

Southwest Initiative Foundation and Fund Partner Grants Listing: Fiscal Year 2009 (July 1, 2008, through June 30, 2009)

Through the generosity of our donors, SWIF and our fund partners are able to award grants that make a difference in the 18 counties of southwest Minnesota. Grants were awarded to nonprofit organizations, governments and schools that serve residents within SWIF's 18-county southwest Minnesota service area. Grantmaking is one tool SWIF uses to fulfill its role as a catalyst and facilitator of economic and social growth in southwest Minnesota. These grants have a strong connection to SWIF's priority areas of economic advancement, community and leadership development, regional capacity building and philanthropy.

Community and designated funds are also established through SWIF with a designated purpose or for the exclusive benefit of a particular community. These funds are advised by a committee of local volunteers who understand the needs of their community, organization or cause and make recommendations on grant awards. One benefit of these funds is the valuable source of grant funding they have become for local communities. Since SWIF's grantmaking is targeted to projects related to its current priority areas, community foundations and designated funds often fill a valuable niche by funding worthwhile projects that don't fit within SWIF's current grant criteria.

In FY09, 238 grants totaling \$921,146 were awarded through SWIF and its community foundation and designated fund partners.

Funds that benefit the 18 counties of southwest Minnesota

Paul and Alma Schwan Aging Trust Endowment Fund – A fund that maximizes the social and economic contributions of elders throughout southwest Minnesota by keeping them well and engaged in community life.

Awarded four grants totaling \$18,978:

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| Albright United Methodist Church , Marshall, to support its health ministry program | \$2,000 |
| Dementia Care Foundation , Darwin, to expand a volunteer Dementia Care Specialist Program in rural southwest Minnesota | \$10,000 |
| Southwest Initiative Foundation to sponsor Life Connections X, an event in Willmar to explore lifestyle and resource opportunities for persons over the age of 50 | \$1,978 |
| West Central Industries, Inc. , Willmar, to implement a Living At Home block nurse program in the community | \$5,000 |

Southwest Minnesota Student Enrichment Endowment Fund – A fund that benefits youth in southwest Minnesota through a variety of enrichment programs and activities.

Awarded one grant totaling \$1,840:

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| Southwest/West Central Service Cooperative , Marshall, to provide enrichment events for students in rural school districts | \$1,840 |
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SWIF General Endowment - A permanent resource for southwest Minnesota that allows SWIF to respond to the region's changing needs and opportunities. Gifts are matched dollar-for-dollar by The McKnight Foundation.

Awarded 11 grants totaling \$28,995:

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| Amherst H. Wilder Foundation to measure progress, reveal trends, alert Minnesota communities to issues that must be addressed and promote action | \$5,000 |
| Chippewa County for county commissioners to attend Cohort Training Program, a series of intensive training sessions to develop leadership skills and capacity within local government | \$2,000 |
| City of Montevideo to support housing studies/assessments and housing-focused community development plans in Montevideo | \$3,250 |

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| Council on Foundations to fund 2009 annual membership and help southwest Minnesota promote philanthropic practices and grantmaking principles | \$5,020 |
| Kandiyohi County for county commissioners to attend Cohort Training Program, a series of intensive training sessions to develop leadership skills and capacity within local government | \$2,000 |
| Lac qui Parle County for county commissioners to attend Cohort Training Program, a series of intensive training sessions to develop leadership skills and capacity within local government | \$2,000 |
| Madison Community Foundation as selected by Greg Raymo, 2009 Southwest Initiative Foundation Award recipient | \$2,000 |
| Minnesota Council on Foundations to fund 2009 membership to help Southwest Initiative Foundation strengthen and increase philanthropy | \$4,225 |
| Renville County for county commissioners to attend Cohort Training Program, a series of intensive training sessions to develop leadership skills and capacity within local government | \$2,000 |
| Upper Minnesota Valley Regional Development Commission Region 6W, Appleton, to support the 2009 Annual Meander Upper Minnesota River Valley Art Crawl promoting the arts in Swift, Chippewa, Lac qui Parle, Big Stone and Yellow Medicine Counties | \$500 |
| Worthington Regional Economic Development Corporation to support the Fifth Annual Regional Bioscience Conference "Linking Agricultural Bioscience to Human Health Bioscience" focusing on animal health, food safety, renewable energy and bio materials | \$1,000 |

SWIF Program - Early Childhood Initiative and Minnesota Thrive Initiative - A non-endowed resource that helps SWIF deliver its Early Childhood Initiative and the Minnesota Thrive Initiative in southwest Minnesota that work to ensure our youngest children have the best possible start and a healthy life of learning, achieving and succeeding.

