Investing resources in

Douglas County

West Central Initiative

Economic Impact since 1986

798 grants totaling over
$5.3 million

187 loans totaling over
$10.1 million

County Impact of WCI-administered Component and Donor Advised Funds

$2.2 million
in assets

$8.8 million
in extended loans and grants

Brandon Community Fund

Douglas County Water Quality Legacy Fund

Empowering Women through Education Foundation (Statewide)

Greater Alexandria Industrial Network Fund (GAIN)

Osakis Community Fund

Osakis Economic Development Fund

Osakis Silverstreaks Foundation

PRAIRIE Fund (Regionwide)

United Way of Douglas & Pope Counties Endowment Fund

Projects Assisted by WCI

- Early Childhood Initiative
- Leadership Alexandria
- Safe Routes to School
- COVID-19 Resiliency Fund Grants and
- Distribution of Small Business Relief Grants

WCI Board Members

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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.