

Development Partnership Grant Program

Program Description

Development Partnership grants provide funds for research, planning, education and development-based initiatives that support the long-term economic growth of northeastern Minnesota.

Results

Documented results for FY24 as of **December 26, 2024**.

Projects

Table one below provides an overview of project funding across fiscal years 2024 (FY24), 2025 (FY25), 2026 (FY26) and 2027 (FY27), including the number of grants awarded, total agency investment, total project investment and leverage calculation.

Table 1.

Project Funding	FY24	FY25	FY26	FY27
Budget	\$1,590,000			
Number of Grants Awarded	23			
Total Agency Investment Amount	\$1,502,211			
Total Project Investment Amount	\$5,727,746			
Leverage	2.8:1			

Key Impact Measures

Table two below provides an overview of key impact measures across fiscal years 2024 (FY24), 2025 (FY25), 2026 (FY26) and 2027 (FY27) projects, including the number of industries served and economic development partners.

Table 2.

Key Impact Measures	FY24	FY25	FY26	FY27
Industries Served	8			
Economic Development Partners	74			

Fiscal Year 2024 Grants

Table three below provides an overview of the grantees, their project descriptions, communities served, industries served, agency and total project investments.

Table 3.

Grantee	Project Description	Communities Served	Industries Served	Agency Investment	Total Project Investment
Aurora	Site readiness for South Knuti housing development	Aurora	Housing	\$90,000	\$195,000
Aurora	Site readiness for Aurora West Industrial Park	Aurora	Business	\$19,953	\$39,906
Chisholm	Site readiness for Wenton Addition housing development – Phase 2	Chisholm	Housing	\$37,140	\$74,280
Cook	Market study and site readiness for housing development	Cook	Housing	\$17,500	\$35,000
East Range Joint Powers Board	East Range business financial assistance program	Multi-Community	Business	\$70,000	\$140,000
East Range Joint Powers Board	Economic development staffing	Multi-Community	Community	\$50,000	\$114,231
Ely	Business financial assistance program	Ely	Business	\$50,000	\$150,000
Enterprise Minnesota Inc.	Discounted manufacturing consulting services	Agency Service Area	Business	\$50,000	\$100,000
Eveleth	Site readiness for school campus housing development – Phase 2 and Phase 3	Eveleth	Housing	\$43,555	\$108,887
Grand Rapids	GoMarti 2.0 planning and implementation	Grand Rapids	Transportation	\$100,000	\$300,000
Grand Rapids	Comprehensive downtown plan	Grand Rapids	Planning/Research	\$15,000	\$85,000
Grand Rapids	Site readiness for multi-family workforce housing development	Grand Rapids	Housing	\$200,000	\$446,800

Grantee	Project Description	Communities Served	Industries Served	Agency Investment	Total Project Investment
Hibbing	Downtown business financial assistance program	Hibbing	Business	\$250,000	\$1,500,000
Iron Range Tourism Bureau	Ride the Range marketing campaign	Multi-Community	Culture & Tourism	\$30,000	\$70,000
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Ironton	Comprehensive plan	Ironton	Planning/Research	\$5,000	\$10,550
Minnesota North College	Research for a regional vehicle/equipment training center – Phase 1	Multi-Community	Planning/Research	\$4,063	\$8,125
Nashwauk-Keewatin Schools - ISD 319	Training, collaboration and cost sharing options to enhance educational opportunities for ISD 318 and 319 – Phase 1	Multi-Community	Planning/Research	\$15,000	\$35,800
Northern Lights Music Festival	Support three-week music performance on the Iron Range	Multi-Community	Culture & Tourism	\$25,000	\$459,500
Northland Foundation	Support services, equipment and purchases to promote small business growth	Agency service area	Business	\$75,000	\$150,000
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Northspan Group Inc.	Support NORTHFORCE online job application portal for northeastern Minnesota	Agency service area	Workforce	\$50,000	\$142,118
Upper Midwest Film Office	Support Upper Midwest Film Office and film and TV industry development in the region	Agency service area	Film	\$175,000	\$661,436