Investing resources in

Grant County

West Central Initiative

Economic Impact since 1986

295 grants totaling over
$1.9 million

69 loans totaling over
$2.3 million

County Impact of WCI-administered Component and Donor Advised Funds

$1.3 million
in assets

$1.9 million
in extended loans and grants

Elbow Lake Area Community Fund

Empowering Women through Education Foundation (Statewide)

Herman Community Growth Fund

PRAIRIE Fund (Regionwide)

Thorson Memorial Library Foundation

West Central Area Education Foundation

Projects Assisted by WCI

- Regional Revolving Loan Fund
- EDA Flood Relief in Elbow Lake
- Early Childhood Initiative
- Safe Routes to School
- COVID-19 Resiliency Fund Grants and
- Distribution of Small Business Relief Grants

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Trina Starker
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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.