



ST. CROIX VALLEY  
FOUNDATION

HOW GENEROSITY GROWS

# Impact Across the St. Croix Valley

Since 1995, the St. Croix Valley Foundation has partnered with donors to facilitate more than **\$100 million in grants and scholarships**—supporting people, projects, and possibilities across our region and beyond.

We make it easy for donors to give in ways that have meaningful and lasting impact—whether through strategic regional grantmaking, community-led grants from our local affiliates, donor-advised funds guided by individuals and families, or grants from endowed funds created by or for nonprofits to provide reliable support for their work.

In 2024, we facilitated more than **1,000 grants and scholarships totaling \$5.8 million**. Many of these grants were made possible thanks to people who love this incredible place and chose to leave a lasting legacy—ensuring their generosity lives on.

We call it giving *for the Valley. For good.*

## Competitive Grants That Strengthen Our Region

Among the many ways generosity flows through the Foundation, our competitive regional grant programs offer a powerful example of impact in action. These regional grant programs invest in bold ideas and trusted nonprofits working across county lines to build a stronger, more vibrant St. Croix Valley (on both sides of the river).

Each program is rooted in donor generosity and powered by earnings from long-term endowed funds, as well as contributions from other partners.

Together, they support crosssector solutions shaped by local insight.



### Five Focus Areas:

- **Early Childhood Development** – The First Thousand Days grant program helps ensure every child gets a strong start in the first three years of life.
- **Environmental Protection** – Environmental grants support efforts to protect, promote, and restore the lands, waters, and natural beauty of our shared region—now and for future generations.
- **Music Education** – Music Education grants aim to enhance the quality of music education programs in area schools, serving students from preschool through high school.
- **Mental Health & Wellbeing** – The Vibrant Communities grant program addresses mental health needs, from prevention to management.
- **The Arts** – The Valley Arts grant program supports high-quality arts experiences that engage the community and strengthen a vibrant, inclusive arts ecosystem.

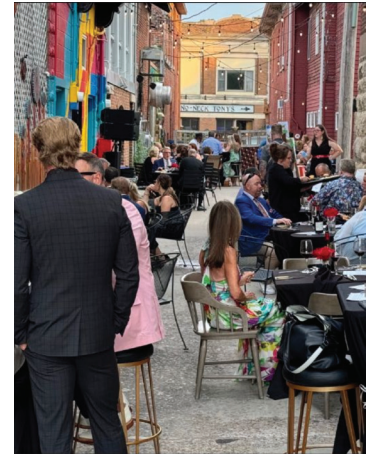
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Learn more at [scvfoundation.org/grants](https://scvfoundation.org/grants) or contact [info@scvfoundation.org](mailto:info@scvfoundation.org) to contribute.

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Before and after a mural on Stillwater's Union Art Alley, transformed through a local 2024 Great Idea Grant.



*“Local grantmaking is more than funding—it’s how a community shows up for its own. It reflects our shared values, priorities, and the deep care we have for the people and places that make this home.”*

— Christine Moeller, Northwest Alliance Community Foundation Board Chair (serving Polk & Burnett Counties)

## Competitive Grants Guided by Community, Grounded in Trust

The St. Croix Valley Foundation includes local community affiliates, each led by a volunteer board that knows their community best. These boards guide local grantmaking, identify priorities, serve as ambassadors, and award grants that reflect the needs and values of their hometowns.

Affiliate endowments provide long-term, sustainable support to the nonprofits and causes that make each community in our region unique—from youth programs to public art, food security to senior services.

### Our affiliates serve the following areas:

Stillwater • Chisago Lakes • Amery • Hudson • Lower St. Croix Valley  
New Richmond • River Falls • Somerset • Polk & Burnett Counties

## SCHOLARSHIPS: OPENING DOORS TO EDUCATION

The St. Croix Valley Foundation and our local affiliates also award hundreds of scholarships each year, helping students pursue post-secondary education. These funds reflect donor generosity and a community-wide commitment to helping the next generation thrive.

Learn more at [scvfoundation.org/scholarships](https://scvfoundation.org/scholarships).



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## Our Impact By the Numbers

**1,000**

2024 Grants/  
Scholarships

**\$5.8**

**MILLION**  
2024 Grants/  
Scholarships

**475**

Organizations  
Receiving  
Grants 2024



**Let's grow something good—together.**