



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

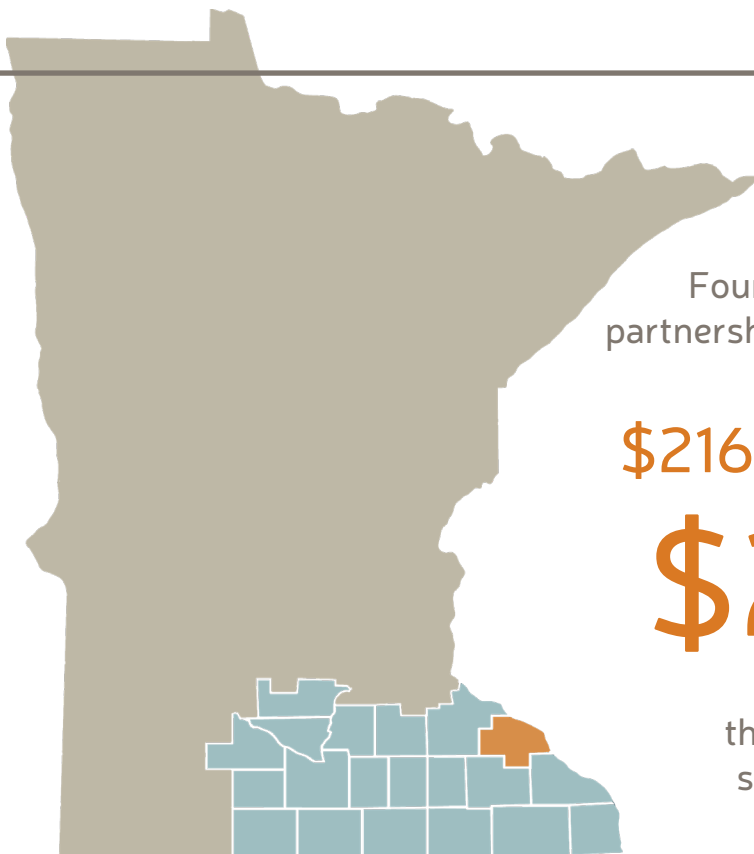
18 LOANS

\$ 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

AmeriCorps LEAP (Learning Early Achieves Potential)	Members helping with social emotional skill development
One Big Thing: SE MN Together	Collaborative regional project to address workforce issues
Zumbro Valley Community Growth Initiative, Plainview	Project to promote tourism and economic development
Zumbrota Mazeppa Public Schools	Paint for Z-M school mural
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 childcare through provider training
Wabasha Public Library	Children's library expansion project
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)	Zumbro Falls/Hammond Revitalization Committee
Plainview Area Foundation	Zumbro Valley Disaster Recovery Fund
Pool Pass Fund	Zumbro Valley Foundation

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 Supporting rural entrepreneurs



Five communities were recently selected for SMIF's new Rural Entrepreneurial Ventures (REV) program, including Lake City. REV is a unique, long-term commitment that focuses on developing processes and systems for sustainable economic growth in rural communities. The goal of the program is to energize entrepreneurs within small towns, and organize leadership to assess current and future needs and build systems that will transform the economy. The towns that go through this process will start to see a more resilient economy with more diverse entrepreneurs, and will develop better resources to support entrepreneurs.