



SOUTHERN MINNESOTA
INITIATIVE FOUNDATION

Collaborating for Regional Vitality

Goodhue 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 Goodhue County

\$1

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\$17

is invested back into
Goodhue County
communities.*

*Includes grants, loans & programming

38 LOANS

\$2.2 million to Goodhue County entrepreneurs

155 GRANTS

\$923,000 to support community initiatives

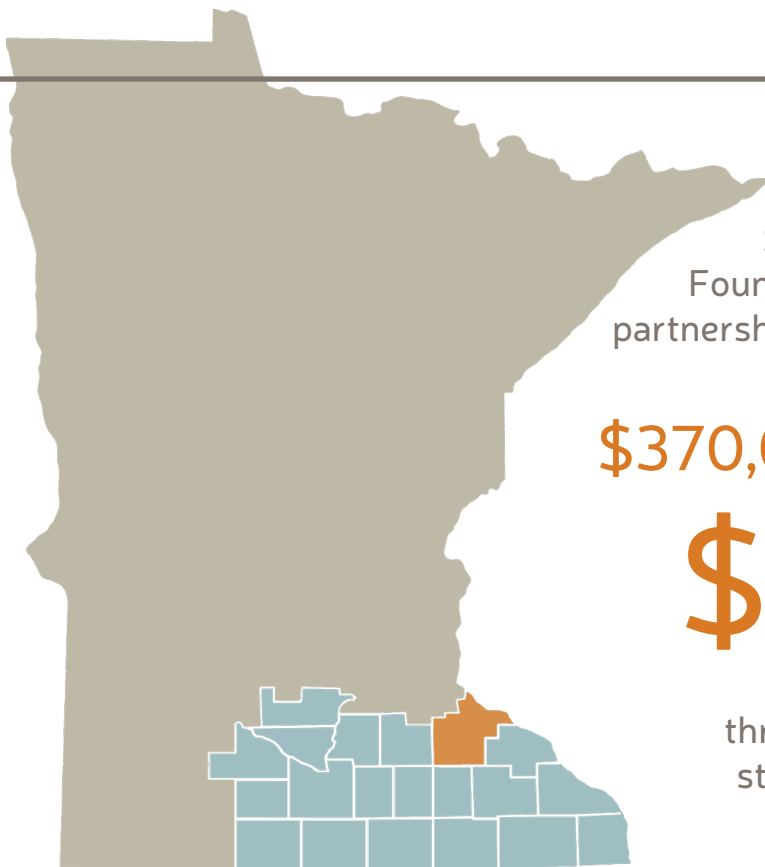
***\$5 million invested annually to the 20 counties of
south central and southeastern Minnesota***

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

\$370,000 in local donations to SMIF

\$6.1 million

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



Loans & Equity Investments* Supporting local entrepreneurs & creating jobs

River Bluff Technologies Incorporated, Red Wing	Cloud-based insurance company customer management technology
Total Farming Technologies, Pine Island	Agriculture and construction equipment business
Custom Iron, Zumbrota	Manufactures custom architectural metals - stairs, trim and more
Under the Rainbow Childcare Center Incorporated, Red Wing	Child care center
The Bleu Dog Café, Welch	Small restaurant and catering
Red Wing Cabinetry, LLC, Red Wing	Custom cabinet manufacturer

*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

AmeriCorps LEAP Initiative, Cannon Falls Preschool	Members helping with social-emotional skill development
Quality Child Care Program, Red Wing	Increasing quality childcare through provider training
Zumbrota-Mazeppa National Honor Society	20 gallons of paint awarded for murals and school halls
Kenyon-Wanamingo Schools	Hundreds of books awarded through multiple literacy grants
Red Wing Innovation Incubator	Project to provide development tools for the professional artists
Every Hand Joined, Red Wing	Provide strategies for early child care providers and families
Pine Island Public Schools	School-wide recycling program
Community Collaboration Grant, Wanamingo Community Foundation	Ball field improvements
Goodhue County Agricultural Society & Mechanics Institute, Zumbrota	Awarded 50 gallons of paint to update two historic buildings

Affiliate Funds Increasing rural philanthropy

Goodhue Community Foundation	Wanamingo Community Foundation
Wings—Donor Advised Fund (Red Wing Area)	

Community Collaborations Bringing communities together for change

City of Zumbrota, Regional Community Growth Initiative
Pine Island EDA, Regional Community Growth Initiative
Red Wing, Entrepreneur Community Growth Initiative
Pine Island, Biobusiness Community Growth Initiative
Red Wing Early Childhood Initiative—Every Hand Joined (started in 2009)
Kenyon-Wanamingo Early Childhood Initiative (started in 2017)
Rural Entrepreneurial Venture (REV) Community, Lake City

Making a Difference

Encouraging the growth of the local foods market



What's one of the most common questions a turkey farmer gets? According to John Peterson of Ferndale Market in Cannon Falls, people want to know if he still eats turkey. "I eat A TON of turkey," said Peterson, who is one of SMIF's Board of Trustees.

Ferndale Market is a frequent exhibitor at the FEAST! Local Foods Marketplace festival in Rochester. "In the first couple years, we came because we knew it was going to be a local food show featuring farmers and makers from our region, so we felt that we needed to be there," said Peterson. "Along the way, FEAST! has become the premier local food show in the region."