

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

McLeod 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 McLeod County.
(July 1, 2009, - June 30, 2010, unless otherwise noted)

Initiatives and partnerships

- McLeod County Thrive Initiative
- Hutchinson FFA Youth Energy Summit (YES!) supported with \$2,750 toward their energy action project
- Community and designated funds
 - Buffalo Lake-Hector-Stewart Public School Foundation Fund
 - Carol M. Ulrich Haukos Memorial Advised Endowment Fund
 - Hutchinson Community Foundation, which received a \$1,350 matching challenge grant
 - Hutchinson Hospice Endowment Fund
 - Hutchinson Independent School District #423 Foundation Fund
 - Minnesota Educators of the Gifted and Talented (MEGT) Fund
 - People Helping People Nursing Scholarship Endowment Fund

Education and assistance

- SWIF fund partner session in Hutchinson attended by more than 20 community foundation and designated fund partners
- Monthly entrepreneur education opportunities offered at no charge to participants in Hutchinson
- Nonprofit Leader's Academy, launched to promote building leadership skills from the inside out, attended by:
 - Kids Inc. Child Care/Crown Family Center, Hutchinson
 - Hutchinson Area Health Care Foundation, Hutchinson

Loans

(as of April 30, 2010)

Since inception, SWIF has awarded 63 loans totaling \$2,416,970 to businesses in McLeod County. Recent examples:

- Plum Creek Retreat Center, Hutchinson
- Full Throttle Services, LLC, Glencoe

Grants

(as of April 30, 2010)

Since inception, SWIF has awarded 188 grants totaling \$1,341,338 to benefit McLeod County. Recent examples:

- Awarded matching challenge grant to Hutchinson Community Foundation to fulfill immediate grantmaking needs
- With assets from the Hutchinson Community Foundation, grant awarded to Hutchinson Leadership Institute to support program's community projects (2008)

Connections

- H. Cris Remucal, M.D., of Hutchinson serves on SWIF Board of Directors
- Valspar's Minnesota Beautiful "Picture It Painted" project - Historic Hutchinson

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Hutchinson FFA 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.

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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