



Initiative Foundation at work in
KANABEC COUNTY

\$170,660

in local donations to the Initiative Foundation.

\$1.2 MILLION

returned to Kanabec 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 **\$7.11** back into Kanabec County.

Economic Impact

[1986 to present]

- Awarded 98 grants totaling **\$658,150**
- 21 loans totaling **\$401,328**
- Secured **123 quality jobs**
- Leveraged **\$2,197,850** in private business financing



KANABEC COUNTY Investment Highlight

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

Grants Thriving Economy, Thriving Communities

Central Minnesota Housing Partnership	Affordable housing resources study
City of Mora	Strategic planning for economic development
East Central Regional Devl Commision, Mora	Towards Zero Death Program (JBSE)
Kanabec County, Mora	Development of trail master plan
Lakes & Pines Community Action Council, Inc.	Economic gardening in east central Minnesota
Mora Education Foundation	Booktown Mora
Northern Technology Initiative, Mora	Regional economic development
Seven County Senior Federation, Mora	Technology planning for Mora-area nonprofit
Soup for the Soul, Inc.	Expanded accessibility for the Mora area
Tusen Tack, Braham	Braham Regional Community Center

Business Financing Local Ownership, Quality Jobs

CMP Custom Molding, Ogilvie	Manufacturer of plastic injection molded products
Homestead Country Stora, Mora	Retail Store
Impact Development Group	Coffee house
Mattila's Concrete, Mora	Lawn ornament manufacturing
Miss Fannie Turgeons, Mora	Doll manufacturer
Ogilvie Power & Equipment	Sales and Service

Charitable Funds Activating Generosity

Manufacturing Fund of Central Minnesota

Community Action The Power of Partnership

Pine Habilitation and Supported Employment, Inc., a recent graduate of the Foundation's Financial Resiliency through Social Enterprise 2.0 program, is streamlining branding and operations for three for profit ventures: a furniture store, a handcrafted barnwood accessories store and the Good Works Thrift Store in Mora. These mission-supported ventures provide employment opportunities for adults with disabilities while generating organizational income.

Kanabec County was able to move forward with a \$5,000 Initiative Foundation grant to develop a master trail plan to connect to trails in adjacent counties. The grant was used to support public input activities and for

engineering and design services to prepare a comprehensive trails plan.

An Initiative Foundation-funded workshop to explore improved support for low-income households in Chisago, Isanti, Kanabec, Mille Lacs and Pine counties resulted in several noteworthy discoveries. The Central Minnesota Community Asset event hosted by the Lakes & Pines Community Action Council found, among other things, that reliable transportation is a high-priority need.

The Minnesota Department of Transportation's Towards Zero Deaths (TZD) program is getting a financial bump to improve on-the-road safety thanks to the John & Bonnie Schlagel Endowment, an

Isanti County-based Partner Fund of the Initiative Foundation. The statewide traffic safety program weaves together education, enforcement, engineering and emergency medical services to reduce crashes, injuries and deaths on Minnesota roads.

Soup For The Soul, Inc., a Mora-area nonprofit that provides a free meal every Monday night, will continue to offer expanded access by providing free service-area transportation. Partnering with Timber Trails Public Transit and supported by an Initiative Foundation grant, Soup For the Soul offers rides to income-eligible individuals so they can enjoy a warm meal and good conversation.