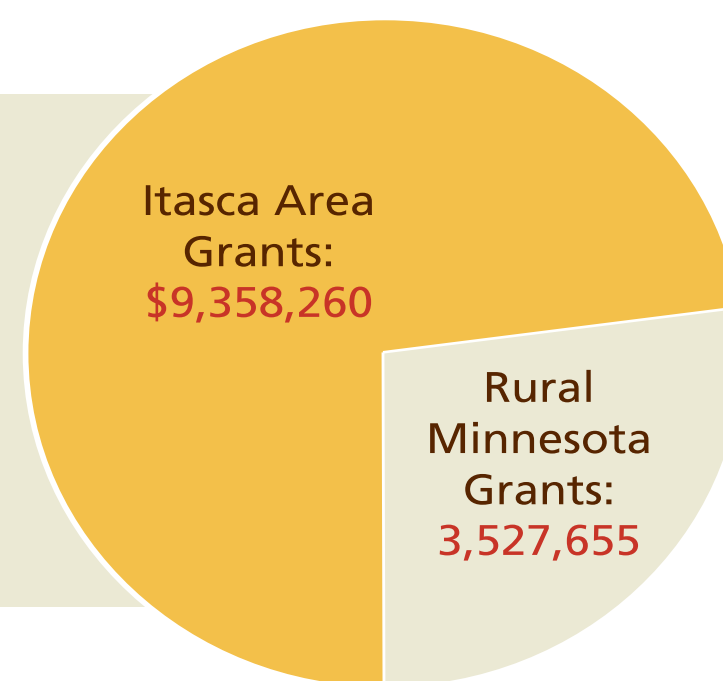


## Blandin Foundation 2019 Itasca Area Grants

Blandin Foundation partners with local leaders to build healthy rural Minnesota communities, especially in the Itasca area. The Foundation awards grants, provides community leadership training, and engages rural communities on topics such as student success and broadband. At least 60% of grant funding is dedicated for the Itasca County area.



## Awarded Grants and Donations

All grants awarded by the Foundation are listed at [www.blandinfoundation.org/grantlists](http://www.blandinfoundation.org/grantlists)

**Total 2019 Grants \$12,885,915**

January 1 – December 31, 2019

### Area of Focus: Vibrant Itasca Communities

All dimensions of local communities are healthier, especially for people persistently excluded.

#### Advocates For Family Peace

Operating support in 2020-21 to promote safety, equity and peace to families experiencing domestic abuse – **\$100,000**

#### Arrowhead Economic Opportunity Agency

Project support for Community Connect 2019 – **\$5,000**

#### Bigfork Valley Community Foundation

Donation in support of Bigfork community projects – **\$250**

#### Bigfork Valley Community Foundation

Donation in support of tourism promotion along The Edge of the Wilderness Scenic Byway – **\$1,000**

#### Bigfork Valley Hospital

Donation for capital upgrades to the facility – **\$1,000**

#### Bovey Farmers Day Association

Donation in support of the 2019 Bovey Farmers' Day celebration – **\$1,000**

#### Boys and Girls Club of the Leech Lake Area

Operating support in 2020-21 for the Deer River unit of the Boys and Girls Club of the Leech Lake Area – **\$150,000**

#### Boys Club Of Duluth Inc

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

#### Cass County Economic Development Corp

Donation in support of economic development work in 2019 in the Remer area – **\$1,000**

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#### City of Blackduck

Project support for the City of Blackduck to create accessible recreation opportunities – **\$10,000**

#### City of Bovey

Donation in support of capital upgrades for the City of Bovey – **\$1,000**

#### City of Calumet

Donation in support of capital equipment for the Calumet Public Library – **\$500**

#### City of Grand Rapids

Donation in support of the 2019 National Night Out hosted by the Grand Rapids Police Department – **\$250**

#### City of Grand Rapids

Capital support for upgrades to Mississippi River Park – **\$142,000**

#### City of Grand Rapids

Donation in support of the 2019 annual Independence Day fireworks on Pokegama Lake – **\$1,000**

#### City of Keewatin

Donation to install a community information sign – **\$1,000**

#### City of Nashwauk

Project support over three years to establish a School Resource Officer position at the Nashwauk-Keewatin High School – **\$45,000**

#### City of Taconite

Capital support to construct a pavilion – **\$5,000**

#### City of Zemple

Capital support for repairs to the City Hall – **\$5,000**

#### Community Cafe

Operating support in 2020-21 to help reduce hunger – **\$80,000**

#### Deer River High School

Donation in support for musical instruments for Deer River High School band – **\$1,000**

