



SOUTHERN MINNESOTA
INITIATIVE FOUNDATION

Collaborating for Regional Vitality

Wabasha County Investments

We envision southern Minnesota as a prosperous and growing region with vibrant communities, innovative and successful economies, and engaged and valued citizens. To achieve this vision, Southern Minnesota Initiative Foundation, a regional development and philanthropic organization, fosters economic and community vitality in 20 counties of southern Minnesota through a culture of collaboration and partnership.

For every donation of
from Wabasha County

\$1

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\$13

is invested back into
Wabasha County
communities.*

*Includes grants, loans & programming

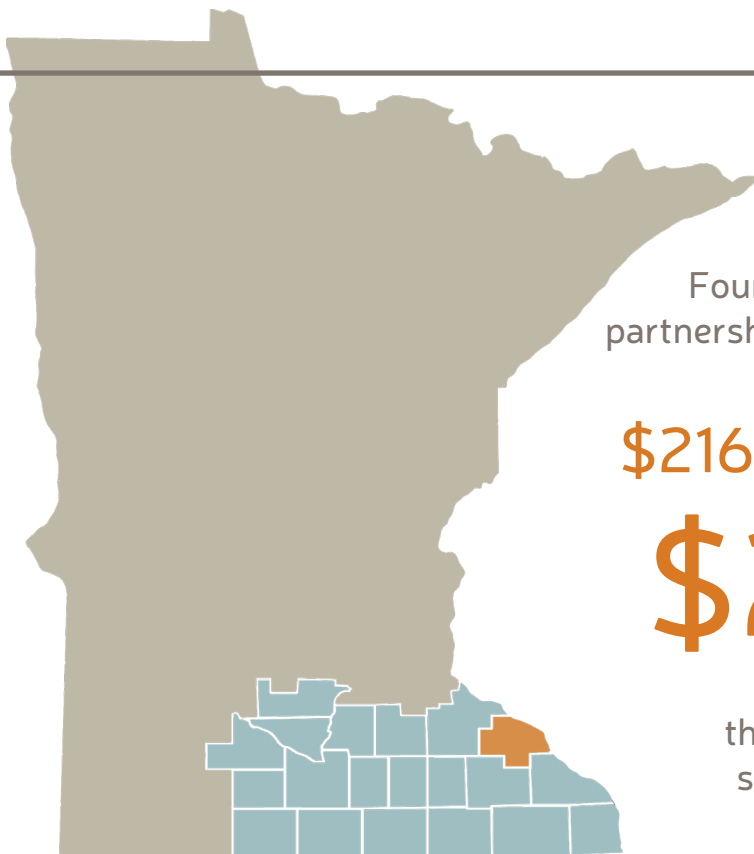
18 LOANS

\$ 935,000 to Wabasha County entrepreneurs

87 GRANTS

\$425,000 to support community initiatives

***\$5 million invested annually to the 20 counties of
south central and southeastern Minnesota***



Since 1986, Southern Minnesota Initiative Foundation has leveraged local investments & partnerships to create a stronger **Wabasha County**:

\$216,000 in local donations to SMIF

\$2.7 million

invested by SMIF in Wabasha County through grants, loans, and programming for stronger kids, businesses and communities

Loans & Equity Investments* Supporting local entrepreneurs & creating jobs

Hare and Tortoise Farm, Zumbro Falls	Organic vegetable farm
KIS Fashions LLC, Wabasha	Women's handbags & apparel
Southeast MN Food Network LLC, Elgin	Marketing of over 300 local, sustainably grown products
RMX Manufacturing Incorporated, Lake City	Maintenance & repair of centrifual cast iron cylinder dies
Cabin Coffee, Plainview	Coffee shop

*Southern Minnesota Initiative Foundation in partnership with CEDA and DEED hold the Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy for Region 10, allowing these counties to apply for Economic Development Administration funding at the Federal level.

Grants Investments in economic development, early childhood and community vitality

A Chance to Grow, Lake City	Continued S.M.A.R.T. training to prepare children for kindergarten
Plainview-Elgin-Millville (PEM) Schools	School readiness matching grant
Zumbro Valley Community Growth Initiative	Project to promote tourism and economic development
Plainview EDA	Create part-time outreach position to coordinate "One Meeting"
Immanuel Lutheran Church, Plainview	Provide safe equipment for children to play, learn and socialize
Renewing the Countryside, Zumbro Falls	Grant for "Growing a Local Foods Economy" project
Wabasha County Public Health	Home Visiting Grant: Early Childhood Special Education Program
Wabasha Public Library	Children's library expansion project
Quality Child Care Program, Lake City	Increasing quality child care through provider training
Lake City Kiwanis	Awarded 100 books for their mentoring program

Affiliate Funds Increasing rural philanthropy

Combined Drive	Wabasha-Kellogg Area Community Foundation
Dr. Bob and Linda Mann Donor Advised Fund (Wabasha/Kellogg)	Zumbro Falls/Hammond Revitalization Committee
Plainview Area Foundation	Zumbro Valley Disaster Recovery Fund
Pool Pass Fund	Zumbro Valley Foundation
William and Gloria Hager Donor Advised Fund (Wabasha/Kellogg)	

Community Collaborations Bringing communities together for change

City of Elgin, Regional Community Growth Initiative
Plainview EDA, Regional Community Growth Initiative
Zumbro Valley Community Growth Initiative
Rural Entrepreneurial Venture (REV) Community, Lake City

Making a Difference

Encouraging community members to leave a legacy



**WABASHA KELLOGG AREA
COMMUNITY FOUNDATION**

Wabasha-Kellogg Area Community Foundation (WKACF) has hosted an annual Wills, Estate and Trusts meeting for the past three years as a community education class. They invite a local financial advisor to talk about the basics of wills and trusts. This session provides needed information for residents about how to start planning their legacy.

It is estimated that only 40% of Americans have a will or estate plan in place. As a community foundation, the WKACF feels compelled to change that statistic and have more dollars stay at home. There will be a \$7.8 billion transfer of wealth in our 20-county region by 2030 and our communitiy foundations are working to capture a portion of those dollars.