Awarded 22 grants totaling \$111,762:

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| Big Stone Area Growth to implement the Year 2 vision and strategic action plan for Ortonville Early Childhood Initiative Coalition | \$15,000 |
| ISD #2169 - Murray County Central to secure a local coordinator for the Murray County Early Childhood Initiative Coalition and support Year 6 coordination | \$2,500 |
| ISD #2897 - Redwood Valley funds from the City of Redwood Falls to support a local coordinator who for the Redwood Falls Area Early Childhood Initiative Coalition | \$1,500 |
| ISD #2897 - Redwood Valley to secure a local coordinator for the Redwood Falls Area Early Childhood Initiative Coalition and support | \$3,500 |
| ISD #640 – Wabasso to secure local co-coordinators for the Wabasso Area Early Childhood Coalition | \$2,500 |
| ISD #640 - Wabasso to support Wabasso Early Childhood Initiative Vision to Action Year 2 and projects in accordance with its mission | \$15,000 |
| ISD #775 – Kerkhoven-Murdock-Sunburg to establish and organize the Kerkhoven-Murdock-Sunburg Early Childhood Initiative, supporting monthly meetings, a community Speak-Out event, community visioning and strategic action planning | \$2,500 |
| ISD #775 – Kerkhoven-Murdock-Sunburg to support Kerkhoven-Murdock-Sunburg Early Childhood Initiative Vision to Action Year 1, leveraging local resources and establishing action projects that further their collective vision | \$10,000 |
| Minnesota Fathers & Families Network to support staff time to develop, market and implement training events and resource materials for male socialization and mental health | \$1,000 |
| Minnesota Humanities Center to support the Early Literacy Program including two read aloud workshops and five Fathers Reading Every Day (FRED) workshops | \$3,500 |

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| Rice Memorial Hospital to purchase dental instrument kits for use by Rice Regional Dental students during Head Start oral health assessments | \$762 |
| Rock County Family Service Agency to establish and organize the Rock County Early Childhood Initiative, supporting monthly meetings, a community Speak-Out event, community visioning and strategic action planning | \$2,500 |
| Rock County Family Service Agency to support Rock county Early Childhood Initiative Vision to Action Year 1, leveraging local resources and establishing action projects that further their collective vision | \$10,000 |
| Southwest Initiative Foundation to secure a local coordinator for the Willmar Early Childhood Initiative Coalition and Year 5 | \$3,500 |
| Southwest Initiative Foundation to secure a local coordinator for the Montevideo Early Childhood Initiative Coalition Year 5 | \$3,500 |
| Southwest Initiative Foundation to secure a local coordinator for the Windom Early Childhood Initiative Coalition Year 2 | \$2,500 |
| Southwest Initiative Foundation to secure a local coordinator for the Ortonville Early Childhood Initiative Coalition Year 3 | \$5,000 |
| Southwest Initiative Foundation to secure a local coordinator for the Windom Early Childhood Initiative Coalition Year 3 | \$5,000 |
| Southwest Initiative Foundation to secure a local coordinator for the Kerkhoven-Murdock-Sunburg Early Childhood Initiative Coalition Year 1 | \$5,000 |
| Southwest Initiative Foundation to secure a local coordinator for the Rock County Early Childhood Initiative Coalition Year 1 | \$5,000 |
| Southwest Initiative Foundation to secure local co-coordinators for the Litchfield Early Childhood Initiative Coalition Year 3 | \$5,000 |
| Working Family Resource Center to create an online seminar series to help parents and caregivers raise resilient children during times of stress | \$7,000 |

SWIF Program - Parish Nurse - A non-endowed resource that helps SWIF fund parish nurse projects in southwest Minnesota, utilizing a model of care that promotes holistic wellness for people of all ages.

Awarded two grants totaling \$23,000:

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| Church of St. Mary's , Willmar, to support its first year of its Parish Nurse program | \$20,000 |
| Hope Reformed Church , Montevideo, to support its third year of its Parish Nurse program | \$3,000 |

SWIF Program - Renewable Energy – A non-endowed resource that helps SWIF advance its efforts as a statewide leader in renewable energy to optimize wealth retention, connect the current and future workforce to career opportunities in renewable energy and facilitate discussion and advocacy for renewable energy in the state of Minnesota.

Awarded nine grants totaling \$242,500:

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| Arrowhead Regional Development Commission to serve as Rural Energy Development Initiative (REDI) regional partner for Aitkin, Carlton, Cook, Itasca, Koochiching, Lake and St. Louis counties | \$37,500 |
| Headwaters Regional Development Commission to serve as Rural Energy Development Initiative (REDI) regional partner for Beltrami, Clearwater, Hubbard, Lake of the Woods and Mahnomen counties | \$18,750 |
| Initiative Foundation to serve as Rural Energy Development Initiative (REDI) regional partner and loan partner in its 14-county service area | \$62,500 |
| Northland Foundation to develop, manage and administer a Rural Energy Development Initiative (REDI) revolving loan fund for Aitkin, Carlton, Cook, Itasca, Koochiching, Lake and St. Louis counties | \$25,000 |
| Northwest Minnesota Foundation to develop, manage and administer a Rural Energy Development Initiative (REDI) revolving loan fund in its 12-county service area | \$25,000 |
| Northwest Regional Development Commission to serve as Rural Energy Development Initiative (REDI) regional partner for Kittson, Marshall, Norman, Pennington, Polk, Red Lake and Roseau counties | \$18,750 |
| Southern Minnesota Initiative Foundation to serve as Rural Energy Development Initiative (REDI) regional partner for its 20-county service area | \$5,000 |
| The Northspan Group, Inc. to develop, manage and administer a Rural Energy Development Initiative (REDI) revolving loan fund in its seven-county service area | \$25,000 |
| West Central Initiative to develop, manage and administer a Rural Energy Development Initiative (REDI) revolving loan fund in its nine-county service area | \$25,000 |

Funds that benefit multiple counties in southwest Minnesota

Cooper and Jack Schoenfeld Memorial Scholarship Fund - A non-endowed fund that benefits youth of FFA Region 6 of Minnesota.

