

Greater Minnesota Children's Museum Coalition



Grand Rapids



Mankato



Duluth



St. Cloud



Fergus Falls



Rochester



Brainerd

Serving **all of Minnesota's** children & their caring adults:

Greater Minnesota Children's Museum coalition members will serve nearly 500,000 guests annually, capturing visitors from nearly 100% of Minnesota's 87 counties. Many of Minnesota's children and families do not have another opportunity to experience a children's museum, or other quality space for informal learning through play, beyond our respective organizations.

How you can help grow curiosity & learning across the state with us:

Children's Museum of Southern MN, Mankato

Request: \$10M to pre-design, design, construct, furnish and equip two new buildings. Renovation of one section of existing exhibit space, as well as construction for an outdoor nature play space.

Great River Children's Museum, St. Cloud

Request: \$7M to design, construct, equip and furnish a 25,000sqft. facility & outdoor exhibit space.

Judy Garland & Children's Museum, Grand Rapids

Request: \$3M to pre-design, design, construct and rehabilitate existing museum space including outdoor/indoor restoration to the birthplace home of Judy Garland, new outdoor expansion and equipment and furnishings.

Otter Cove Children's Museum, Fergus Falls

Request: \$2M for acquisition (building), pre-design, design, project management, construction.

WonderTrek Children's Museum, Brainerd-Baxter

Request: \$9M to acquire land, finalize design, construct, and furnish a new 27,000sqft. building as well as construction for outdoor recreation environments and nature play exhibits.

Duluth Children's Museum, Duluth

Request: \$1M to construct, furnish, and equip an expansion of the current Duluth Children's Museum.

SPARK Children's Museum, Rochester

Request: \$4M to design, construct, furnish, and equip an expansion of the existing building, adding 7,300sqft. of additional exhibit and program space.

Why?

\$36M in investments towards children's museums across Minnesota will have an economic return of 5x the investment through direct, indirect, and induced spending and job creation. As well as:

- Reveal the impact children's museums have on early childhood development
- Strengthen bonds between families of all types and our shared communities
- Increase cross-cultural competency
- Drive economic development & improve quality of life
- Bridge the gap in funding for Children's Museums in Greater Minnesota
- Drive tourism to Greater Minnesota

