

Southwest Initiative Foundation Impact



SOUTHWEST INITIATIVE
FOUNDATION

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Current focus areas include:

Economic advancement
Leadership and community development
Building regional capacity
Philanthropy

To date, SWIF has:

- Contributed more than \$51 million through its grant and loan programs
- Helped more than 495 businesses start or expand
- Created or retained more than 7,600 jobs
- Established 14 Early Childhood Initiative Coalitions
- Established 29 Youth Energy Summit (YES!) teams
- Established 21 community foundations and more than 70 designated funds
- Yielded a 268 percent real-money return on every dollar invested to southwest Minnesota communities



Confirmed in Compliance with National Standards
for U.S. Community Foundations

Lac qui Parle County

Since 1986, the Southwest Initiative Foundation (SWIF) has been making a positive impact on each of the 18 counties in southwest Minnesota. Here are some examples of SWIF's recent impact on Lac qui Parle County.
(July 1, 2009, - June 30, 2010, unless otherwise noted)

Initiatives and partnerships

- Lac qui Parle Valley Youth Energy Summit (YES!) team received Second Prize and a total of \$3,750 toward their energy action project
- Community and designated funds
 - Bernice Halvorson Scholarship Fund
 - Class of 1958 Fund for the Madison Marietta Nassau Elementary School
 - Dawson-Boyd Alumni Association Endowment Fund
 - Dawson Community Foundation, which received a \$1,350 matching challenge grant
 - Dawson Ruzick, Seeling, Gustafson (RSG) Scholarship Endowment Fund
 - Dr. Philip W. Maus Scholarship Endowment Fund of Johnson Memorial Foundation
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 - Lac qui Parle Museum Endowment Fund
 - Lewis and Mathilde Michaelson Nursing Scholarship Fund of Johnson Memorial Foundation
 - Madison Community Baseball Endowment Fund
 - Madison Community Foundation, which received a \$1,350 matching challenge grant
 - Minnesota Educators of the Gifted and Talented (MEGT) Fund

Education and assistance

- Monthly entrepreneur education opportunities offered at no cost to participants in Madison

Loans

(as of April 30, 2010)

Since inception, SWIF has awarded 17 loans totaling \$870,100 to businesses in Lac qui Parle County. Recent example:

- J&T Electric, Dawson (2002)

Grants

(as of April 30, 2010)

Since inception, SWIF has awarded 326 grants totaling \$2,906,557 to benefit Lac qui Parle County. Recent examples:

- Lac qui Parle County for participation in Cohort Training Program, a series of intensive training sessions to develop leadership skills and capacity within local government (2008)
- Matching challenge grants awarded to Dawson and Madison Community Foundations to fulfill immediate grantmaking needs

Continued on reverse.



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Lac qui Parle Valley YES! was among those in attendance at the YES! Winter Workshop in Willmar.



SWIF provides opportunities to equip all southwest Minnesota adults with knowledge and tools to help our youngest citizens learn, love and thrive.



SWIF educates southwest Minnesota on opportunities the renewable energy industry presents to retain local wealth.

Lac qui Parle County

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Regional projects and events

- “Leading By Example II: Boomers to Rockstars” leadership conference attended by more than 220 regional business, community and organizational leaders
- Southern Minnesota Regional Competitiveness Project - Partnered with several regional entities across southern Minnesota to build a strategic economic development plan focused on key assets
- Bio-Ag Business Leader Forums - Convened a small group of key business leaders around the potential economic opportunities related to the convergence of biology and agriculture
- YES! kick-off event and career fair hosted at Southwest Minnesota State University in Marshall