Awarded three grants totaling \$1,500:

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| College of St. Benedict, St. Joseph , towards a post-secondary scholarship awarded to youth | \$500 |
| South Dakota State University, Brookings , towards a post-secondary scholarship awarded to youth | \$500 |
| University of Minnesota, St. Paul , towards a post-secondary scholarship awarded to youth | \$500 |

Heimark Family Advised Fund – A non-endowed fund that benefits a variety of charitable organizations and causes throughout Minnesota.

Awarded one grant totaling \$5,000:

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| Bergen Lutheran Church, Granite Falls , to support its capital campaign and improve infrastructure | \$5,000 |
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Jennie-O Turkey Store, Inc. Crisis Assistance Relief Effort (CARE) Fund - A non-endowed fund that provides financial assistance to team members of Jennie-O Turkey Store and its subsidiaries and divisions in emergency or hardship situations.

Awarded five grants to 33 employees experiencing a crisis totaling \$45,000:

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| Southwest Initiative Foundation CARE Relief Fund #5 to provide emergency assistance for Jennie-O Turkey Store employees experiencing a crisis | \$15,000 |
| Southwest Initiative Foundation CARE Relief Fund #6 to provide emergency assistance for Jennie-O Turkey Store employees experiencing a crisis | \$6,000 |
| Southwest Initiative Foundation CARE Relief Fund #7 to provide emergency assistance for Jennie-O Turkey Store employees experiencing a crisis | \$6,000 |
| Southwest Initiative Foundation CARE Relief Fund #8 to provide emergency assistance for Jennie-O Turkey Store employees experiencing a crisis | \$6,000 |
| Southwest Initiative Foundation CARE Relief Fund #9 to provide emergency assistance for Jennie-O Turkey Store employees experiencing a crisis | \$12,000 |

People Helping People Nursing Scholarship Endowment Fund – A fund that provides scholarships to long-term care nursing assistants in McLeod and Meeker counties in need of financial aid to pursue the training required to become a licensed nurse.

Awarded one grant totaling \$1,500:

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| Ridgewater College, Willmar , toward a scholarship for one nursing student | \$1,500 |
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Prairie Ecology Bus Center Fund – a non-endowed fund that benefits the Prairie Ecology Bus Center of Lakefield, which serves 20 counties in southwest Minnesota and beyond.

Awarded one grant of \$100,000:

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| Prairie Ecology Bus Center to begin building a new ecology bus | \$100,000 |
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Ridgewater Entrepreneurial Assistance Fund – A non-endowed fund that supports entrepreneurial activities at Ridgewater College.

Awarded three grants totaling \$10,389:

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| Ridgewater College, Willmar , to provide technical assistance to small business owners | \$4,124 |
| Ridgewater College, Willmar , to provide technical assistance to small business owners | \$5,459 |
| Ridgewater College, Willmar , to provide technical assistance to small business owners | \$806 |

Funds that benefit Big Stone County

In Ortonville...

Ortonville Public School Foundation Fund - An endowment and non-endowed fund that provides perpetual and immediate support to the Ortonville Public School District.

Awarded five grants totaling \$3,603:

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| Ortonville Public School Foundation to support golf fundraiser that benefits its playground project | \$1,417 |
| Ortonville Public School Foundation to support operational expenses | \$186 |

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| Ortonville Public School Foundation to support operational expenses | \$325 |
| Ortonville Public School Foundation to support golf fundraiser that benefits its playground project | \$670 |
| Ortonville Public School Foundation to support golf fundraiser that benefits its playground project | \$1,005 |

Funds that benefit Chippewa County

In Milan...

Milan Community Foundation - A permanent resource that benefits the Milan area through grantmaking and community projects.

Awarded four grants totaling \$954:

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| ISD #2853 Lac qui Parle Valley to support a folk dancing artist residency | \$500 |
| Milan Community Foundation to support operating expenses | \$54 |
| Milan Community Foundation to support office storage operating expenses | \$300 |
| Milan Village Arts School to restore traditionally designed windows in the 1916 rural schoolhouse | \$100 |

Funds that benefit Cottonwood County

In Mountain Lake...

Brad Behrends Memorial Fund - A related non-endowed fund of the Mountain Lake Area Foundation that supports the Mountain Lake community.

Awarded one grant totaling \$2,000:

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| Brad Behrends Memorial Fund to provide scholarships to two Mountain Lake High School students attending post-secondary school in 2009 | \$2,000 |
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Mountain Lake Area Foundation – A permanent resource that benefits that Mountain Lake area through grantmaking and community projects.

