



SOUTHERN MINNESOTA
INITIATIVE FOUNDATION

Collaborating for Regional Vitality

Martin 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 Martin County

\$1

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\$7

is invested back
into Martin County
communities.*

*Includes grants, loans & programming

23 LOANS

\$1.1 million to Martin County entrepreneurs

124 GRANTS

\$716,000 to support community initiatives

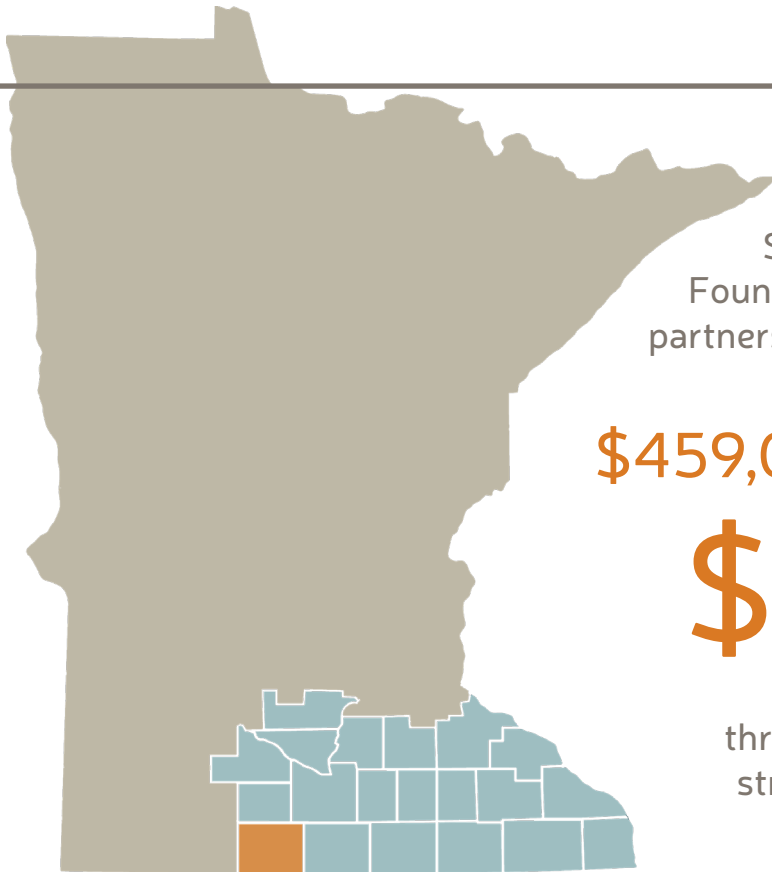
***\$5 million invested annually to the 20 counties of
south central and southeastern Minnesota***

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

\$459,000 in local donations to SMIF

\$3.1 million

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



Loans & Equity Investments Supporting local entrepreneurs & creating jobs

Five Lakes Dental Studio, Fairmont	Dental products manufacturer
VFC Incorporated, Truman	Diesel particle filter cleaning service
China House Cafe LLC, Truman	Chinese and American Restaurant
Easy Energy Systems Incorporated, Welcome	Modular ethanol production system
Fairmont Butcher Block	Butcher shop
Watson's Plumbing, Heating, Air Conditioning Incorporated, Ormsby	Heating and air conditioning service
Timberlake Orchard, Fairmont	Apple orchard
Trimont Greenhouse & Floral	Greenhouse and garden products

Grants Investments in economic development, early childhood and community vitality

AmeriCorps LEAP Initiative, MCW Sherburn	Members helping with social emotional skill development
A Chance to Grow, Fairmont	Continued S.M.A.R.T. training to prepare children for kindergarten
Fairmont Area Schools	Hundreds of books awarded through multiple literacy grants
Town Center Incorporated, Trimont	Town Center Project: grocery, hardware, & liquor stores and fuel site
Youth First, Fairmont	Home visiting services grant to support at risk youth
Fairmont Uptown Kiwanis	Hundreds of books awarded to support their mentoring program
Fairmont Early Childhood Initiative	"ECI on the Go" outreach program
Early Childhood Dental Network, Martin County	Increase awareness of the importance of dental health in children
Parenting Matters	Provide parenting education classes at local businesses
Quality Child Care Program, Fairmont	Increasing quality child care through provider training
Region Nine	FEAST! Smart Start grant to expand local foods coaching program

Affiliate Funds Increasing rural philanthropy

Kiwanis Club of Fairmont Early Risers Inc. Foundation	Fairmont Adventure Playground
Fairmont Community Center	

Community Collaborations Bringing communities together for change

Fairmont Early Childhood Initiative (started in 2003)
Martin County West Early Childhood Initiative (started in 2010)

Making a Difference Collaborating to support local entrepreneurs



China House Café, a new American and Chinese food restaurant located in Truman, is one of SMIF's recent loan clients. SMIF's loan was used for equipment and inventory. Opening this restaurant in downtown Truman was a priority for the community, and there were many financing partners involved. SMIF's focus on collaboration is essential to catalyzing entrepreneurial activity and creating a vibrant region.