Investing resources in

Stevens County

West Central Initiative

Economic Impact since 1986

362 grants totaling over
$2.3 million

59 loans totaling over
$3.0 million

County Impact of WCI-administered Component and Donor Advised Funds

$2.3 million
in assets

$7.3 million
in extended loans and grants

Advancement of Local Television Opportunities Fund

Chokio-Alberta ISD 771 Foundation

Chokio Area Community Fund

Empowering Women through Education Foundation (Statewide)

Federated Telephone Charitable Fund

Hancock School Fund

Morris Area Public School Foundation

Morris Public Library Foundation

PRAIRIE Fund (Regionwide)

Riverview Fund

Projects Assisted by WCI

- Regional Revolving Loan Fund
- Early Childhood Initiative
- Early Childhood Fulbright with UMN Morris
- COVID-19 Resiliency Fund Grants
- Distribution of Small Business Relief Grants
- Safe Routes to School

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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.