Investing resources in

Pope County

West Central Initiative

Economic Impact since 1986

245 grants totaling over
$2.0 million

84 loans totaling over
$3.0 million

County Impact of WCI-administered Component and Donor Advised Funds

$925,772
in assets

$2.8 million
in extended loans and grants

Early Care Foundation of Pope County

Empowering Women through Education Foundation (Statewide)

Glacial Hills Elementary School Fund

Glacial Lakes Environmental Trust

Glenwood Development Community Fund

Pope County Historical Society Endowment Fund

PRAIRIE Fund (Regionwide)

Starbuck Community Fund

United Way of Douglas & Pope Counties Endowment Fund

Projects Assisted by WCI

- Early Childhood Initiative
- Safe Routes to School
- 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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