



Initiative Foundation at work in
MILLE LACS COUNTY

\$754,086

in local donations to the Initiative Foundation.

\$4.1 MILLION

returned to Mille Lacs 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 **\$5.45** back into Mille Lacs County.

Economic Impact

[1986 to present]

- Awarded 240 grants totaling **\$1.23 million**
- Awarded 159 scholarships totaling **\$163,413**
- 81 loans totaling **\$2.6 million**
- Secured **674 quality jobs**
- Leveraged **\$9.4 million** in private business financing



Powering Possible

Equal opportunity lender, provider and employer.

MILLE LACS COUNTY **Investment Highlight**

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

Grants Thriving Economy, Thriving Communities

City of Milaca	Community and economic development; band shell project
City of Wahkton	Feasibility study for Veteran's Park
Isanti County Government Center, Cambridge	Princeton-area Child Safety & Advocacy Center
Isle School District	Dental Awareness in Isle Early Childhood
Milaca Fine Arts Council	Spring student art show
Milaca School District	Science programming; Give Me Five mentorship program; high school science enrichment
Milaca Youth Basketball, Inc.	Registration scholarships
Mille Lacs County Administrative Services Office, Milaca	Greater Mille Lacs Area tourism expansion
Mille Lacs County, Milaca	Regional broadband event
Mille Lacs Health System, Onamia	Onamia Panthers Read Early—early childhood literacy
Princeton Area Visionary Committee	Princeton's Rum River Trail
Princeton School District	Princeton Early Childhood Coalition
Rum River Health Services, Inc., Princeton*	Operating support
Volunteers of America of Minnesota	Our HOME Supportive Housing

Business Financing Local Ownership, Quality Jobs

Hibbs Properties, LLC, Princeton	Trucking company
Noble Wear, LTD., Onamia	Designs decorated apparel
Roden Iron, Inc., Milaca	Commercial structural steel erection
The Coin-Trainer Company, LLC, Milaca	Coin and currency paper products manufacturer
Whitcomb's Nursery, Landscaping & Excavating, Princeton	Nursery, landscaping & excavating

Charitable Funds Activating Generosity

Rum River Community Foundation | Isle Area Community Foundation | Alternative Sources of Energy Fund | Bob & Marsha Bungler Endowment Fund | Bob & Pauline Johnson Memorial Scholarship Fund | Manufacturing Fund of Central Minnesota | Princeton Economic Development Loan Fund

Technical Assistance Investing in Talent

Roden Iron, Milaca	Leadership development, financial analysis
Sylva Industries, Princeton	Product development
BioMatrix, Princeton	International sales & marketing

Community Action The Power of Partnership

A three-year project to renovate the historic Milaca Bandshell to its former glory was recently completed. Through the project, supported by the Help the Milaca Band Shell Committee and the Rum River Community Foundation, an Initiative Foundation Partner Fund, the community can now lay claim to having one of the few remaining 1930s art deco-style structures in Central Minnesota.

The Mille Lacs Band of Ojibwe and Head Start received funding from an Initiative Foundation grant to educate children, staff and parents on the important role that oral health plays

in a child's overall well-being. Ne-la-Shing Clinic provided oral health education and information to children, staff and parents.

A Milaca School District mentorship program is pairing trained adult mentors with vulnerable students in grades 5 through 8 to develop leadership, social and organizational skills. The Give Me Five program incorporates fun outings and community service projects to aid in leadership and provide validation, friendship and guidance. This project is supported by the Milaca Community Foundation, an Initiative Foundation Partner

Fund.education.

Strong community support and a successful book drive (1,000-plus and counting) have given a boost to the Panthers Little Libraries program. The libraries located throughout Onamia are part of a solution to elevate area literacy. Supported by an Initiative Foundation grant to the Mille Lacs-Onamia Early Childhood Coalition.