



Initiative Foundation at work in **PINE COUNTY**

\$658,331

in local donations to the Initiative Foundation.

\$3.5 MILLION

returned to Pine 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 **\$5.28** back into Pine County.

Economic Impact

[1986 to present]

- Awarded 260 grants totaling **\$1.29 million**
- 40 loans totaling **\$1.98 million**
- Secured **573 quality jobs**
- Leveraged **\$10.4 million** in private business financing



Powering Possible

Equal opportunity lender, provider and employer.

PINE COUNTY Investment Highlight

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

Grants Thriving Economy, Thriving Communities

A Place for You, Pine City	Transitional housing, social enterprise venture
City of Pine City	Hotel market feasibility study; park improvements
Hands for Pine City	Playground for softball field complex
Home and Away Ministries, North Branch	Ruby's Pantry expansion
Pine Center for the Arts, Inc., Pine City	Arts center lighting
Pine City School District	Pine City Area Early Childhood Coalition strategic planning
Pine EMS, Pine City	Emergency medical equipment
Pine Technical College, Pine City	Together We Grow Conference; Women in Technology
Pine Habilitation and Supported Employment, Inc.	Financial Resiliency through Social Enterprise training

Business Financing Local Ownership, Quality Jobs

Lake Superior Laundry, Inc., Pine City	Provides laundry services
MINPACK, Pine City	Provides manufacturing, assembly, converting and printing services
Nemadji Research Corp., Bruno	A data management and software development company specializing in cost recovery and revenue maximization for healthcare providers
Team Powder Coating, Hinckley	Contract manufacturer providing powder coating, light assembly and packaging services

Charitable Funds Activating Generosity

Greater Pine Area Endowment | Manufacturing Fund of Central Minnesota

Technical Assistance Investing in Talent

Nemadji, Bruno	Strategic planning
MINPACK, Pine City	Family business and leadership

Community Action The Power of Partnership

Improvements to the Pine City community ice rink are creating new opportunities. Supported by a grant from the Initiative Foundation-hosted Greater Pine Area Endowment, the Pine City youth hockey program purchased safety dividers to separate their rink into two surfaces. With the upgrade, the rink can now safely hold twice as many skaters and is now eligible to host large tournaments that draw teams from around the state.

A grant from the Initiative Foundation-hosted Greater Pine Area Endowment is supporting the purchase and operation of

a Pine Technical and Community College mobile welding training lab. The effort also is supported by a grant from the Minnesota Department of Employment and Economic Development, which forecasts that welding jobs are expected to grow by more than 13 percent by 2020.

The city of Sandstone continues to make headway in the Initiative Foundation's Thriving Communities Initiative program. The community has had several citywide cleanup days, paint-a-thons and neighborhood celebrations to bring the community together. Plans also called for a community website to

capitalize on natural resources and economic and entrepreneurial opportunities.

An recent mental health forum at Grand Casino, Hinckley, helped attendees learn where and how to access resources, which is often cited as a barrier to community growth and well-being. The forum, supported by an Initiative Foundation grant in partnership with the Mille Lacs Band of Ojibwe, Pine County Health and Human Services and the University of Minnesota College of Pharmacy, included speakers and resources on mental health issues, resources and to enhance the quality of life in the Pine City area.