



March 2019 grant awards

Local Grants

Area of focus: Expand Opportunity

Boys Club of Duluth Inc.

Operating support for the Boys and Girls Club of Grand Rapids and Greenway in Itasca County.
\$308,000

Independent School District 2

Operating support for continuation of the Early Start preschool program in Itasca County.
\$166,000

Itasca Community College

Project support for financial aid programs during the 2019-20 academic year in Itasca County.
\$395,000

Area of focus: Vibrant Itasca County

Cass County Economic Development Corp

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

City of Calumet

Donation in support of a new copier for the Calumet Public Library in Itasca County. **\$500**

City of Marble

Donation in support of computer upgrades for the Marble library in Itasca County. **\$500**

ElderCircle

Donation in support of the 2018 community Thanksgiving dinner in Itasca County. **\$1,000**

ElderCircle

Donation in support of recruitment and training of a new Home Visitor Program employee in Itasca County. **\$1,000**

Grand Rapids Area Community Foundation

Donation in support of the Grand Rapids 2018 WinterGlo Festival in Itasca County. **\$1,000**

ISD 317 Deer River

Donation in support of Deer River High School's 2019 post prom event in Itasca County. **\$500**

Itasca Community College

Project support for the 2019 career fair in Itasca County. **\$10,000**

Itasca Community College

Project support to provide learning and building cultural understanding around the book and film Neither Wolf Nor Dog to residents in Itasca County. **\$4,700**

Let's Go Fishing of MN

Donation in support of the 2019 Let's Go Fishing with Seniors program in Itasca County.
\$1,000

NAMI Grand Rapids Area

Donation in support of presenting three workshops in Grand Rapids entitled "It's Complicated: Children, Social Media and Mental Health" in Itasca County. **\$1,000**

S Lake Local Indian Council

Donation in support of a Pre-New Years Even celebration for the S Lake are in Itasca County.
\$1,000

Second Harvest North Central Food Bank

Donation in support of staff match for Second Harvest North Central Food Bank in Itasca County. **\$500**

Second Harvest North Central Food Bank

Project support for the trustee-directed gift for the Kids Backpack program in Itasca County.
\$5,000

Support Within Reach

Donation in support of providing follow up training for the justice system in Itasca County. **\$800**

Trout Lake Fire Department

Donation in support of community leadership training in Itasca County. **\$500**

University of Minnesota Extension Service

Project support for operating and evaluating mentoring programs in Itasca County and for evaluating the need for future mentoring programming in Itasca County. **\$50,000**

Rural Minnesota

Area of focus: Expand Opportunity

Access North Center for Independent Living of Northeastern Minnesota

Project support, in partnership with Iron Range Resources and Rehabilitation and St. Louis County, to implement broadband projects in the Hibbing area that promote access, adoption and use of broadband technology as part of the Broadband Program in rural Minnesota.
\$50,000

Aitkin County

Project support, in partnership with Iron Range Resources and Rehabilitation and St. Louis County, to implement projects in Aitkin that promote access, adoption and use of broadband technology as part of the Broadband Program in rural Minnesota. **\$50,000**

ReGen Northland

Project support, in partnership with Iron Range Resources and Rehabilitation and St. Louis County, to implement projects in the Chisholm area that increase access, adoption and use of broadband among residents, schools and businesses as part of the Broadband Program in rural Minnesota. **\$50,000**

Bois Forte Band of Chippewa Indians

Project support, in partnership with Iron Range Resources and Rehabilitation and St. Louis County, to implement broadband projects in the Bois Forte/Cook/Orr area that support community revitalization via technology as part of the Broadband Program in rural Minnesota. **\$50,000**

City of Ely

Project support, in partnership with Iron Range Resources and Rehabilitation and St. Louis County, to implement broadband projects in the Ely area that increases digital equality among residents, schools and businesses as part of the Broadband Program in rural Minnesota. **\$50,000**

Growth and Justice

Project support for strengthening the Thriving by Design network and developing a comprehensive One Minnesota Equity Blueprint for rural Minnesota. **\$150,000**

Headwaters Foundation for Justice

Project support to strengthen programming and grant making that benefits members of Minnesota's Native Nations in rural Minnesota. **\$150,000**

Independent School District 94

Donation in support of the 2019 regional American Indian Science and Engineering Fair in rural Minnesota. **\$1,000**

ISD 712 Mountain Iron Buhl

Project support, in partnership with Iron Range Resources and Rehabilitation and St. Louis County, to implement projects that will provide 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**

Ironworld Development Corporation

Donation in support of the 2019 Iron Range Science and Engineering Festival in rural Minnesota. **\$1,000**

Le Sueur County

Project support to conduct a feasibility study to better understand options for improving broadband infrastructure and services within Le Sueur County as part of the Broadband Program in rural Minnesota. **\$25,000**

Longville Area Community Choir

Donation in support of Music in the Park series for the Longville, Remer and surrounding communities in the Itasca County area. **\$500**

Main Street Project

Project support for growing its Agripreneur Training and Technical Assistance programs in the Northfield area in rural Minnesota. **\$39,000**

Northland Foundation

Project support for continuation of the Rural Economic Development initiative during 2019 in rural Minnesota. **\$20,000**

Northland Foundation

Project support for the 2019 Northeastern Minnesota Early Childhood Summit in rural Minnesota. **\$5,000**

Region Nine Development Commission

Project support for the Welcoming Communities Project in rural Minnesota. **\$149,255**

Sprout MN

Project support for organizational development and entrepreneurial support in rural Minnesota. **\$90,000**

University of Minnesota Extension Service

Donation in support of the Connecting Entrepreneurial Communities Conference in rural Minnesota. **\$1,000**

University of Minnesota Foundation

Project support for the 2019 One Minnesota conference of Legislators in rural Minnesota. **\$10,000**

Area of focus: Invest in Leadership**Anishinabe Legal Services**

Project support for organizational planning and development for its work in rural Minnesota. **\$4,500**

City of Lanesboro

Project support for a community-powered engagement process as part of developing a comprehensive asset-based plan for the City of Lanesboro as part of the Blandin Leadership Grants Program in rural Minnesota. **\$5,000**

Engage Winona

Project support for the Community Changemaker Lab engagement project as part of the Blandin Leadership Grants program in rural Minnesota. **\$5,000**

Kinship of the Park Rapids Area

Project support for the Adverse Childhood Experiences Summit (ACES) as part of the Blandin Leadership Grants program in rural Minnesota. **\$5,000**

Region 5 Regional Dev Commission

Project support for sponsorship of Friends in the Field in rural Minnesota. **\$3,000**

Southwest Minnesota State University Foundation

Project support for the first annual Women's Leadership Conference as part of the Blandin Leadership Grants program in rural Minnesota. **\$5,000**

Total

45 grants \$1,918,255