program in rural Minnesota. **\$22,700**

City of Moose Lake

Project support for Smart Technologies for Everyone as part of the Broadband Program in rural Minnesota. **\$10,000**

City of Spicer

Project support for the Cyber Seniors Mentoring Project as part of the Broadband Program in rural Minnesota. **\$4,910**

Enterprise Minnesota

Project support for the 2018 State of Manufacturing Survey in rural Minnesota. **\$7,500**

Greater Minnesota Housing Fund

Project support of a new Minnesota Housing Commission, which will develop innovative solutions to help communities across Minnesota preserve and expand the availability of affordable housing and workforce housing in rural Minnesota. **\$30,000**

Greater Twin Cities United Way

Operating support for continuation of the Start Early Funders Coalition over three years in rural Minnesota. **\$75,000**

Ironworld Development Corporation

Donation in support of the 2018 Iron Range Science and Engineering Festival in rural Minnesota. **\$1,000**

ISD 712 Mountain Iron Buhl

Project support to increase the community's students, residents and businesses with opportunities for increased broadband access, knowledge and interaction as part of the Broadband Program in rural Minnesota. **\$50,000**

Mahube-Otwa Community Action Partnership Inc

Project support for a pilot of the Employability Initiative in collaboration with M-State, nonprofit service providers and local employers in Otter Tail County in rural Minnesota. **\$50,000**

Minnesota Council On Foundations

Project support for the 2020 Census Communication and Mobilization Plan in rural Minnesota. **\$50,000**

Minnesota Council on Latino Affairs

Project support to produce and distribute the Greater Minnesota Community Engagement Report in rural Minnesota. **\$7,500**

Northeast Entrepreneur Fund, Inc.

Project support to provide training to small businesses in digital marketing as part of the Broadband Program in rural Minnesota. **\$25,000**

Northland Foundation

Project support to continue the work of the Rural Economic Development (RED) group in 2018 in rural Minnesota. **\$21,000**

Northland Foundation

Project support for the 2018 Northeastern Minnesota Early Childhood Summit in rural Minnesota. **\$5,000**

Northland Foundation

Project support to complete an economic impact study of the effects of Northeast Minnesota's early childhood care shortage, and the corresponding value to families, businesses and the region's workforce of addressing the issue in rural Minnesota. **\$12,000**

Red Lake Band of Chippewa Indians

Capital support to develop space for entrepreneurs and community education in rural Minnesota. **\$40,000**

Red Wing Ignite

Project support for creation of an innovative ecosystem as part of the Broadband Program in rural Minnesota. **\$10,000**

Region Nine Development Commission

Project support to launch a Rural Equity Learning Cohort in rural Minnesota. **\$74,145**

Sibley County

Project support for the Community, Entrepreneur and Business Digital Skills Growth and Training Program as part of the Broadband Program in rural Minnesota. **\$9,500**

Sibley County

Project support for community access to technology and training as part of the Broadband Program in rural Minnesota. **\$4,750**

Winthrop EDA

Project support for enhanced collaboration and cooperation by Minnesota stakeholders on coalescing the rural voice on statewide broadband issues and programs as part of the Broadband Program in rural Minnesota. **\$15,000**

Women's Foundation of Minnesota

Project support over two years for the Young Women's Initiative in rural Minnesota. **\$100,000**

Area of focus: Invest in Leaders**Beacons Of Hope**

Project support for youth engagement efforts in the Two Harbors area as part of the Blandin Leadership Grants Program in rural Minnesota. **\$5,000**

City of Redwood Falls

Capital support to construct and install new dual-language signage for Ramsey Park in English and Dakota. **\$10,000**

Living at Home of the Park Rapids Area

Project support to create a Volunteer Park Rapids community web site as part of the Blandin Leadership Grants Program in rural Minnesota. **\$5,000**

Luverne Area Community Foundation

Donation in support of "Poverty, What's Your Baggage" community event as part of the Blandin Leadership Grants Program in rural Minnesota. **\$1,000**

Meeker County Development Corporation

Project support to develop a community web site to bring awareness and promote Litchfield and surrounding areas as part of the Blandin Leadership Grants program in rural Minnesota.

\$5,000

ReGen Northland

Project support for artistic revitalization improvements in downtown Hibbing as part of the Blandin Leadership Grants Program in rural Minnesota. **\$5,000**

United Way of West Central Minnesota

Project support to conduct a refresh of Vision 2040 goals and strategic planning as part of the Blandin Leadership Grants Program in rural Minnesota. **\$5,000**

Total

64 grants \$2,785,704