Investing resources in

Clay County

West Central Initiative

Economic Impact since 1986

1,087 grants totaling over
$14.0 million

236 loans totaling over
$11.1 million

County Impact of WCI-administered Component and Donor Advised Funds

$2.3 million
in assets

$8.5 million
in extended loans and grants

Barnesville Area Community Fund
Clay County Early Childhood Fund
Clay County Loan Fund
Empowering Women through Education Foundation (Statewide)
Hawley Area Component Fund
Hitterdal Lions Fund
Moorhead Economic Development Loan Fund
PRAIRIE Fund (Regionwide)
Standing with the Farmers of New Roots Fund
Right to Learn Fund

Projects Assisted by WCI

- Regional Revolving Loan Fund
- Early Childhood Initiative
- EDA flood relief in Dilworth, Hawley, Moorhead and Buffalo-Red River Watershed
- Moorhead Industrial Park Expansion
- Safe Routes to School
- 1997 Flood Recovery
- COVID-19 Resiliency Fund Grants and
- 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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