



SOUTHERN MINNESOTA
INITIATIVE FOUNDATION

Collaborating for Regional Vitality

Faribault 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 Faribault County

\$1

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\$7

is invested back into
Faribault County
communities.*

*Includes grants, loans & programming

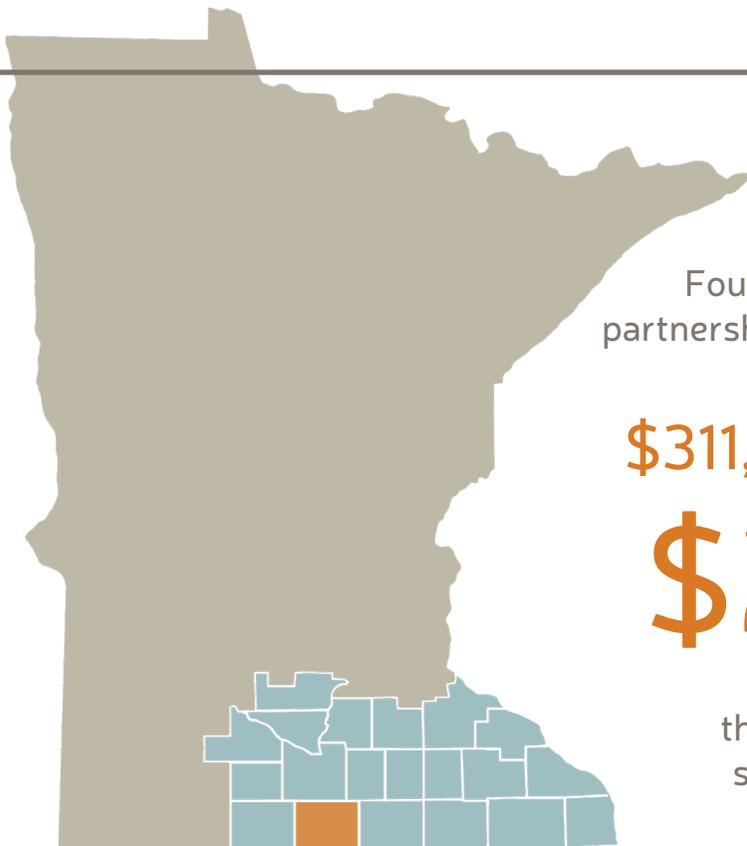
18 LOANS

\$912,000 to Faribault County entrepreneurs

77 GRANTS

\$371,000 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 **Faribault County**:

\$311,000 in local donations to SMIF

\$2.3 million

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

Loans & Equity Investments* Supporting local entrepreneurs & creating jobs

Aker (Leading Edge Technologies Inc), Winnebago	In-season crop monitoring for large scale farming
Simplified Ag Technology LLC, Blue Earth	Manufacture & sell fertilizer attachments for sprayers
Kiester Market	Grocery store
IntraMed Diagnostics LLC, Blue Earth	Drug testing devices
Express Diagnostics International Inc, Blue Earth	Assembly of medical equipment
Wells Truss Manufacturing Incorporated, Wells	Residential roof truss manufacturer
Chris Gack Agency, Blue Earth	Insurance and financial services

*SCORE Chapter

Grants Investments in economic development, early childhood and community vitality

AmeriCorps LEAP MVAC Head Start	Members helping with social emotional skill development
Faribault County Home Visitation Program	One-on-one support and resources for at risk youth
Wells Public Library	Hundreds of books awarded through multiple literacy grants
Disaster Recovery Grants	Three businesses supported after tornado damage
Faribault County Economic Development Authority, Blue Earth	To provide business management & marketing training
Blue Earth Area Schools	Diversity training
Blue Earth Community Foundation	Blue Earth community marketing plan project
Human Services of Faribault and Martin Counties, Fairmont	Awarded 200 books for home visiting program
City of Bricelyn	Awarded 10 gallons of paint for aquatic mural at community pool
Gopher-Hawkeye Power Association, Easton	Awarded 20 gallons of paint to repaint country schoolhouse

Affiliate Funds Increasing rural philanthropy

Blue Earth Community Foundation	Our Town USA Community Foundation
Blue Earth Friends of the Library	Pool Pass Fund
Huisman Family Fund	Pool Slide Fund

Community Collaborations Bringing communities together for change

Rural Entrepreneurial Venture (REV) Community, Blue Earth

Making a Difference

Allowing individuals and families to take an active role in grantmaking



The Huisman Family Donor Advised Fund, created by John and his son Quinn Huisman and a fund of the Blue Earth Community Foundation, was launched to support the overall economic efforts in the place they call home. It is the hope of the Huismans that this fund will augment efforts to expand and reinforce the vitality of Blue Earth and the surrounding communities.

“We’ve got to think bigger, we need to start thinking regionally. Blue Earth can’t exist by itself. It’s going to take some real initiative and my hope is that this new fund will help us get there,” said John Huisman.

Faribault County has much to offer and this fund will be an additional resource to benefit the area. Grant and loan requests will be accepted on a rolling basis.