



MINNESOTA STATE



**LOCATION:**  
International Falls

**NOTE:** Rainy River Community College is part of the Northeast Higher Education District (NHED).

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**FY18 STUDENT PROFILE:** 482 Credit-seeking Students | 26.6% Pell Eligible | 23.4% Students of Color

## Request Details

*Amounts are estimates and subject to change*

- » \$5.3 million (as part of NHED) of \$169 million in campus support
- » 533 students, faculty, and staff will use NextGen
- » An estimated 20 students will receive grants

## What's At Stake?

**A fully funded request will:**

- » Ensure continued ability to provide quality higher education to the communities in rural far-northern MN, where the next closest campus is 100 miles away.
- » Provide community enrichment and workforce development to help retain our cultural opportunities and promote employment growth.
- » Supply the means for continued high-quality, dual-credit options for our secondary educational partners.

**Not fully funding the request will:**

- » Result in budget and personnel reductions impacting access, opportunity, and service to our students and community.

## 2019 Capital Request

- » \$4.7 million in asset preservation and replacement to replace roofs and install boilers (as part of NHED)

## ABOUT THE COLLEGE

Rainy River Community College (RRCC) offers high-quality academics, on-campus housing, athletics, student organizations, and the opportunity for lifelong friendships. Students appreciate the small class sizes and individual attention they get from instructors and staff.

## SERVICE TO MINNESOTA

- » Each year, as part of NHED, RRCC, HCC, ICC, Mesabi Range College, and VCC (Vermilion) generate \$211.3 million in economic impact, as well as produce 1,100 graduates, and support and sustain 1,809 jobs.
- » Partnered with Normandale Community College to host their hospitality management program. This provides world-class customer service and management training for local partners in the hotel and restaurant industry.
- » Teaming with Koochiching Economic Development Authority, Koostasca Community Action, Inc., Independent School District No. 361, and Koochiching County

Health and Human Services to create a solution to address the child care shortage.

- » The only higher education provider for over 100 miles with the responsibility to prepare students for the next phase of their education or career.

## PARTNERSHIPS

- » Rural Health Care Initiative: RRCC partners with **Essentia Health, Rainy Lake Medical Center, City of International Falls, Koochiching County Economic Development Agency, and the United States Department of Agriculture** to develop short- and long-term strategies addressing the health care worker shortage in rural Minnesota.
- » **Advanced MN:** Providing a variety of training for employees at **Packaging Corporation of America**. In addition, in partnership with Hibbing Community College, bringing a condensed version of the CDL program to the community.



### FROM AN ALUMNUS AND BUSINESS PARTNER:

“The community college system is underappreciated for the important work it does. It truly sets the standard for value in postsecondary education. I wish more people took advantage of this opportunity—it’s an effective way to expand people’s horizons, particularly when time and funds are limited.”

– David C. Herman, MD, Essentia Health CEO and alumnus