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Southern Minnesota Initiative Foundation (SMIF) is a donor-supported, regional economic development foundation. SMIF collaborates widely to support community vitality in a **20-county region** through investments in **early childhood, economic** and **community** development. We **got our start** in the farm crisis of the 1980s to help diversify Greater Minnesota economies and ensure vibrant communities for future generations.

We invest about \$5 million annually and also act as a regional collaborator. SMIF has invested over \$111 million in the region since 1986:

- \$31.1 million in loans
- \$32 million in grants
- \$48.4 million in programming

Keep up-to-date on grants, loans and programming that could benefit your community by checking out our **newsroom**.

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