



Initiative Foundation at work in
ISANTI COUNTY

\$1.2 MILLION

in local donations to the Initiative Foundation.

\$3.7 MILLION

returned to Isanti 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 **\$2.93** back into Isanti County.

Economic Impact

[1986 to present]

- Awarded 255 grants totaling **\$937,001**
- 45 loans totaling **\$2.5 million**
- Secured **382 quality jobs**
- Leveraged **\$20.9 million** in private business financing



Powering Possible

Equal opportunity lender, provider and employer.

ISANTI COUNTY Investment Highlight

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

Grants Thriving Economy, Thriving Communities

Braham Area Schools ISD #314	School board mini-retreat
Cambridge Isanti School District	Cambridge-Isanti Early Childhood Coalition
City of Cambridge	Engaging business owners for downtown revitalization
Isanti County	Isanti County high speed internet access feasibility study
Isanti County Government Center, Cambridge	Master plan for Anderson Park
Isanti County Humane Society, Cambridge	Animal care
New Pathways, Inc.	Shelter and support services in Central Minn
Tusen Tack	Sustainable governance of Tusen Tack/Braham Community Event Center

Business Financing Local Ownership, Quality Jobs

Ever Cat Fuels, LLC, Isanti	Biodiesel manufacturing facility
Granger Machine, Inc., Isanti	Specializing in the manufacturing of custom machined products
Total Wellness Coaching, LLC, Cambridge	Finance leasehold improvements
Tusen Tack, Braham	Community center funding
VanPro, Cambridge	Precision magnesium machining
Water Works Manufacturing, LLC, Cambridge	CAD design software in conjunction with 3D simulation and FEA software

Charitable Funds Activating Generosity

John & Bonnie Schlagel Endowment | Manufacturing Fund of Central Minnesota | Braham Area Education Foundation

Technical Assistance Investing in Talent

Ever Cat Fuels, Isanti	Bio energy fuels study
Moms Food Coop/City Center Market, Cambridge	Sales, marketing, human resources

Community Action The Power of Partnership

Braham community members are rallying around a new cause: a fund that will support local students and broaden educational opportunities. Members of the Braham Area Education Foundation, a new Initiative Foundation Partner Fund, are working to create a permanent source of support for local students.

More than 50 economic development enthusiasts recently gathered at the Braham Event Center to discuss community and regional economic development strategy. Organized by the GPS 45:93 economic

development consortium and sponsored by an Initiative Foundation grant, the session was a broad overview of the tools and strategies a community and region can use to foster long-term business and job growth. Collaborate with Braham Area Education Foundation on Partner Fund to benefit education of Braham-area students.

A countywide broadband study is underway to identify service gaps and infrastructure improvements. The effort, driven by statewide efforts to invest in broadband improvements, includes input from schools, hospitals and

higher education institutions and will guide local officials as they plan and execute updates. The study is being funded, in part, by a grant from the Initiative Foundation.

Six Isanti County nonprofits have received a financial boost as a result of grants awarded through the John and Bonnie Schlagel Endowment, a donor-advised fund of the Initiative Foundation. More than \$10,000 was recently awarded to area nonprofits for programs to support homeless shelters, scholarships, animal shelters, sober cab and early childhood literacy efforts.