Investing resources in

Otter Tail County

West Central Initiative

Economic Impact since 1986

1,814 grants totaling over
$14.4 million

383 loans totaling over
$20.2 million

County Impact of WCI-administered Component and Donor Advised Funds

$15.7 million
in assets

$21.2 million
in extended loans and grants

549 Family Foundation
Battle Lake 542 Education Foundation
Battle Lake Area Community Fund
Chloe's Spark Foundation
Deloris Barnack Kenner Fund
Early Childhood Education and Amenities-Claire Ann Shover Legacy Fund
Empowering Women through Education Foundation
Fergus Falls Airport Improvement Fund
Fergus Falls Area Habitat for Humanity Fund
Fergus Falls Public Library Foundation
Floyd & Harriet Miller Endowment Fund
Friends of the Prairie Wetlands Learning Center Fund
Inga M. Johnson Endowment Fund
Kaddatz Galleries Agency/Endowment Fund
Lakeland Mental Health Center Endowment Fund
Leora Scheid Fund
New York Mills Development Fund
Otter Tail Power Company Fund
Otter Tail River Management Fund
Ottertail Area Community Foundation

Projects Assisted by WCI

- Regional Revolving Loan Fund
- Disaster recovery assistance in Parkers Prairie.
- Safe Routes to School projects
- Early Childhood Initiative
- COVID-19 Resiliency Fund Grants
- Distribution of Small Business Relief Grants
- Two sewer system improvements for Pelican Rapids
- Industrial Park improvements in Perham

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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.

Parkers Prairie Community Fund
Pelican Rapids Community Impact Fund
Pelican Rapids Library Foundation
Pelican Rapids Pool Fund
Pelican Rapids School Fund
Perham Area Community Fund
Perham Area Public Library Fund
Perham Hospital District Foundation
PRAIRIE Fund (Regionwide)
Public Arts Fund-Fergus Falls
Underwood Education/Community Foundation
United Way of Otter Tail & Wadena Counties
Vergas Community Fund

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