



SOUTHERN MINNESOTA
INITIATIVE FOUNDATION

Collaborating for Regional Vitality

Dodge 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 Dodge County

\$1



\$28

is invested back
into Dodge County
communities.*

*Includes grants, loans & programming

35 LOANS

\$1.5 million to Dodge County entrepreneurs

67 GRANTS

\$302,000 to support community initiatives

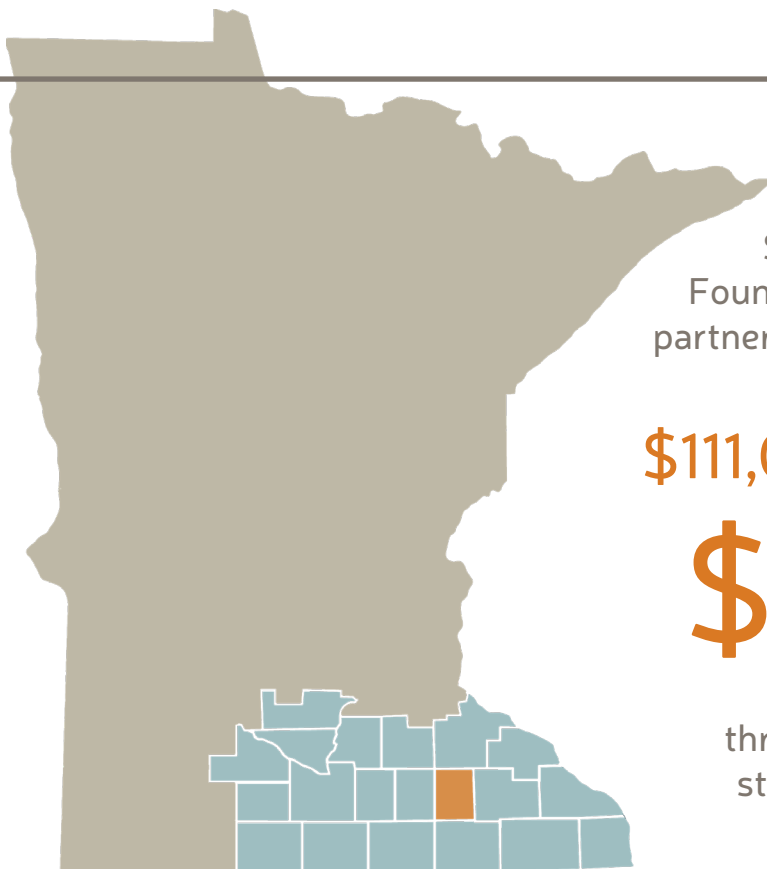
***\$5 million invested annually to the 20 counties of
south central and southeastern Minnesota***

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

\$111,000 in local donations to SMIF

\$3.1 million

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



Loans & Equity Investments* Supporting local entrepreneurs & creating jobs

Clean Plus Incorporated, West Concord	Manufacturing company
New Leaf Transport, Claremont	Trucking company
Little Stars Childcare, Kasson	Family child care
Kasson-Mantorville Nursery Group Inc.	Child care center
Zumbro Incorporated, Hayfield	Manufacturer of food additives
Tri-Star Manufacturing, Kasson	Machine 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 Initiative, Dodge Center	Members helping with social emotional skill development
Dodge County Public Health	Grant to support 450 books given to at risk children
Kasson-Mantorville Schools	Pre-K alignment grants to support collaboration in classrooms
SE MN Together (One Big Thing Regional Grant)	Collaborative regional project to address workforce issues
Triton Public Schools, Dodge Center	Hundreds of books awarded through multiple literacy grants
A Chance to Grow, Kasson-Mantorville	Continued S.M.A.R.T. training to prepare children for kindergarten
Stagecoach Brewing Co., Mantorville	FEAST! Smart Start client
Dodge Refreshed, Dodge Center	Small town grant to create Farm-to-Table dinner and 5K run/walk
Quality Child Care Program, Kasson	Increasing quality child care through provider training
Kasson-Mantorville Schools	Awarded 500 books for K-M Community Educator Nights
Dodge County Historical Society, Mantorville	Awarded 15 gallons of paint for repainting of historic structure
Hayfield Economic Development Authority	Awarded 25 gallons of paint for pool-themed murals
Kasson-Mantorville Schools	Provide literacy support for PreK – Grade 3 alignment

Community Collaborations Bringing communities together for change

City of Dodge Center, Regional Community Growth Initiative (started in 2014)
Kasson-Mantorville Early Childhood Initiative (started in 2012)

Making a Difference Creating healthier communities



Farm **TO** Table

Dodge Refreshed
Making healthy choices a priority

Dodge Refreshed received a Small Town Grant in 2018 to develop various community events such as an annual Farm to Table event in the summer featuring locally sourced products and a “Haunted Hustle” 5K and Family Fun Run/Walk in the fall. The proceeds from these events will go towards creating healthier communities in Dodge county. Dodge Refreshed’s mission is: “Empowering Dodge County residents to grow in health and wellness by promoting awareness, improving access to resources, and building strong connections.”