



June 2015 grant awards

Local Grants

Area of focus: Vibrant Itasca County

Bigfork Valley Foundation

Donation for Bigfork area youth and family programs in Itasca County **\$250**

City of Bigfork

Capital support to purchase fire department rescue equipment in Itasca County **\$5,000**

City of Grand Rapids

Project support for Crisis Intervention Team training for law enforcement personnel in Itasca County **\$25,000**

Edge of the Wilderness Community Center

Donation for bringing Peter Rothstein's holiday musical "All Is Calm" to Itasca County **\$1,000**

Edge of the Wilderness Community Center

Project support for an Ojibwe Women Artist event and to host the Itasca Symphony in celebration of the 10th anniversary of the Edge Center in Itasca County **\$5,000**

Governmental and Educational Assistance Corporation

Donation for a theater room for Manor House residents in Itasca County **\$500**

Grand Rapids Show Boat Inc

Project support for technical assistance to develop a sustainability plan in Itasca County **\$3,000**

Grand Rapids Summer Celebration Inc

Donation for the 2015 Tall Timber Days festival in Itasca County **\$1,000**

Independent School District 318

Operating support over two years for Baby Steps in Itasca County **\$190,000**

Judy Garland Children's Museum

Donation for the 2015 Judy Garland Festival in Itasca County **\$1,000**

Nonprofits Assistance Fund

Project support to continue capacity building services for nonprofit organizations in Itasca County **\$150,000**

Northland Counseling Center Inc
Capital support for construction of Kiesler Wellness Center in Itasca County **\$1,000,000**

Reif Arts Council
Project support for developing formal working agreements between four arts programs within a new facility in Itasca County **\$2,838**

Remer Centennial Library
Donation for library software in the Itasca County area **\$1,000**

S Lake Local Indian Council
Donation for the spring offering powwow in Itasca County **\$1,000**

Wirt Community Club
Donation for handicapped accessibility renovations at the Wirt town hall in Itasca County **\$1,000**

Area of focus: Invest in Leaders

Grand Rapids Area Community Foundation
Project support for attracting national ArtPlace America funding to The local arts community in Itasca County **\$2,100**

Area of focus: Expand Opportunity

Cass County Economic Development Corp
Donation for membership in support of economic development activities for Remer in the Itasca County area **\$1,000**

Independent School District 316
Project support for required testing fees to become a Certified Nursing Assistant in Itasca County **\$1,500**

Itasca Area Schools Collaborative
Operating support of the Invest Early program through June 2016 in Itasca County **\$2,100,000**

Itasca Economic Development Corporation
Project support to increase the technology sophistication of businesses and organizations through online resources, training and networking as part of the Broadband Program in Itasca County **\$25,000**

Northland Area Family Service Center
Project support over two years for the Northland Early Childhood Collaboration in the Itasca County area **\$180,000**

Rural Minnesota

Area of focus: Expand Opportunity

Arrowhead Regional Development Commission

Project support for development of a new economic development web portal for northeast rural Minnesota

\$20,000

Great Plains Institute For Sustainable Development

Operations support to further the work of the Bioeconomy Coalition of Minnesota through 2015 in rural Minnesota

\$10,000

Harbor Centers Inc.

Project support to expand the Itasca County Aging Services Guide to include Koochiching County in rural Minnesota

\$750

Immigrant Law Center of MN

Operating support over two years to support the Rural Immigration Project in rural Minnesota

\$150,000

Ironworld Development Corporation

Project support for the 2015 Iron Range Science and Engineering Festival in northeastern rural Minnesota

\$2,500

LEAP, Inc.

Donation for a community resource fair and awareness campaign on mental health in rural Minnesota

\$1,000

Longville Area Community Choir

Donation for the 2015 Music in the Park series in the Longville area

\$500

Minnesota D.A.R.E., Inc.

Donation for D.A.R.E. programs in rural Minnesota

\$1,000

MN Council of Nonprofits Inc

Donation for the 2015 Northeast Minnesota Nonprofit Summit in rural Minnesota

\$1,000

MN Council of Nonprofits Inc

Membership support for 2015

\$1,000

MN Council On Foundations

Membership support for 2015

\$3,450

MN Council On Foundations

Project support over three years for the Ron McKinley Fellowship Program in Itasca County

\$304,620

MN Dept of Natural Resources

Project support to study the Northern Long-Eared Bat's habitat requirements to balance conservation of bat habitat and maintenance

of sustainable forest management given the bat's impending listing under the Endangered Species Act in rural Minnesota	\$7,500
Native Americans in Philanthropy Project support for the 25th anniversary celebration and annual Native Philanthropy Institute in rural Minnesota	\$5,000
Northland Foundation Project support for the 2015 Early Childhood Summit for northeastern Minnesota	\$5,000
Northwest Minnesota Foundation Project support for planned giving program development for nonprofits in rural Minnesota	\$10,000
U of MN Foundation Donation for the Gathering Partners in Natural Resources conference in Itasca County	\$500
Voices for Racial Justice Project support for community organizing work for people of color in rural Minnesota	\$50,000

Area of focus: Invest in Leaders

Dakota Wicohan Project support for the summer leadership training and outreach program in the Lower Sioux Dakota community as part of the Rural Quick Start program	\$5,000
La Crescent Area Healthy Community Partnership Project support for community meetings to develop a comprehensive plan and vision for La Crescent as part of the Rural Quick Start program	\$600
Lake County Developmental Achievement Center Inc Project support for a feasibility study to establish a social services center in Two Harbors as part of the Rural Quick Start program	\$3,800
MinnPost Project support for a series of solutions-focused stories covering important rural Minnesota issues	\$50,000