#### Depot Commons Association

Donation in support of the Future Forest Stewards 2019 expo for area high school students – **\$500**

#### Edge of the Wilderness Community Center

Project support for 2019 arts programming and events – **\$4,685**

#### ElderCircle

Operating support in 2020-21 for ElderCircle and the Home Visitor Program – **\$134,000**

#### ElderCircle

Donation in support of Thanksgiving Day Community Dinner – **\$1,000**

#### First Call for Help of Itasca County

Operating support in 2020-21 for information and referral services – **\$100,000**

#### Girl Scouts of MN and WI Lakes and Pines

Operating support in 2020-21 for the Girl Scouts program – **\$20,000**

#### Grace House of Itasca County

Project support for strategic planning – **\$2,500**

#### Grace House of Itasca County

Operating support in 2020-21 to provide shelter for individuals experiencing homelessness – **\$100,000**

#### Grand Itasca Foundation

Donation in support of enhancing pediatric care at Grand Itasca Clinic and Hospital – **\$500**

#### Grand Rapids Area Community Foundation

Project support for a mobility/accessibility transportation voucher program – **\$5,000**

#### Grand Rapids Area Community Foundation

Capital support for Noble Hall Field improvements at Grand Rapids High School – **\$130,000**

#### Grand Rapids Area Community Foundation

Project support for the Community Action Team to update the video "Colored Lines - A Story of Race in Itasca County" – **\$9,950**

#### Grand Rapids Area Community Foundation

Project support for positive message boards in the Ball Club community as part of the Blandin Leadership Grant Program – **\$5,000**

#### Grand Rapids Area Community Foundation

Donation in support of the Farmers Market Power of Produce program – **\$800**

#### Grand Rapids Area Community Foundation

Program support to work with persons with disabilities providing fellowship and social opportunity through the Itasca Friendship Club – **\$10,000**

#### Grand Rapids Area Community Foundation

Project support for the Free Range Co-op's community outreach project – **\$10,000**

#### Grand Rapids Area Community Foundation

Donation in support of Grand Rapids High School 2019 post-prom event – **\$750**

#### Grand Rapids Area Male Chorus

Donation in support of technology upgrades – **\$1,000**

#### Grand Rapids Arts

Donation in support of video mapping project highlighting public art and history in Grand Rapids – **\$1,000**

#### Grand Rapids Players

Project support for production of "The Hunchback of Notre Dame" – **\$2,000**

#### Grand Rapids Public Utilities Commission

Project support for the Special SuperOxygenation project to combat river contamination and odor from industrial waste water – **\$10,000**

#### Greenway 316 Foundation Inc

Donation in support of ISD 316 financial aid night – **\$150**

#### Greenway Joint Recreation Association

Capital support to make ADA accessibility improvements to the Hodgins-Berardo Arena – **\$10,000**

#### Habitat for Humanity of Itasca County

Operating support in 2020-21 for the local Habitat for Humanity organization – **\$100,000**

#### Independent School District 118

Donation in support of Northland High School's spring awards night – **\$200.00**

#### Independent School District 316

Donation in support of the Greenway 2019 post-prom event – **\$500**

#### Independent School District 316

Project support for a scholarship coach at Greenway High School – **\$2,000**

#### Independent School District 318

Donation in support of the "Help Me Grow" referral system for children with developmental concerns – **\$500**

#### Independent School District 318

Operating support for continuation of Baby Steps Boutique through June 2020 – **\$65,000**

#### Independent School District 318

Donation in support of advertising the 2019-20 Blandin Education Grants Program in the Grand Rapids High School yearbook – **\$300**

#### Independent School District 319

Donation in support of upgrades to the Nashwauk-Keewatin school district's music program – **\$1,000**

#### Independent School District 319

Project support for after-school programming at Nashwauk-Keewatin elementary school – **\$10,000**

#### Independent School District 317

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

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#### Independent School District 317

Project support of a two-year initiative by developing a school-wide Social and Emotional Learning framework – **\$30,000**

#### Itasca Choral Society

Donation in support of the 2019-20 fall and spring concert programs – **\$250**

#### Itasca Community College

Project support to provide learning and build cultural understanding around the book and film, "Neither Wolf Nor Dog" – **\$4,700**

#### Itasca Community College

Project support for the 2019 career fair – **\$10,000**

#### Itasca County

Capital support for ADA accessibility modifications to the pavilion, grounds and fishing pier at Gunn Park – **\$50,000**

#### Itasca County

Project support for a complete count committee for the 2020 Census – **\$40,000**

#### Itasca County Agricultural Association

Project support for fiber arts demonstrations at the county fairgrounds – **\$500**