Awarded three grants totaling \$1,875:

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| City of Mountain Lake to place a sign and map at the Disc Golf Course of Lawcom Park | \$375 |
| Heritage Village to improve an apartment above the General Store | \$500 |
| Mountain Lake Assembly of God to purchase backpacks filled with school supplies for distribution at the second annual Kid's Fest | \$1,000 |

Mountain Lake Area Foundation for Education Fund - A related non-endowed fund of the Mountain Lake Area Foundation that benefits the Mountain Lake area school systems.

Awarded one grant of \$1,000:

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| ISD #173 Mountain Lake to support the marching band | \$1,000 |
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Mountain Lake Area Healthcare Fund - A related non-endowed fund of the Mountain Lake Area Foundation that benefits healthcare services in the Mountain Lake Area.

Awarded one grant totaling \$5,000:

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| City of Mountain Lake to purchase ambulance service equipment | \$5,000 |
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In Windom...

Business, Arts & Recreation Center (BARC) Endowment Fund – A fund that benefits the Business, Arts and Recreation Center in Windom.

Awarded one grant totaling \$465:

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| Business, Arts & Recreation Center, Inc. to support operational expenses | \$465 |
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Cottonwood County Historical Society Endowment Fund – A fund that benefits the Cottonwood County Historical Society located in Windom and serving Cottonwood County.

Awarded one grant totaling \$1,590:

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| Cottonwood County Historical Society to support the roof fund | \$1,590 |
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Cottonwood County Historical Society Remick Gallery Endowment Fund – A related fund of the Cottonwood County Historical Society Endowment That benefits the Remick Gallery housed within the CCHS, located in Windom and serving Cottonwood County.

Awarded one grant totaling \$1,979:

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| Cottonwood County Historical Society to support exhibits at the Remick Gallery | \$1,979 |
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Krueger Family Advised Fund - A non-endowed fund that benefits the Windom community.

Awarded one grant totaling \$5,000:

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| Windom Fire Department to support a fire hall addition | \$5,000 |
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Funds that benefit Jackson County

In Heron Lake and Okabena...

Heron Lake-Okabena Community Foundation - A permanent resource that benefits the Heron Lake and Okabena area through grantmaking and community projects.

Awarded 11 grants totaling \$10,786:

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| Heron Lake-Okabena Community Foundation to support operational expenses | \$197 |
| Heron Lake-Okabena Community Foundation to support operational expenses | \$357 |
| Heron Lake-Okabena Community Foundation to support operational expenses | \$3,027 |
| Heron Lake-Okabena Community Foundation to support operational expenses | \$1,937 |
| Heron Lake-Okabena Community Foundation to support the annual dinner theater fundraiser | \$920 |
| ISD #330 Southwest Star Concept Schools to purchase exercise equipment for its wellness center | \$1,000 |

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| ISD #330 Southwest Star Concept Schools to purchase new flags and poles for the flag squad | \$598 |
| ISD #330 Southwest Star Concept Schools to purchase teaching and decorating materials, craft supplies and snacks for the summer non-denominational vacation Bible school | \$250 |
| ISD #330 Southwest Star Concept Schools to support the FFA community-supported garden and crop plot in Heron Lake | \$1,000 |
| ISD #330 Southwest Star Concept Schools Learning to Give program to support field trips and make blankets for those in need | \$1,000 |
| ISD #330 Southwest Star Concept Schools to support the 1,000 Books Before Kindergarten program | \$500 |

In Jackson...

Friends of Jackson County Library Fund - A related non-endowed fund of the Jackson Community Foundation that benefits the Jackson County Library and its related programming.

Awarded two grants totaling \$13,635:

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| Friends of the Jackson County Library to support operational expenses | \$1,750 |
| Jackson County Public Library on behalf of Gordon and Jean Bargfrede to support general library operations | \$11,885 |

Jackson Circles of Support Fund - A related non-endowed fund of the Jackson Community Foundation that provides support to the Circles of Support program in Jackson.

Awarded one grant totaling \$491:

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| Western Community Action, Inc. to continue work toward reducing poverty in Jackson | \$491 |
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Jackson Community Foundation – A permanent resource that benefits the Jackson area through grantmaking and community projects.

Awarded six grants totaling \$2,450:

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| American Cancer Society to support the 2009 Relay for Life of Jackson County | \$500 |
| Fort Belmont Foundation Inc. to support re-establishing the Grist Mill | \$250 |
| Friends of the Jackson County Library to support the 1,000 Books Before Kindergarten program | \$500 |
| Jackson Community Foundation to support operational expenses | \$700 |
| Jackson County Art Guilds to support the 3rd Annual Rhythm of the River | \$250 |
| Western Community Action, Inc. to support Jackson Circles of Support weekly meetings | \$250 |

Jackson County Central Education Foundation Fund - An endowment and non-endowed fund that provides perpetual and immediate support to the Jackson County Central School District.

