



Initiative Foundation at work in
BENTON COUNTY

\$524,342

in local donations to the Initiative Foundation.

\$4.1 MILLION

returned to Benton County in grants and loans.

Our Mission:

To empower people to build thriving communities and a vibrant region across Central Minnesota.

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Return on Investment

For every local dollar contributed, the Initiative Foundation has invested **\$7.86** back into Benton County.

Economic Impact

[1986 to present]

- Awarded 182 grants totaling **\$708,619**
- 41 loans totaling **\$3.3 million**
- Secured **1,101** quality jobs
- Leveraged **\$22.3 million** in private business financing



Powering Possible

Equal opportunity lender, provider and employer.

BENTON COUNTY Investment Highlight

For a full listing of Initiative Foundation investments in Benton County, Contact us at (877) 632-9255.

Grants Thriving Economy, Thriving Communities

All Parks Alliance for Change	Support for affordable housing
Benton Economic Partnership, Inc.	Economic development initiative in Foley
Catholic Charities of the Diocese of Saint Cloud	Operating support
College Possible	College access and support for students in Central Minnesota
Community Giving, St. Cloud	Community conversation on race
Church of St. Peter, St. Cloud	Benevolence Fund
Foley School District	Pre-kindergarten to third grade alignment
Junior Achievement of the Upper Midwest	Growing entrepreneurs in Stearns County schools
Milestones	Inside-Out Connections Coalition
Minnesota Assistance Council for Veterans	Direct assistance for Minnesota veterans and families
Prairie Woods Environmental Learning Center	Youth workforce development
Quality Innovations & Resources Corporation	Love and Logic parenting classes in Saint Cloud

Business Financing Local Ownership, Quality Jobs

Alpine Cabinetry, LLC, St. Cloud	Cabinet and custom woodwork manufacturer
C4 Welding, Inc., Sauk Rapids	Critical welding and manufacturing engineering
Central Marble Products, Inc., Rice	Manufacturer of cultured marble products
Zock Legacies, LLC, Sauk Rapids	Facilities for gymnastic and dance activities

Charitable Funds Activating Generosity

Sauk Rapids-Rice Education Foundation | Manufacturing Fund of Central Minnesota | Sartell DOGPAC Fund | Thrive Fund

Technical Assistance Investing in Talent

C4 Welding, Inc., Sauk Rapids	Management
WF Scarince, Inc., Sauk Rapids	Sales & marketing

Community Action The Power of Partnership

The Sauk Rapids-Rice school district has added tools to help autism spectrum students focus and remain calm during stressful situations. One purchase, noise canceling headphones, has allowed students to tolerate loud and stimulating environments, such as the gym and lunchroom, leading to improved peer interactions. The purchases were

supported by a grant from the Sauk Rapids-Rice Education Foundation, a partner fund of the Initiative Foundation.

The Compass Program to help at-risk youth in the Sauk Rapids-Rice school district is making positive inroads. Nearly 30 students participated in the program last year, where

they met with a mentor, visited St. Cloud Community and Technical College and received guidance to help them stay in school. The effort is supported by a three-year Youthprise and Social Innovation Fund grant administered by the Initiative Foundation.