#### Itasca County Family YMCA Inc

Donation in support of community gardens at elementary schools – **\$750**

#### Itasca County Family YMCA Inc

Capital support to increase child care capacity – **\$5,000**

#### Itasca County Historical Society

Donation in support of Winterglo Festival 2019 – **\$1,000**

#### Itasca County Historical Society

Operating support in 2020 to collect, preserve, interpret and disseminate the history of Itasca County – **\$50,000**

#### Itasca County Soil & Water Conservation

Operating support for program expansion and relocation – **\$1,000**

#### Itasca Hospice Foundation

Donation in support of the 2019 educational seminar for healthcare providers and volunteers – **\$500**

#### Itasca Orchestra and Strings Program

Operating support in 2020-21 to provide orchestral music to adults and youth – **\$100,000**

#### Jacobson Community Volunteer Fire Dept

Capital support for equipment upgrades for firefighting – **\$5,000**

#### Judy Garland Children's Museum

Donation in support of the 2019 Wizard of Oz Festival – **\$1,000**

#### Judy Garland Children's Museum

Operating support in 2020-21 to continue and broaden the school service program – **\$60,000**

#### KOOTASCA Community Action, Inc

Donation in support of LGBTQ-specific training – **\$1,000**

#### Lets Go Fishing of MN

Donation in support of the 2019 Let's Go Fishing with Seniors program – **\$1,000**

#### MacRostie Art Center

Operating support in 2020-21 to provide visual arts and educational programming to residents – **\$90,000**

#### Marcell Family Center, Inc

Operating support in 2020-21 for the family center program – **\$80,000**

#### MN Assistance Council for Veterans

Project support for programming and services to veterans – **\$10,000**

#### MN Diversified Industries

Donation in support of board and senior management development around diversity, equity and inclusion – **\$1,000**

#### Mount Itasca Ski Patrol

Capital support for upgrades to ski patrol equipment – **\$2,500**

#### Northern Lights Community School

Donation in support of spring awards night – **\$200**

#### North Homes Inc

Capital support for a wellness center – **\$500,000**

#### Northern Community Radio KAXE

Operating support in 2020-21 to provide news and information to residents – **\$113,650**

#### Northland Counseling Center Inc

Project support to complete a housing study and needs analysis – **\$5,000**

#### Northland Counseling Center Inc

Project support for supportive services that reduce recidivism of individuals who exit the prison system and are homeless – **\$10,000**

#### Propel Nonprofits

Project support over three years for training and consulting for Itasca Area nonprofits – **\$385,000**

#### Regents of The University of Minnesota

Project support for a ripple effects mapping training – **\$4,000**

#### Reif Arts Council

Operating and programming support in 2020-21 for the Reif Center – **\$340,000**

#### Remer Area Ambulance Service

Donation for equipment upgrades – **\$1,000**

#### Second Harvest North Central Food Bank

Operating support in 2020-21 – **\$100,000**

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Project support for kids backpack program – **\$5,000**

#### Special Olympics Minnesota

Operating support in 2020-21 for the Special Olympics program – **\$40,000**

#### Support Within Reach

Operating support in 2020-21 to assist victims of sexual violence – **\$100,000**

#### Support Within Reach

Donation in support of providing follow-up training for the justice system – **\$800**

#### Trout Lake Fire Department

Donation in support of leadership succession training for six Itasca area fire departments – **\$500**

#### True Friends

Operating support in 2020 for youth with disabilities to participate in camp activities – **\$5,000**

#### United Way of 1,000 Lakes

Operating support in 2020-21 for administration and community engagement – **\$70,000**

#### Voyageurs Area Council #286 Boy Scouts of America, Inc.

Operating support in 2020-21 for Boy Scout programming – **\$20,000**

#### Blandin Foundation Education Grants

325 local students from 11 area schools were awarded grants of up to \$4,500 – **\$992,100**

### Area of Focus: Expanded Opportunity

All residents experience greater opportunity possible through the blend of economic vitality, intentional inclusion and education success.

#### Boys Club Of Duluth Inc

Operating support for the Boys and Girls Club of Grand Rapids and Greenway – **\$308,000**

#### Independent School District 2

Operating support for continuation of the Early Start preschool program – **\$166,000**

#### Itasca Area Schools Collaborative

Project support for development of three new Career Pathways across seven school districts – **\$500,000**

#### Itasca Area Schools Collaborative

Operating support for continuation of Invest Early through June 2020 – **\$2,100,000**

#### Itasca Community College

Project support for financial aid programs during the 2019-20 academic year – **\$395,000**

#### Itasca Community College

Project support for the Native American Student Barrier Reduction Program – **\$10,000**