Awarded two grant totaling \$5,339:

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| Jackson County Central Education Foundation to support operational expenses | \$3,839 |
| Jackson County Central School Foundation to develop a Web site | \$1,500 |

Funds that benefit Kandiyohi County

Beatrice F. Ourada Advised Fund - A non-endowed fund that benefits First Presbyterian Church in Willmar, as well as other charitable organizations or purposes throughout Minnesota.

Awarded one grant totaling \$6,000:

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| First Presbyterian Church, Willmar , to support the church's general fund and serve its mission | \$6,000 |
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Funds that benefit Lac qui Parle County

In Dawson...

Dawson-Boyd Alumni Association Endowment Fund - A related fund of the Dawson Community Foundation that addresses the educational needs of youth of the Dawson-Boyd School District.

Awarded one grant totaling \$1,200:

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| Dawson-Boyd Arts Association to support student musicians, volunteers and tour guides during Riverfest and the All-School Reunion | \$1,200 |
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Dawson Community Foundation - A permanent resource that benefits the Dawson area through grantmaking and community projects.

Awarded eight grants totaling \$21,155:

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| City of Dawson to support Dawson Nelson Baseball Field renovation | \$1,000 |
| City of Dawson to support Riverfest 2009 all-school reunion | \$450 |
| City of Dawson to support the community pool project | \$17,854 |
| Dawson Community Foundation to support operational expenses | \$951 |
| Dawson Community Foundation to support operational expenses | \$58 |
| Dawson Community Foundation to support operational expenses | \$142 |
| Dawson-Boyd Arts Association to support the Norwegian Heritage Festival Concert | \$500 |
| ISD #378 Dawson-Boyd for the 2009 Dawson Community Foundation Essay Contest and scholarship award | \$200 |

Dawson RSG (Ruzich, Seeling & Gustafson) Scholarship Endowment Fund - A related fund of the Dawson Community Foundation that was created by Dawson sports alumni that generates scholarship opportunities in honor of Steve Ruzich, Ken Seeling and Charles Gustafson, three retired teachers and coaches.

Awarded two grants totaling \$1,285:

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| ISD #378 Dawson-Boyd to award two scholarships | \$1,000 |
| ISD #378 Dawson-Boyd to award a partial scholarship | \$285 |

Madison Community Foundation - A permanent resource that benefits the Madison area through grantmaking and community projects.

Awarded nine grants totaling \$29,059:

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| Lac qui Parle Valley Community Education to support the Let's Paint Run-A-Ways workshop | \$300 |
| Lac qui Parle Valley Strengthening the Family Child Guide Program to support a part-time position between MMN K-4 and Lac qui Parle Valley Middle School grades 5 and 6 | \$300 |
| Madison Community Foundation to renovate the baseball field | \$349 |
| Madison Community Foundation to renovate the baseball field | \$6,050 |
| Madison Community Foundation to renovate the baseball field | \$6,050 |
| Madison Community Foundation to renovate the baseball field | \$10,385 |
| Madison Community Foundation to renovate the baseball field | \$4,725 |
| Madison Community Foundation to support operational expenses | \$342 |
| Prairie Five Community Action Council Headstart to support a Volunteer Income Tax Assistance (VITA) Free Tax Clinic | \$400 |
| Shamrock Dream Achievers 4-H Club to support its after school mentor program | \$500 |

Funds that benefit Lincoln County

In Lake Benton...

Lake Benton Area Foundation - A permanent resource that benefits the Lake Benton area through grantmaking and community projects.

Awarded five grants totaling \$2,000:

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| City of Lake Benton to assist in establishing the High Valley Art Gallery in Lake Benton | \$350 |
| City of Lake Benton to sponsor a summer youth baseball and softball program | \$500 |
| City of Lake Benton to support weed control at the Lake Benton Memorial Hill Cemetery | \$250 |
| Lake Benton Area Historical Society for maintenance of the Henry Sollie Post #10 American Legion in Lake Benton | \$500 |
| Lake Benton Area Historical Society to purchase microfilms of Lake Benton newspapers | \$400 |

In Tyler...

Tyler Area Community Foundation - A permanent resource that benefits the Tyler area through grantmaking and community projects.

Awarded one grant totaling \$250:

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| Tyler Area Community Foundation to support operational expenses | \$250 |
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Funds that benefit Lyon County

In Marshall...

Carr Family Foundation Advised Endowment Fund – A fund that benefits youth activities in southwest Minnesota, such as school projects, scholarships, and other programs and activities that support youth.

Awarded three grants totaling \$12,945:

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| Church of the Holy Redeemer to support its Youth Fund activities, trips and speakers | \$1,000 |
| House of Hope Minnesota, Inc. to support operations of the Marshall House of Hope | \$5,000 |
| House of Hope Minnesota, Inc. to support operations of the Marshall House of Hope | \$1,945 |
| Marshall Community Foundation for its endowment fundraising campaign | \$5,000 |

Marshall Community Foundation - A permanent resource that benefits the Marshall area through grantmaking and community projects.

Awarded three grants totaling \$4,526:

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| Marshall Area Teen Center to purchase a Wii gaming system and video projector | \$2,210 |
| Marshall Community Foundation to support operational expenses | \$316 |
| Redwood River Habitat for Humanity to create a Habitat ReStore Web site and advertise in the area | \$2,000 |

Funds that benefit McLeod County

In Hutchinson...

