

# Foundation gives \$35,325 in local grants

Times staff report

12/23/04

Five local organizations will benefit from the latest round of Initiative Foundation grants that focused on strategic planning, youth community service and improving the water quality of Central Minnesota lakes.

The Little Falls-based organization gave 14 community grants totaling \$35,325 in the latest round of grants. The five local or-

ganizations received a total of \$8,200 for community projects.

Foley Area C.A.R.E. was awarded \$1,400 to conduct a strategic planning process and follow-up sessions.

Koronis Lake Association of Paynesville received \$5,000 to help control feedlot runoff and publish a shoreland residents' manual. The manual will recommend best practices

for septic and property management.

Northern Pines Mental Health Center of Little Falls will provide leadership training for teams at two community mental health centers with a \$1,000 grant.

St. Cloud State University Foundation received \$300 to host an initial planning meeting for a community gardens project.

United Cerebral Palsy of

Central Minnesota in St. Cloud will use a \$500 grant to update a strategic plan developed through the Initiative Foundation's Healthy Organizations Partnership program.

The Initiative Foundation seeks projects that strengthen Central Minnesota and address barriers to economic development. Grants up to \$5,000 are available for short-term or planning efforts.