



GRANT APPROVAL MAY 20, 2026

<u>School/Department</u>	<u>Purpose</u>	<u>Period</u>	<u>Amount</u>
Food Service	MN Grown Food	3/2026-2/2029	\$30,000

Hastings Public Schools has been awarded a \$30,000 Farm to School grant through the Minnesota Department of Agriculture to support the purchase of Minnesota-grown food products for student meal programs. The grant runs from March 2026 through February 2029 and requires a 1:1 district match; however, the district already routinely purchases qualifying Minnesota-grown products. The grant will further support local sourcing while enhancing student meal offerings.

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High School - STAARS	MNProv Sessions	4/2026-3/2027	\$ 3,500

Hastings Public Schools STAARS Transition Program has been awarded a \$3,500 grant from the United Way of Hastings to help provide contracted services from the non-profit MNProv. MNprov provides the opportunity for students to practice improvisation skills through laughter and teamwork. Students gain confidence, resilience, and connection while practicing the social-emotional skills they need in school and beyond. With this grant, the STAARS program would be able receive 15 1-hour applied improvisation workshops sessions throughout the 2026-2027 school year targeting students' mental wellness and social-emotional learning needs.

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Districtwide	Native Language Revitalization	7/2026-6/2027	\$249,489.76

Hastings Public Schools has been awarded a \$249,489.76 grant from MDE for Native Language Revitalization. This grant will fund 2.0 FTE to bring Native Language and Culture instruction to grades K-12 to initiate Native language instruction in all K-12 Hastings Public Schools. Instruction in this area is a requirement of legislation, however this grant allows us to expand instruction beyond statutory requirements and provide experiences throughout our educational system.

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Community Education	SPARK 2.0	6/1/2026-5/31/2027	\$ 3,000
High School	Raider Media Productions		\$27,500
High School	Hastings Reads		\$ 5,000
Elementary Buildings	Elementary STEM Equipment		\$ 3,735
High School	Healthcare Professional Certification		\$ 6,000
Elementary Buildings	Project Read: Interest Driven Decodable Texts		\$ 3,000
High School	LEAP Raider Refuel Coffee Cart		\$ 1,000
High School	Cameras for Photography Class		\$15,000
High School	Iron Worker Machine		\$11,457
Middle School	Youth Frontiers Courage Retreat		\$ 7,000

High School

Scholarships

\$39,000

A total of \$121,692 in grants from the Ruth and George Doffing Charitable Fund have been awarded based on the submitted grant applications. An additional \$12,000 for Adopt a Classroom will be funded directly through Adopt a Classroom for Hastings teachers.

RECOMMENDATION

Administration is recommending approving the acceptance of the grant(s).