Carol M. Ulrich Haukos Advised Endowment Fund - A related fund of the Hutchinson Community Foundation created in memory of Carol M. Ulrich Haukos that benefits McLeod County.

Awarded one grant totaling \$573:

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| Carol M. Ulrich Haukos Advised Endowment to support future grant opportunities | \$573 |
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Hutchinson Community Foundation - A permanent resource that benefits the Hutchinson area through grantmaking and community projects.

Awarded seven grants totaling \$18,345:

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| City of Hutchinson to upgrade computers at the Hutchison Public Library | \$3,000 |
| Crow River Arts Inc. to update the Crow River Arts Web site | \$500 |
| Gopher Campfire Sanctuary to support restoration and improvement | \$7,500 |
| Hutchinson Community Foundation to support Hutchinson Leadership Institute community projects | \$1,000 |
| Hutchinson Community Foundation to support operational expenses | \$1,440 |
| Hutchinson Theatre Company to provide staging for RiverSong Music Festival | \$4,000 |
| McLeod Alliance for Victims of Domestic Violence to provide ongoing support for women surviving abuse | \$345 |

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| New Century Charter School to support the Mixed Blood Theatre designed to challenge thinking about diversity | \$2,000 |
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Hutchinson Hospice Endowment Fund - A related endowment fund of the Hutchinson Community Foundation that benefits the Hutchinson Hospice House.

Awarded one grant totaling \$3,680:

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| ConnectCare for operational support for Birchwood: The Mary Burich House | \$3,680 |
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Funds that benefit Meeker County

In Grove City...

Grove City Area C.A.R.E. Endowment Fund – A fund that benefits Grove City Area C.A.R.E. in Grove City.

Awarded one grant totaling \$228:

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| Grove City C.A.R.E. Endowment Fund to support its mission | \$228 |
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In Litchfield...

Litchfield Area Community Foundation - A permanent resource that benefits the Litchfield area through grantmaking and community projects.

Awarded three grants totaling \$3,363:

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| City of Litchfield to support the Trail Route Association in Litchfield (T.R.A.I.L.) Project | \$1,000 |
| Litchfield Area Community Foundation to support operational expenses | \$863 |
| Litchfield Area Mentorship Program (LAMP) Kinship to support youth activities including after-school programming | \$1,500 |

Litchfield Public School Foundation Endowment Fund - A related endowment fund of the Litchfield Area Community Foundation that benefits the Litchfield Public School District.

Awarded one grant of \$500:

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| ISD #465 Litchfield to purchase materials for grades 6-12 mentoring/citizenship class | \$500 |
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Funds that benefit Murray County

In Slayton...

Murray County Early Childhood Fund - A non-endowed fund that benefits children ages birth to 5 in Murray County.

Awarded one grant totaling \$8,000:

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| Southwest Regional Development Commission Region 8 to support 2009 Murray County Early Childhood Initiative Programming | \$8,000 |
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Funds that benefit Nobles County

In Lismore...

Lismore Area Community Foundation - A permanent resource that benefits the Lismore area through grantmaking and community projects.

Awarded four grants totaling \$41,784:

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| City of Lismore to purchase new bleachers at the Lismore Ball Field | \$2,274 |
| Lismore Area Community Foundation to improve the community park | \$31,905 |
| Lismore Area Community Foundation to improve the community park | \$628 |
| Lismore Area Community Foundation to improve the community park | \$6,978 |

In Worthington...

Carmen Millard Estate Legacy Gift - Provides support to Hospice Cottage, Inc. of Worthington, The Salvation Army - Minnesota Chapter and Worthington YMCA.

Awarded six grants totaling \$17,227:

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| Hospice Cottage, Inc. to support its mission | \$2,500 |
| Hospice Cottage, Inc. to support its mission | \$3,242 |
| Salvation Army Northern Divisional Headquarters to support its mission | \$2,500 |
| Salvation Army Northern Divisional Headquarters to support its mission | \$3,242 |
| Worthington Area YMCA to support its mission | \$2,500 |
| Worthington Area YMCA to support its mission | \$3,242 |

C.P. and Mary B. Schmidt Family Endowment Fund for the Worthington Y.M.C.A. - A related endowment fund of the Worthington Area Foundation that benefits the Worthington YMCA.

Awarded one grant totaling \$533:

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| Worthington Area YMCA for camp scholarships and youth memberships | \$533 |
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C.P. and Mary B. Schmidt Family Endowment Fund for Westminster Presbyterian Church - A related endowment fund of the Worthington Area Foundation that benefits Westminster Presbyterian Church in Worthington.

Awarded one grant totaling \$533:

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| Westminster Presbyterian Church Endowment Fund to support youth programs | \$533 |
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C.P. and Mary B. Schmidt Family Endowment Fund for Worthington Regional Healthcare Foundation - A related endowment fund of the Worthington Area Foundation that benefits the Worthington Regional Healthcare Foundation.

