



Initiative Foundation at work in
MORRISON COUNTY

\$2.3 MILLION
in local donations to the Initiative Foundation.

\$7.3 MILLION
returned to Morrison 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 **\$3.18** back into Morrison County.

Economic Impact

[1986 to present]

- Awarded 588 grants totaling **\$2.3 million**
- Awarded 256 scholarships totaling **\$309,089**
- 88 loans totaling **\$4.7 million**
- Secured **1,520 quality jobs**
- Leveraged **\$50 million** in private business financing



MORRISON COUNTY Investment Highlight

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

Grants Thriving Economy, Thriving Communities

City of Little Falls	Thriving Communities Initiative
Employment Enterprises, Inc.	Glass recycling program improvements
Funders Network for Smart Growth & Livable Communities	Sponsorship of 2017 National Conference in St. Paul
GiveMN	General operating support
Horizon Health, Inc.	Harmony House educational curriculum
Little Falls School District	Mentorship program
Mid-State Education District	Family literacy kits
Minnesota Association for Volunteer Administration	Building Central Minnesota's volunteer infrastructure
Minnesota Council of Nonprofits	Strengthening Central Minnesota's nonprofits
Oasis Central Minnesota, Inc.	Operating support
Pierz School District	PreK-Grade 3 Alignment
University of St. Thomas	Institute for Executive Director Leadership

Business Financing Local Ownership, Quality Jobs

Atomic Holdings, Inc., Little Falls	Web-based tutorials K-12
Eastwood of Minnesota, LLC, Motley	Motel
Larson Boats, LLC, Little Falls	Boat manufacturer
Paul's Fireplace Wood, Inc., Little Falls	Supplier of wood to restaurants
Rotomolding Enterprise Holdings, Inc., Swanville	Plastic products manufacturing
Team Solara, Inc., Little Falls	Boat manufacturing

Charitable Funds Activating Generosity

Morrison County Area Foundation | Staples-Motley Area Community Foundation | Beverly M. Pantzke Scholarship Fund | Bob Wright Memorial IFPA Scholarship Fund | Family Farm Fund | Fish Trap Lake Endowment Fund | Hanowski Family Fund | Horizon Health Partnership in Life Fund | Little Falls Education Foundation | Little Falls Scholarship Fund | Loren & Kathy Morey Fund | Manufacturing Fund of Central Minnesota | Mark Wood Foundation | Playing it Forward: The Kenneth & Evelyn Pinckney Young Musicians' Fund | Shawn Grittner Memorial Scholarship Fund | Veteran's Art Project Fund | William & Ethel Nelson-Zimmerman Memorial Scholarship Fund

Technical Assistance Investing in Talent

Smude Sunflower Oil, Pierz	Feasibility study, sales and marketing
DJ Products, Little Falls	International CE marketing
Newmans Mfg, Royalton	Financial analysis
Little Falls Mfg Center, Little Falls	Food hub analysis and plan
Gosch's, Randall	Energy assessment

Community Action The Power of Partnership

The Morrison County Area Foundation (MCAF), a Partner Fund of the Initiative Foundation, held its annual Cheers to Morrison County fundraiser at Camp Ripley. An estimated 600 people attended the September 2017 event, which featured 45 food, wine and craft beer vendors. More that

\$19,000 was raised, up from \$13,200 in 2015 and \$8,600 in 2014. Proceeds support MCAF's countywide grant-making program.

Sprout Food Hub and Growers and Makers Marketplace, an indoor, year-round market for locally produced food and art, opened

in grand style in April 2016 in the Little Falls Manufacturing Development Center. The former Crestliner plant now houses 23 businesses. More than 500 people attended the two-day event, including Congressional representatives and state and federal agricultural leaders.