



Initiative Foundation at work in
TODD COUNTY

\$1.2 MILLION

in local donations to the Initiative Foundation.

\$3.8 MILLION

returned to Todd County in grants, loans, and scholarships.

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 **\$3.03** back into Todd County.

Economic Impact

[1986 to present]

- Awarded 389 grants totaling **\$1.84 million**
- Awarded 146 scholarships totaling **\$84,201**
- 68 loans totaling **\$1.7 million**
- Secured **884 quality jobs**
- Leveraged **\$8.4 million** in private business financing



Powering Possible

TODD COUNTY Investment Highlight

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

Grants Thriving Economy, Thriving Communities

Boy Scouts of America - Central MN Council Inc, Long Prairie	Explorer post expansion for Todd, Wadena and Morrison counties
Central Lakes College Foundation, Staples	Living Legacy Gardens picnic shelter
Central Minnesota Boys Choir, Staples	Voyageur Choir collaborative concert trip
City of Staples	Community center improvements; trail head development
Dreams United/Sueños Unidos, Long Prairie	Developing and celebrating Long Prairie unity
Freshwater Education District, Staples	Reading for the future
Great River Regional Library, Staples	Staples Area summer reading program
Kinship Partners Inc., Staples	Staples-Motley Area youth mentoring
LEAP, Inc.	Poverty resources fair; farmers market; sprinkle & sprout garden club
National Joint Powers Alliance, Staples	Youth CEO program
Region Five Development Commission, Staples	Expansion of broadband availability
Staples & Motley Dollars for Scholars	Dollars for Scholars
Staples Area Men's Chorus	Real Men Sing - Real Men Sing Jr.
Staples Area Women's Chorus	Her Voice, Her Song choral festival
STEP, Inc.	Financial Resiliency through Social Enterprise

Business Financing Local Ownership, Quality Jobs

Great Lakes Tool & Engineering, Inc., Staples	Precision machine shop
Neal's Motorsports, LLC, Long Prairie	Recreational vehicle dealership
Precision Polishing & Plating, Inc., Staples	Mold polishing and metal deburring
Stern Manufacturing, Inc., Staples	A custom rubber molder that specializes in bonding rubber to other substrates such as metal, plastic, cables and other types of rubber.
Agua Gorda Co-Op, Long Prairie	Cooperative for Organic Produce

Charitable Funds Activating Generosity

Staples-Motley Area Community Foundation | Central Minn. CEO Fund | Julius & Tracy Kurpius Fund | Manufacturing Fund of Central Minnesota | NJPA Innovative Schools Project | Sacred Heart - Knights of Columbus Fund | Staples Knights of Columbus - Lloyd & Marion Giddings Scholarship Fund | Todd - Wadena Economic Development Loan Fund

Community Action The Power of Partnership

An increase in jobs and a lack of rental housing will be addressed by the Central Minnesota Housing Partnership (CMHP) and members of the Staples area Resilient Region group. With support from an Initiative Foundation grant, the group will lead community meetings and surveys to gather information from potential renters to address a housing shortage, especially for those with mental health disorders.

A gas station and convenience store is set to reopen in Browerville, filling a void for area

residents who had to purchase convenience items and fuel in neighboring towns. The Initiative Foundation provided business financing to assist Petro Plus owners with inventory and working capital needs.

Cultures are aligning in the greater Long Prairie area, where an Initiative Foundation grant is helping Hispanic and white communities forge new relationships through the Dreams United Diversity project. Through this effort to bridge cultural differences, the community has come together for cultural

exchanges, celebrations, community gardens and business development efforts.

A Todd County Healthy Communities Partnership team has secured the vacant Eagle Bend school for the area's senior services, including the Meals-on-Wheels program. Demand had surpassed the capacity of the Eagle Bend Senior Center, which provided space for the preparation of more than 4,500 monthly meals for Todd and Wadena counties. The effort is supported by an Initiative Foundation grant.