



Initiative Foundation at work in
CASS COUNTY

\$1,056,377

in local donations to the Initiative Foundation.

\$4.6 MILLION

returned to Cass 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 **\$4.35** back into Cass County.

Economic Impact

[1986 to present]

- Awarded 404 grants totaling **\$2.3 million**
- 79 scholarships totaling **\$109,500**
- 50 loans totaling **\$2.08 million**
- Secured **377 quality jobs**
- Leveraged **\$13.5 million** in private business financing



Powering Possible

CASS COUNTY Investment Highlight

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

Grants Thriving Economy, Thriving Communities

Boys & Girls Club of Leech Lake Area, Cass Lake	Cass Lake Boys & Girls Club Career Launch program
Cass County Economic Development Corporation, Backus	Skilled worker recruitment and placement
City of Hackensack	Bringing the heart of the Hackensack community together
Faith in Action for Cass County	Planning for the future
Hackensack Senior Citizens Center, Inc.	Strategic planning and community engagement
Happy Dancing Turtle	Eureka! TEDx Gull Lake 2017
Leech Lake Band of Ojibwe	Leech Lake area YouthBuild program
Paws & Claws Animals Shelter, Hackensack	Hackensack Area Animal Shelter
Pine River-Backus School District	Early Childhood Coalition support
Rural Minnesota CEP, Inc.	Workforce training for disabled adults
Second Harvest North Central Food Bank, Inc.	Kids-Packs-to-Go Backpack program
Staples Motley Beyond Poverty	Circle of Support project

Business Financing Local Ownership, Quality Jobs

Brookside Care Properties, LLC, Walker	Assisted-living facility
CavCom, Inc., Walker	Hearing protection & communication products
Hunts Point, LLC, Pequot Lakes	Bird hunts and shotgun shooting sports
JenTra Tools, LLC, Backus	Sales & distribution for door installation tool
Riverside Assisted Living Center of Pillager	Senior assisted living facility
Trussworthy Components, Inc., Pine River	Custom-built wood truss manufacturer

Charitable Funds Activating Generosity

Longville Area Community Foundation Endowment | Pillager Education Foundation | Conservancy Fund of Roosevelt and Lawrence Area Lakes Association | Leech Lake Area Watershed Foundation | Madden's Pine Beach Scholarship Fund | Manufacturing Fund of Central Minnesota | Paws & Claws Animal Shelter | Pillager Scholarship Fund | Central MN CEO Fund

Technical Assistance Investing in Talent

CavCom, Inc., Walker	Strategic planning & sales/marketing
RREAL-Rural Renewable Energy Alliance, Pine River	Financial analysis and support
Trussworthy Components, Pine River	Strategic planning & analysis
Central Lakes College, Pine River	Pequot Tool-introduction to manufacturing training
Bill Hansen Realty	Management

Community Action The Power of Partnership

The Cass County Soil and Water Conservation District used an Initiative Foundation grant to sponsor a series of workshops aimed at interrupting the spread of aquatic invasive species in Central Minnesota's lakes and rivers. The workshops provided in-depth training in conflict resolution, de-escalation techniques and lake-science ecology fundamentals.

The Leech Lake Band of Ojibwe has been awarded \$60,000 from the U.S. Department of Energy as part of its SunShot initiative. The Band will use the funds to develop a solar microgrid that can distribute energy to small housing clusters. The Initiative Foundation is providing technical assistance for this 18-month initiative.

Faith in Action is reaching a larger audience of clients and volunteers, thanks to Initiative Foundation grant support that has helped create clear, concise information on the nonprofit's website and brochures. Since implementing the changes, Faith in Action has helped 46 new individuals and trained nearly two dozen new volunteers.