Awarded one grant totaling \$533:

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| Worthington Regional Health Care Foundation, Inc. for nursing scholarships | \$533 |
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Ellen Baker-Merrigan Advised Endowment Fund – A related endowment fund of the Worthington Area Foundation that benefits the Worthington area, as well as other charitable organizations and purposes in Minnesota.

Awarded three grants totaling \$486:

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| Manna Food Pantry, Inc. to provide food and household supplies | \$286 |
| Southwest Crisis Center to establish an in-house pantry to support victims of domestic violence who have left their homes | \$100 |
| Worthington Dolly Parton’s Imagination Library to help purchase and mail books to each registered preschool child living in ISD #518 Worthington | \$100 |

Hospice Cottage, Inc. of Worthington Endowment Fund - A related endowment fund of the Worthington Area Foundation that benefits the Hospice Cottage, Inc. in Worthington.

Awarded one grant totaling \$1,720:

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| Hospice Cottage Inc. to support its mission | \$1,720 |
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James L. Vance Fellowship Fund – A related non-endowed fund of the Worthington Area Foundation created in memory of James L. Vance to support a journalism internship at the *Worthington Daily Globe* newspaper office

Awarded two grants totaling \$4,669:

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| Worthington Area Foundation to support journalism internships in honor of the Vance family, former owners of the <i>Worthington Daily Globe</i> newspaper | \$2,330 |
| Worthington Area Foundation to support journalism internships in honor of the Vance family, former owners of the <i>Worthington Daily Globe</i> newspaper | \$2,339 |

Robert and Florence Wolff Memorial Endowment Fund - A related fund of the Worthington Area Foundation that benefits youth in the Worthington area.

Awarded five grants totaling \$3,475:

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| Calvin-Knuth American Legion Post #5 to support 2009 summer baseball program | \$425 |
| Jewish Community Relations Council to support the Color Project To-Go in all six Nobles County elementary schools | \$1,200 |
| Southwestern Minnesota Opportunity Council to support Bridges to Communication which increases number of quality, affordable interpreters in the Worthington area | \$1,000 |
| Worthington Area YMCA to support after school and summer gym/swim water safety | \$425 |
| Worthington Dolly Parton’s Imagination Library to help purchase and mail books to each registered preschool child living in ISD #518 Worthington | \$425 |

Worthington Area Foundation - A permanent resource that benefits the Worthington area through grantmaking and community projects.

Awarded six grants totaling \$2,809:

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| Cultural Awareness Organization to support children’s activities at the 2009 International Festival | \$500 |
| Friends of the Auditorium, Inc. to purchase technical equipment available to anyone renting the facility | \$750 |

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| Historic Worthington to support rewiring the kitchen at the Historic Dayton House | \$400 |
| Lake Okabena Improvement Association to host a lake area spring cleanup involving association members and volunteers of all ages | \$500 |
| Nobles County Historical Society, Inc. to purchase archival storage materials for the society's large formate photograph collection | \$300 |
| Southwestern Minnesota Opportunity Council to support Bridges to Communication, a project designated to improve communication with limited-English speaking families | \$359 |
| Worthington Area Foundation to support annual fundraising campaign operational expenses | \$467 |

Funds that benefit Pipestone County

In Pipestone...

Pipestone Area Community Foundation – A permanent resource that benefits the Pipestone area through grantmaking and community

Awarded 13 grants totaling \$17,570:

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| ISD #2689 - Pipestone to support 2008-2009 Special Olympics program | \$500 |
| Kiwanis of Pipestone to purchase a pancake griddle for its annual fundraiser | \$600 |
| Pipestone Area Community Foundation to award scholarships for high school graduates attending post secondary school | \$2,000 |
| Pipestone Area Community Foundation to award the Christensen Family Scholarship for high school graduates attending post secondary school | \$3,000 |
| Pipestone Area Community Foundation to award the Dan Ratzloff Scholarship for high school graduates attending post secondary school | \$500 |
| Pipestone Area Community Foundation to award the Friends of Scouting Scholarship for high school graduates attending post secondary school | \$500 |
| Pipestone Area Community Foundation to award the Mandi Gilliland Memorial Scholarship for two high school graduates attending post secondary school | \$207 |
| Pipestone Area Community Foundation to award the Pipestone Area Foundation Scholarship for high school graduates attending post secondary school | \$4,163 |
| Pipestone Area Community Foundation to purchase statues at the Community Veterans Memorial | \$20 |
| Pipestone Area Community Foundation to purchase statues at the Community Veterans Memorial | \$2,480 |
| Pipestone Area Community Foundation to support 2009 Watertower Festival Pipestone High School all-school homecoming | \$500 |
| Pipestone County Food Shelf to provide support for operations | \$2,500 |
| Pipestone Senior Citizens Center to support the purchase of an organ for the Pipestone Senior Center | \$600 |

Funds that benefit Renville County

Morton Area Community Foundation - A permanent resource that benefits the Morton area through grantmaking and community projects.

Awarded one grant totaling \$298:

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| Morton Area Community Foundation to support operational expenses | \$298 |
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Funds that benefit Swift County

In Appleton...

