Investing resources in

Traverse County

West Central Initiative

Economic Impact since 1986

138 grants totaling over
$1.1 million

56 loans totaling over
$1.6 million

Projects Assisted by WCI

- · Regional Revolving Loan Fund
- · Early Childhood Initiative
- · COVID-19 Resiliency Fund Grants
- · Distribution of Small Business Relief Grants

County Impact of WCI-administered Component and Donor Advised Funds

$294,054
in assets

$1.8 million
in extended loans and grants

Browns Valley Community Growth Fund

Browns Valley Education Foundation

Empowering Women through Education Foundation (Statewide)

PRAIRIE Fund (Regionwide)

Wheaton-Dumont Area Community Fund

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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.