

March 2020 Grant Awards

Local Grants

Area of focus: Vibrant Itasca Area

Bigfork Improvement Group

Donation in support of Edge Center upgrades as part of the Blandin Community Leadership program. **\$1,000**

Bigfork Valley Foundation

Capital support for community enhancement and wellness projects. **\$250,000**

Boys Club of Duluth Inc

Project support for New Year's Eve Community Celebration in Coleraine. **\$5,750**

Buck Lake Improvement Club

Donation in support of building upgrades. **\$1,000**

Children's Mental Health Services/REACH

Donation in support of Children's Mental Health Services 8th Annual Stomp on Stigma 5K. **\$500**

City of Grand Rapids

Donation in support of the 2020 annual Independence Day fireworks on Pokegama Lake. **\$1,000**

City of Nashwauk

Project support for Anishinaabe Worldview Training. **\$9,175**

City of Warba

Donation in support of the Warba Fire Department's Summer Celebration event. **\$300**

Edge of the Wilderness Discovery Center

Project support for capital and organizational capacity building. **\$10,000**

First Call for Help of Itasca County

Donation in support of First Call For Help. **\$500**

Grace House of Itasca County

Project support for the Governor's Minnesota Homeless Winter Initiative. **\$10,000**

Grand Rapids & Itasca Mountain Bicycling Association

Project support for the Tioga Recreational Public Art Sculpture project. **\$2,500**

Grand Rapids Area Community Foundation

Project support to provide fellowship and social opportunity for persons with disabilities. **\$10,000**

Grand Rapids Band Boosters

Donation in support of advertising the 2020-21 Blandin Education Grants program in the Grand Rapids High School band calendar. **\$550**

Grand Rapids Public Utilities Commission

Project support for completing research that identifies ways of reducing effluents and solids to waste treatment from UPM Blandin. **\$15,000**

Grand Rapids Public Utilities Commission

Project support for reduction of river contamination and public nuisance odors. **\$10,000**

Grand Rapids Summer Celebration Inc

Donation in support of the 2020 Tall Timber Days festival. **\$1,000**

Independent School District 319

Project support for Anishinaabe Worldview Training for educators, administrators, and other community leaders in Nashwauk and Keewatin. **\$16,175**

Independent School District 319

Donation in support of the Nashwauk-Keewatin All Night Grad Party. **\$400**

ISD 317 Deer River

Donation in support of Deer River High School's 2020 post prom event. **\$500**

Itasca Community College

Program support for financial aid programs for the 2020-21 academic year. **\$407,500**

Itasca Community College

Donation in support of Northern TRIO Day through Upward Bound program. **\$500**

Itasca Community College

Project support for the Itasca Community College 2020 Career Fair. **\$10,000**

Itasca County

Project support for a complete census count committee. **\$40,000**

Itasca County Soil & Water Conservation

Donation in support of program expansion and relocation. **\$1,000**

Itasca Hospice Foundation

Donation in support of operations and training. **\$1,000**

Itasca Ski & Outing Club

Capital support for new safety equipment for Mount Itasca Ski Patrol. **\$2,500**

KOOTASCA Community Action, Inc

Operating support for poverty reduction programs. **\$529,920**

Let's Go Fishing of MN

Donation in support of the 2020 Let's Go Fishing with Seniors program. **\$1,000**

Northland Area Family Service Center

Project support for strategic planning for the Northland Early Childhood Collaborative. **\$7,500**

Northland Counseling Center Inc

Program support for Northern Opportunity Works program. **\$87,240**

Reif Arts Council

Project support for The Reminders Shaun Boothe performances. **\$2,500**

Second Harvest North Central Food Bank

Project support for Kids-Packs-to-Go Backpack program. **\$5,000**

University of Minnesota Foundation

Project support for youth engagement, programming and program quality assessments. **\$250,000**

Rural Minnesota

Area of Focus: Effective Stewards

Minnesota Council On Foundations

Ongoing membership support for 2020. **\$17,800**

Area of Focus: Expand Opportunity

Area Partnership for Economic Expansion

Project support for research and outreach to attract new businesses. **\$10,000**

Cherry Township

Project support to expand existing broadband coverage in Cherry Township as part of the Broadband Program. **\$4,990**

City of Rice Lake

Project support for an engineering study in City of Rice Lake. **\$3,000**

Greater Bemidji Inc

Project support for coordination of Envision 2030. **\$10,000**

Institute For Local Self-Reliance

Project support to create a new report "All Hands-On Deck 2020: More Minnesota Models for Expanding Internet Access" as part of the Broadband Program. **\$22,500**

Kairos Alive!

Project support for Creative Community Cohorts as part of the Broadband Program. **\$25,000**

Koochiching Economic Development Authority

Project support for the Koochiching Tech Initiative broadband community projects as part of the Broadband Program. **\$11,500**

Latino Economic Development Center

Operating support to stabilize the organization and strengthen its capacity to serve Latinx entrepreneurs and farmers. **\$50,000**

Le Sueur County

Project support for economic development mapping combined with additional community outreach education as part of the Broadband Program. **\$20,000**

Minnesota Council On Foundations

Project support for the 2020 annual conference. **\$5,000**

Nicollet County

Project support for a feasibility study as part of the Broadband Program. **\$25,000**

Northland Foundation

Project support to host the 2020 Northeastern Minnesota Early Childhood Summit. **\$5,000**

PCs for People

Project support for computer distribution as part of the Broadband Program. **\$29,090**

The Advocates for Human Rights

Project support for research, planning and community engagement activities. **\$50,000**

Area of Focus: Community Leadership

CommunityGiving

Project support to plan, develop and build infrastructure to build the capacity of community foundations in rural Minnesota. **\$50,000**

Department of Public Transformation

Project support for the Say YES! Creative Community Gathering project. **\$50,000**

Destination Lake City Inc.

Project support for a community project in Lake City as part of the Blandin Leadership Grants program. **\$5,000**

Fond du Lac Tribal Community College

Project support for the second annual Ojibwe Language Symposium as part of the Blandin Leadership Grants program. **\$5,000**

Friends of the Band Shell Park

Capital support for a new performing arts and community center in Two Harbors as part of the Blandin Leadership Grants Program. **\$50,000**

Land Stewardship Project

Project support to develop leadership capacity of rural farmers for equitable growth in their communities. **\$50,000**

Leech Lake Band of Ojibwe

Capital support for the expansion of childcare facilities and development of early learning workforce. **\$300,000**

Minnesota Discovery Center

Donation in support for the 9th Annual Iron Range Science and Engineering Festival. **\$1,000**

Minnesota Public Radio

Program support for the Minnesota Diverse Communities project. **\$20,000**

Northland Foundation

Donation in support of the 2020 Childcare Training and Appreciation Seminar. **\$1,000**

Regents of The University of Minnesota

Project support for the 2020 One Minnesota Legislative Conference in support of issues important to rural Minnesota. **\$5,000**

West Central Minnesota Educational Television Company

Project support to develop a platform for Native people in southwest Minnesota to tell stories about their communities. **\$10,000**

Total

61 grants \$2,526,890