

TO: HONORABLE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL.
FROM: LAURA QUALEY, ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT
**SUBJECT: GRANT AWARD FROM SOUTHERN MINNESOTA INITIATIVE FOUNDATION
FOR WELCOME PACKETS & LOCAL FOODS INITIATIVES**
DATE: OCTOBER 21ST, 2025

BACKGROUND.

An application was submitted to Southern Minnesota Initiative Foundation to their ‘Small-Town Grant’ program seeking funding. This year’s funding request focused on creating a more welcoming community and sense of belonging; therefore, the EDA submitted an application that will:

- 1) Create Welcome Packets of information for new residents moving into the community which will include coupons and/or Chamber dollars to spend in town; and
- 2) Allocate funds for local food/beverage producer related initiatives and attracting stakeholders to showcase the collaborative efforts and elevate their exposure.

The EDA was recently notified they were awarded \$8,000 to put toward this project with a required 25% cash match from the EDA of \$2,000. Qualey will work collaborate with the Chamber of Commerce and Amy Dombek’s marketing and design students to create materials for the informational Welcome Packets as part of the grant required collaboration with other entities in the community.

REQUESTED COUNCIL ACTION.

Staff respectfully requests a motion from the Council to approve Resolution 2840 accepting the \$8000 grant award from Southern Minnesota Initiative Foundation for Welcome Packets and Local Foods Initiatives.

**CITY OF CANNON FALLS
GOODHUE COUNTY, MINNESOTA**

RESOLUTION NUMBER 2840

**RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING ACCEPTANCE OF THE SMALL TOWN
GRANT FROM SOUTHERN MINNESOTA INITIATIVE FOUNDATION**

WHEREAS, the Cannon Falls Economic Development Authority (EDA) has applied for a grant to Southern Minnesota Initiative Foundation; and

WHEREAS, the Cannon Falls Economic Development Authority has been awarded a grant of \$8,000 from the Small Town Grant; and

WHEREAS, the grant funds are to be allocated toward Welcome Packets for new residents to Cannon Falls and also toward promoting local food/beverage initiatives;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, the City of Cannon Falls accepts the grant from Southern Minnesota Initiative Foundation in the amount of \$8,000 to be used toward the creation of Welcome Packets for new residents to Cannon Falls and also initiatives that feature local food/beverage producer initiatives.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Economic Development Coordinator is hereby authorized to execute such agreements necessary to implement the acceptance of this grant, be the fiscal agent and administer the grant on behalf of the City of Cannon Falls and the EDA.

ADOPTED by the City Council of Cannon Falls this 21st day of October, 2025.

CITY OF CANNON FALLS

Matt Montgomery
Mayor

ATTEST: _____
Jon Radermacher
City Administrator