



Initiative Foundation at work in
CROW WING COUNTY

\$2.3 MILLION

in local donations to the Initiative Foundation.

\$12.1 MILLION

returned to Crow Wing 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 **\$5.16** back into Crow Wing County.

Economic Impact

[1986 to present]

- Awarded 689 grants totaling **\$3.98 million**
- Awarded 14 scholarships totaling **\$13,550**
- 174 loans totaling **\$8.3 million**
- Secured **1,849 quality jobs**
- Leveraged **\$39.9 million** in private business financing



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CROW WING COUNTY Investment Highlight

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

Grants Thriving Economy, Thriving Communities

Blandin Foundation	Sponsorship Grant for Border to Border Broadband Conference
Brainerd School District	Brainerd Lakes Area Early Childhood Coalition
Brainerd Housing & Redevelopment Authority	Brainerd Riverfront Business Plan
Central Lakes College Foundation, Brainerd	Diversity in the dental workforce
City of Crosslake	Design Team Implementation project
City of Fifty Lakes	GoNorth Thriving Communities Initiative
CommunityGiving	Spirit of Hope Fund
Crow Wing County, Brainerd	Wakeboarder Outreach Campaign
Cuyuna Range Youth Center, Crosby	Youth development
International Mountain Bicycling Association	Trail development in Cuyuna Range
Lakes Area Habitat for Humanity	Brainerd Lakes Area Habitat for Humanity ReStore Job Transition Training
Lakes Area Interfaith Caregivers	Support services for Brainerd Lakes Area Seniors
Mid-MN Women's Center	Brainerd Lakes Area crisis intervention training
Minnesota Association for Volunteer Administration	Enhancing the skills of volunteer engagement leaders
Productive Alternatives, Inc. (PAI)	Removing barriers, because work matters
Regents of the University of Minnesota	Tourism and lodging workforce study
Salem Lutheran Church, Deerwood	Salem WEST Fire Response Planning

Business Financing Local Ownership, Quality Jobs

AJ Metalworks, Inc. dba AJ Outdoors, LLC, Crosby	Custom welding and metal fabrication shop
IFP, Inc.	Fire, sprinkler distributor
Lonesome Cottage Furniture Company, Pequot Lakes	Manufacturer of high-quality rustic furniture
North Star Properties of Pequot Lakes, LLC	Well drilling
Seafood Markets, Ltd., Brainerd	Retailer of quality seafood
Syvantis Technologies, Inc.	Technology provider

Charitable Funds Activating Generosity

Cuyuna Lakes Education Foundation | Anderson Brothers Family Fund | Betty Ford Menzel Scholarship Fund | Conservancy Fund of Roosevelt and Lawrence Area Lakes Association | CWEPA Fund | Gaalswyk Family Fund | Gull Chain Preservation Endowment | Lake Region Christian School Education Foundation | Land and Waters Preservation Trust | Manufacturing Fund of Central Minnesota | Patriot Foundation

Technical Assistance Talent in Action

Stern Industries, Brainerd & Baxter	Software training & sales/marketing
Paul Bunyanland, Brainerd	Strategic planning
Lakes Millwork, Crosslake	Financial analysis & training

Community Action The Power of Partnership

A four-lane expansion of Highway 371 east of downtown is driving long-range community planning efforts in Pequot Lakes. A core team involved in the Pequot Lakes Thriving Communities Initiative (TCI), an Initiative Foundation program, is gathering

community feedback to identify strengths and opportunities to shape a vision for the future.

Cross Lake, Minnesota, has been working with the Minnesota Design Team, AIA Minnesota, and from that came an idea – a National Loon Center. The center will be a national

attraction for education and outreach on loon habitat. Thanks to financial support the team will continue its work to make the National Loon Center a reality.