



SOUTHERN MINNESOTA
INITIATIVE FOUNDATION

Collaborating for Regional Vitality

Rice 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 Rice County

\$1



\$23

is invested back
into Rice County
communities.*

*Includes grants, loans & programming

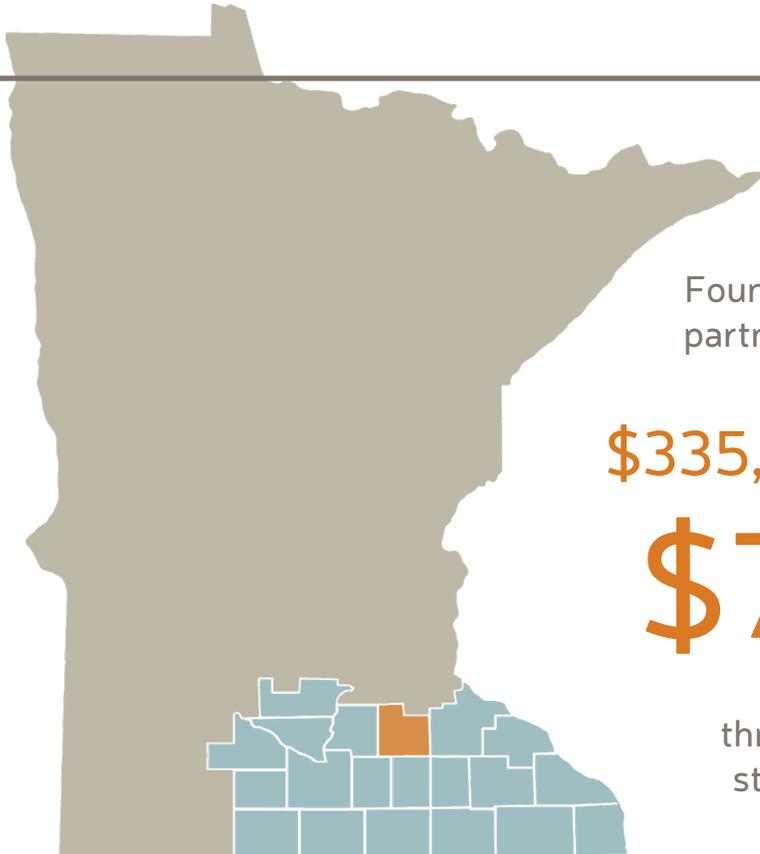
43 LOANS

\$3 million to Rice County entrepreneurs

177 GRANTS

\$1.4 million 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 **Rice County**:

\$335,000 in local donations to SMIF

\$7.6 million

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

Loans & Equity Investments* Supporting local entrepreneurs & creating jobs

Brand Yourself LLC, Northfield	Full service marketing firm
F-Town Brewing Company LLC, Faribault	Craft beer brewery and tap room
AUM Cardiovascular Inc, Northfield	Hand-held device for assessment of coronary artery disease
SAGE Electrochromics Incorporated, Faribault	Designer & manufacturer of “switchable” tint glass
Hermann Law Office	General practice law firm
Bella Vita Salon LLC, Faribault	Hair salon
Imminent Brewing, Northfield	Craft beer brewery and tap room
Living Greens Farms, Faribault	Aeroponic Farming

*SCORE Chapter; 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, Northfield	Members helping with social emotional skill development
Waterville-Elysian-Morristown Public Schools	Home visiting grants focused on early intervention
Agripreneur Program	Grant for agripreneur incubator to train aspiring farmers
Tri-City United Schools	Feasibility study for trail project
Northfield Healthy Community Initiative	Art-based literacy sessions for childcare providers
Rice County Early Childhood Dental Network	Network of early childhood & dental providers addressing issues
Three Rivers Community Action Incorporated, Northfield	Hundreds of books awarded through multiple literacy grants
Faribault Public Schools	Community Learning provides school readiness for children
Quality Child Care Program, Faribault, Northfield, Dundas	Increasing quality childcare through provider training

Affiliate Funds Increasing rural philanthropy

Monaghan Family Fund	Montgomery Community Foundation
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Community Collaborations Bringing communities together for change

Northfield Community Growth Initiative
Faribault BioBusiness Community Growth Initiative
United For Kids Early Childhood Initiative (started in 2009)
Tri-City United Early Childhood Initiative (started in 2009)
Waterville Elysian Morristown Early Childhood Initiative (started in 2005)
Northfield Early Childhood Initiative (started in 2004)

Making a Difference

Building social-emotional skills through arts and literacy



Northfield Healthy Community Initiative received an incentive grant from SMIF to provide an arts-based literacy program to in-home childcare providers in Northfield. This partnership between the Northfield Early Childhood Initiative Coalition, Northfield Arts Guild, and Northfield Public Library gave literacy support to children, providers, and parents. The literacy program helps strengthen children’s social and emotional health and school readiness.

Megan, one of the art teachers involved in the project, says, “I can’t capture in words how heart-warming this program is. The kids are SO excited every time we visit and there are a lot of hugs when you come and go. And, the best part is that they are having fun while learning so many literacy and arts skills.”