Broadband

Rural Minnesota grants

Brainerd Lakes Development Corp Project support to determine the feasibility/strategy to create and sustain a high tech Live/Work Center in the Brainerd Lakes region as part of the Broadband Program in rural Minnesota	\$6,000
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Chisago County Housing and Redevelopment Authority-Economic Development Authority	
Project support to conduct a combined community survey and outreach effort to spur interest and action around broadband networks and services as part of the Broadband Program in rural Minnesota	\$1,990
Chisago County Housing and Redevelopment Authority-Economic Development Authority	
Project support to design, promote and conduct multiple e-commerce/ social media training sessions throughout the county as part of the Broadband Program in rural Minnesota	\$10,000
Chisago Lakes School District 2144	
Project support to provide wi-fi on school buses to enable more productive use of student time on long bus rides to and from school activities and to provide free wi-fi at community events as part of the Broadband Program in rural Minnesota	\$18,275
City of Gaylord	
Project support to market the concept of tech centers/maker spaces across the Renville/Sibley Fiber area and determine the feasibility/ market demand/next steps in the development process as part of the Broadband Program in rural Minnesota	\$3,750
Depot Studios	
Project support to provide computer access with a wi-fi hotspot at an artist, craft and entrepreneurial center in Isle as part of the Broadband Program in rural Minnesota	\$9,000
East Central Regional Development Commission	
Project support to conduct an analysis of the region's existing broadband assets and services to inform community leaders about potential gaps and opportunities as part of the Broadband Program in rural Minnesota	\$10,000
Essentia Health Foundation	
Project support to provide tele-health training sessions in Resilient Region Five's five-county area and on the Leech Lake Reservation as part of the Broadband Program	\$10,000
Independent School District 2752 - Fairmont Area Schools	
Project support to develop and market a shared community calendar and facilities scheduler as part of the Broadband Program in rural Minnesota	\$9,000
Fond Du Lac Band of Lake Superior Chippewa	
Project support for two sessions of a two-week technology learning workshop on mobile app creation for students as part of the Broadband Program in rural Minnesota	\$5,120

<p>Independent School District 2365 - Gibbon Fairfax Winthrop Schools Project support to outfit school buses with wi-fi to enable more productive use of student time on long bus rides to and from school activities, and to provide free wi-fi at community events as part of the Broadband Program in rural Minnesota</p>	\$24,605
<p>Independent School District 181 - Brainerd Public Schools Project support for technology and mobile devices in the Early Childhood and Family Education programs as part of the Broadband Program in rural Minnesota</p>	\$5,000
<p>Independent School District 390 – Lake of the Woods Schools Project support to increase access to technology for students and area residents as part of the Broadband Program in rural Minnesota</p>	\$9,875
<p>Independent School District 518 – Worthington Schools Project support to provide digital literacy training for diverse communities via a train-the-trainer approach (ethnic leaders will learn to teach basic computer skills in their native language) as part of the Broadband Program in rural Minnesota</p>	\$9,000
<p>Independent School District 518 – Worthington Schools Project support for online marketing, technology and digital literacy training for area residents as part of the Broadband Program in rural Minnesota</p>	\$9,000
<p>Joseph R Brown Heritage Society Project support to create an e-marketing platform and tourism apps for communities in the Renville/Sibley Fiber Project area as part of the Broadband Program in rural Minnesota</p>	\$10,000
<p>Kandiyohi County & City of Willmar EDC Project support to promote and host a hackfest in Willmar as part of the Broadband Program in rural Minnesota</p>	\$10,000
<p>Leech Lake Band of Ojibwe Project support to create a tribal computer refurbishment program that will provide refurbished computers to Leech Lake Band members while also providing job and skills training as part of the Broadband Program in rural Minnesota</p>	\$10,000
<p>Leech Lake Band of Ojibwe Project support to continue and expand the Temporary Employment Program-hosted digital literacy program at four locations on the Leech Lake Reservation as part of the Broadband Program in rural Minnesota</p>	\$20,680
<p>Long Lake Township Project support to conduct an engineering study to determine the cost and funding options for a high-speed broadband network in Long Lake Township as part of the Broadband Program in rural Minnesota</p>	\$7,500

Martin County	
Project support for a technology learning workshop on mobile app creation for students as part of the Broadband Program in rural Minnesota	\$9,950
Martin County	
Project support to provide broadband technology training opportunities for Martin County residents as part of the Broadband Program in rural Minnesota	\$15,000
Mille Lacs County	
Project support to facilitate implementation of a county-wide broadband feasibility study to review existing network services and infrastructure, market demand and technology alternatives for broadband as part of the Broadband Program in rural Minnesota	\$10,000
MN West Community/Tech College-Worthington	
Project support to develop a two-credit college course on digital literacy targeted toward high school and college students as part of the Broadband Program in rural Minnesota	\$8,500
Red Wing Ignite	
Project support to engage community youth in technology skills and discover opportunities within Red Wing for employment and entrepreneurship as part of the Broadband Program in rural Minnesota	\$10,000
Red Wing Ignite	
Project support to convene business innovation networks and provide resources to fuel innovation in Red Wing as part of the Broadband Program in rural Minnesota	\$4,000
Sherburne County	
Project support to do research and create a shared marketing program to engage citizens and elected officials around the concept of improving broadband services in Sherburne County as part of the Broadband Program in rural Minnesota	\$15,000
Upper Minnesota Valley Regional Development Commission	
Project support for a study to determine the feasibility of constructing a fiber network connecting all public buildings in the Upper Minnesota Valley Region as part of the Broadband Program in rural Minnesota	\$25,000
Total	
73 grants	\$4,626,653