Investing resources in

Becker County

West Central Initiative

Economic Impact since 1986

819 grants totaling over
$6.4 million

113 loans totaling over
$5.4 million

County Impact of WCI-administered Component and Donor Advised Funds

$8.8 million
in assets

$11.7 million
in extended loans and grants

Audubon Area Community Development Foundation
Bad Medicine Lake Area Fund
Becker County Historical Society Fund
Big Cormorant Lake Area Foundation
Cotton Lake Area Foundation
Detroit Lakes Area Community Foundation
Detroit Lakes Athletic Foundation
Detroit Lakes Loan Fund
Detroit Lakes Public Education Foundation
Early Care and Development Foundation of Becker County
Empowering Women through Education Foundation (Statewide)
Frazee Area Action Fund
Frazee Community Development Fund
Friends of Tamarac National Wildlife Refuge Agency Fund
Lake Park-Audubon Legacy Foundation
Lake Region Builders Association Fund
Lakes Melissa and Sallie Foundation
PRAIRIE Fund (Regionwide)

Projects Assisted by WCI

- Regional Revolving Loan Fund
- Industrial Park Improvement in Detroit Lakes
- Safe Routes to School projects
- Early Childhood Initiatives for Becker County and White Earth
- COVID-19 Resiliency Fund Grants
- Distribution of Small Business Relief Grants

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Our Mission

Serving to improve west central Minnesota through funding, programs and technical assistance.

Our Vision

A vibrant, inclusive, and sustainable world starts here in west central Minnesota.

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West Central Initiative is an equal opportunity provider, lender and employer.