



September 2020 Grant Awards

Local Grants

Area of focus: Vibrant Itasca Area

Calumet Public Library

Donation in support of new children's books. **\$1,000**

City of Warba

Capital support for upgrades to the Warba Legion Campground. **\$3,000**

Cohasset Economic Development Authority

Program-Related Investment to support small businesses within the City of Cohasset during the COVID-19 crisis in Itasca County. **\$50,000**

Depot Commons Association

Capital support to upgrade the heating system at the Chamber of Commerce and Welcome Center building. **\$6,000**

Grand Itasca Foundation

Project support for the COVID-19 Keep Itasca Healthy Campaign. **\$5,000**

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Project support for the COVID-19 second phase of the Keep Itasca Healthy Campaign. **\$8,000**

Grand Rapids Area Community Foundation

Capital support for an accessible park for Ball Club community members. **\$22,000**

Grand Rapids Area Community Foundation

Project support for continuation of the Itasca County Trails Task Force. **\$150,000**

Independent School District 2

Project support for virtual graduation assistance. **\$500**

Independent School District 316

Project support for emergency assistance to address the inequities in the use of technology for students across School District 316 in Itasca County. **\$75,000**

Independent School District 317

Project support for summer food distribution program in Itasca County. **\$30,000**

Independent School District 318

Project support for emergency assistance to address the inequities in the use of technology for students across School District 318 in Itasca County. **\$150,000**

Itasca County

Capital support for safety and electrical upgrades to a multi-purpose building at the Fairgrounds. **\$10,000**

Itasca County Family YMCA

Project support for emergency assistance for childcare staff compensation in Itasca County **\$5,000**

MN Diversified Industries

Capital support for a Hollow Core Profile Extruder to grow and diversify its business opportunities for people with disabilities. **\$675,000**

North Central MN Farm & Antique Association

Capital support for upgrades to buildings at the Blackberry site. **\$5,000**

Reif Arts Council

Donation in support of drive-in concerts. **\$500**

Rural Minnesota

Area of focus: Expand Opportunity

Center for Rural Policy & Development

Project support over two years for general operations. **\$70,000**

City of Rice Lake

Project support to boost internet survey responses as part of the Broadband program. **\$1,250**

Itasca County Health and Human Services

Project support to update the quintennial Bridge to Health survey. **\$5,000**

Lutheran Social Service of Minnesota

Donation for COVID-19 emergency assistance for the Range Together for Youth LGBTQ+ program. **\$1,000**

Main Street Project

Project support for its Community Connectors immigrant outreach and local foods project. **\$150,000**

Minnesota Department of Education

Project support for planning project between rural public libraries and manufactured housing communities to promote digital access and literacy. **\$50,000**

Northeast Entrepreneur Fund

Long-term loan guarantee to access \$10 million in Federal loan capital for small businesses in Northeast Minnesota. **\$50,000**

Region 5 Regional Development Commission

Project support for a housing and workplace feasibility study for the Leech Lake Band of Ojibwe. **\$35,000**

Saint Paul & Minnesota Foundation

Project support for Connected MN internet access for low-income Indigenous and families of color. **\$50,000**

The Food Group

Project support for Big River Farms to increase participation and outcomes for emerging farmers and farmers of color. **\$50,000**

University of Minnesota Extension Service

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

Women’s Foundation of Minnesota

Project support for continuation of the Young Women’s Initiative. **\$100,000**

Area of focus: Community Leadership

Grand Portage Reservation Tribal Council

Project support for COVID-19 emergency assistance for food distribution to Tribal members. **\$50,000**

Leech Lake Financial Services, Inc.

For continued operating support for the remainder of 2020. **\$50,000**

Northwest Indian Community Development Center

Project support for COVID-19 emergency assistance for food and wellness access. **\$50,000**

Owatonna Area Chamber Foundation

Project support for Engage Owatonna: Let’s Talk as part of the Blandin Leadership Grant program. **\$5,000**

Springboard for the Arts

Project support for two rural recovery funds for arts organizations and artist-led community projects in rural Minnesota. **\$50,000**

YWCA Duluth

Project support to expand the reach of the Facilitating Racial Equity Collaborative’s Overcoming Racism Conference and mini grants to organizations across rural Minnesota. **\$49,980**

Total

35 grants \$2,014,230