



SOUTHERN MINNESOTA
INITIATIVE FOUNDATION

Collaborating for Regional Vitality

Sibley 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 Sibley County

\$1

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\$26

is invested back
into Sibley County
communities.*

*Includes grants, loans & programming

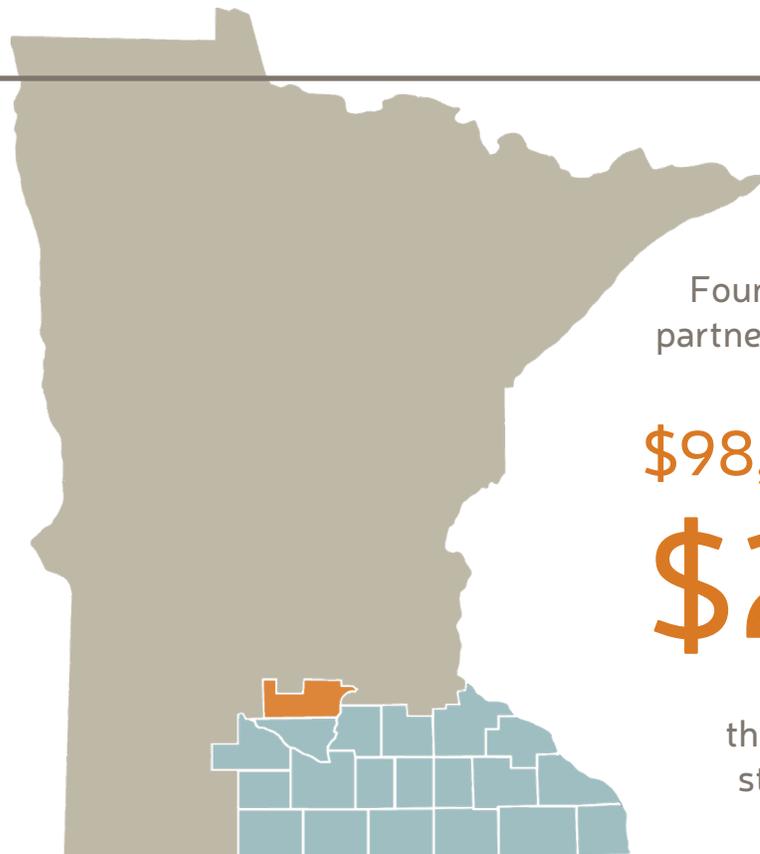
20 LOANS

\$996,000 to Sibley County entrepreneurs

91 GRANTS

\$454,000 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 **Sibley County**:

\$98,000 in local donations to SMIF

\$2.5 million

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

Loans & Equity Investments Supporting local entrepreneurs & creating jobs

JIT Companies, Green Isle	High precision waterjet cutting job shop
Wreck Room Auto Body and Glass, Gibbon	Auto body shop
OEM Services, Green Isle	Welding & fabrication service
Wingnut Welding and Repair, Henderson	Welding & repair
Chaplin Sons Masonry	Full service masonry shop

Grants Investments in economic development, early childhood and community vitality

City of Gaylord Park Board	Paint for the Pavilion in the Gaylord City Park
City of Arlington	Paint for interior mural at the Arlington Community Center
GFW Schools, Gibbon	Project is to promote family centered child care
Sibley County Economic Development Commission, Gibbon	Continuing grant to unite cities & townships for economic growth
Sibley County Public Health, Gaylord	Home Visiting Grant: Early Childhood Special Education Program
Sibley County Public Health, Gaylord	Hundreds of books awarded through multiple literacy grants
GFW Schools, Gibbon	Hundreds of books awarded through multiple literacy grants
Henderson Area Community Foundation	Bender Park shelter
Le Sueur-Henderson Public Schools	Hundreds of books awarded through multiple literacy grants
Sibley County	Unite cities & townships for community and economic growth
Henderson Creative Economy Community	Language and framework for community development
Quality Child Care Program, Winthrop	Increasing quality childcare through provider training

Affiliate Funds Increasing rural philanthropy

Henderson Area Community Foundation
James Anderson Donor Advised Fund
Winthrop Area Community Foundation

Community Collaborations Bringing communities together for change

Gaylord Community Growth Initiative, "Active Aging" (started in 2006)

Making a Difference Investing in small towns



The Henderson Creative Economy Project received a \$10,000 Small Town Grant from SMIF in 2017. This new grant program focuses on empowering communities in our region with populations of 5,000 or less and supports projects that can demonstrate a collaborative and transformational opportunity for their community. The Henderson group is engaging the community in a process to develop the language and framework for economic development through a "creative economy" lens. The project uses a collaborative, asset-based, and locally-focused community engagement model.