Appleton Community Foundation - A permanent resource that benefits the Appleton area through grantmaking and community projects.

Awarded 19 grants totaling \$26,650:

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| Appleton Area Chamber of Commerce to purchase hanging flower baskets | \$500 |
| Appleton Community Foundation to support a leadership training series through the Appleton Stewardship Initiative | \$10,000 |
| Appleton Community Foundation to support a leadership training series through the Appleton Community Stewardship Project | \$7,500 |
| City of Appleton to purchase a new laptop computer and financial software for the Chamber of Commerce | \$500 |
| City of Appleton to purchase garbage receptacles for the beautification of Appleton's downtown Main Street | \$300 |
| ISD #2853 Lac qui Parle Valley to cover transportation costs for the Appleton football team to attend a Minnesota Gopher football game | \$300 |
| ISD #2853 Lac qui Parle Valley to purchase a new elementary playground swing-set for student and community use | \$500 |
| ISD #2853 Lac qui Parle Valley to purchase gymnasium scoreboards | \$500 |
| ISD #2853 Lac qui Parle Valley to support a K-6 Family Sock-Hop joining students, staff and families for an evening of fun and fellowship | \$500 |
| ISD #2853 Lac qui Parle Valley to support Daybreak Post-Prom Party providing a fun event for students and establishing a safe, drug- and alcohol-free environment | \$500 |
| ISD #2853 Lac qui Parle Valley to support students attending Camp Buckskin in Ely, Minn. | \$500 |
| ISD #2853 Lac qui Parle Valley to support the 2009-2010 competition Cheerleading Team | \$500 |
| ISD #2853 Lac qui Parle Valley to support the 2009-2010 musical production of "Oklahoma" | \$1,000 |
| ISD #2853 Lac qui Parle Valley to support the Child Guide Program which includes two part-time employees in the elementary and middle schools | \$500 |
| ISD #2853 Lac qui Parle Valley to support the wellness program for district employees with a focus on health, nutrition and exercise education | \$500 |
| Lac qui Parle Valley Community Education to support a 5-6 grade musical/dramatic production | \$200 |
| Lac qui Parle Valley Dollars for Scholars annual program sponsorship | \$500 |
| Prairie Five Community Action Council to sponsor a free family fun night with swimming, an evening meal, carnival games, prizes and drug awareness activities | \$350 |

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| Preserve Appleton's Heritage, Inc. to support construction of a band stand in Appleton's Riverview Park | \$1,500 |
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Appleton VFW Post 4955 Flags of Honor Memorial Endowment Fund - A related endowment fund of the Appleton Community Foundation dedicated to perpetuating the Appleton VFW Post 4955 Flags of Honor Memorial.

Awarded one grant totaling \$739:

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| Pomme de Terre VFW Post 4955 to install permanent electrical wiring for lights at the Flags of Honor site | \$739 |
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In Benson...

Benson Area Community Foundation - A permanent resource that benefits the Benson area through grantmaking and community projects

Awarded five grants totaling \$2,795:

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| City of Benson to support the Friends of the Library fall fundraiser | \$750 |
| ISD #777 - Benson to support school field trips, an important aspect of a child's school learning experience | \$407 |
| Swift County to purchase a Benson Entertainment Center bowling ramp to aid wheelchair users and assist those with limited physical strength or mobility | \$138 |
| Swift County to support volunteer training for the Restorative Justice Program | \$500 |
| Youth For Christ to support the Benson Youth For Christ Youth Center | \$1,000 |

Galen Hanson Memorial Education Endowment Fund - A related endowment fund of the Benson Area Community Foundation that provides educational opportunities in the Benson area.

Awarded three grants totaling \$3,712:

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| ISD #777 Benson to make books available in classrooms and encourage reading by allowing students to take them home | \$489 |
| ISD #777 Benson to purchase video production equipment | \$2,630 |
| ISD #777 Benson to support academic field trips for Northside Elementary students | \$593 |

Funds that benefit Yellow Medicine County

In Canby...

Blue and Gold Foundation Fund - An endowment and non-endowed fund that benefits students of the Canby area.

Awarded two grants totaling \$23,075:

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| Blue and Gold Foundation Fund for scholarships to Canby High School graduates attending post-secondary school in 2008-2009 | \$6,213 |
| Blue and Gold Foundation Fund for scholarships to Canby High School graduates attending post-secondary school in 2008-2009 | \$16,862 |

Laura Miller Memorial Scholarship Fund - A related endowment fund of the Blue and Gold Foundation created in memory of Laura Miller that benefits students of the Canby area.

Awarded one grant totaling \$1,200:

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| Laura Miller Memorial Scholarship Fund for a scholarship to a Canby High School graduate attending post-secondary school | \$1,200 |
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In Clarkfield...

Clarkfield Area Community Foundation – A permanent resource that benefits the Clarkfield area through grantmaking and community projects.

Awarded three grants totaling \$1,118:

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| Clarkfield Area Community Foundation to support operational expenses | \$1,000 |
| Clarkfield Area Community Foundation to support operational expenses | \$64 |
| Clarkfield Area Community Foundation to support operational expenses | \$54 |