



NEWS RELEASE

Northland Foundation and Valspar Foundation award 516 gallons of paint products to community enhancement projects throughout Northeastern Minnesota

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The Northland Foundation has partnered with the Valspar Foundation to award free paint and coating products on behalf of its Minnesota Beautiful Program. Nonprofit organizations, schools, and community groups from throughout the seven-county Arrowhead Region were invited to apply for paint to be used for improvement/beautification and historic preservation projects. In all, the 15 recipients have received 516 gallons for an array of projects. This is the 14th year that Valspar has worked with Northland, and more than 7,000 gallons have been provided to more than 180 projects in the region since 1998.

Recipients are chosen based on projects' visual impact, public benefit, volunteer participation and support, intended use, and benefit to the needy. Historic buildings, senior citizen centers, community centers, public buildings and parks, murals, or other visual impact projects qualify. This year's grants are as follows.

Organization	Community	Project Name	Project Description
North Shore Horizons, Inc.	Two Harbors	New Beginnings Supportive Housing	Paint the interior apartments, public spaces, and offices that offer support to families who are homeless due to violence.
Floodwood Services & Training, Inc. AGES Center	Floodwood	"AGEs Paint It Pretty" Exterior Project	Paint the exterior of the AGEs building that offers programs for people of all ages.
Damiano of Duluth, Inc.	Duluth	Dining Room & First Floor Hallway Project	Paint the interior walls of the dining room of the soup kitchen and first floor hallway.
Proctor Area Community Center	Proctor	Brighten up the PACC	Paint the interior of the community center rooms including the library, computer & conference room, and the chamber office.
McGregor Area KIDS PLUS	McGregor	Tamarack Schoolhouse Preservation	Paint the exterior of the Tamarack Community Center.
Advocates Against Domestic Abuse	Aitkin	AADA Housing	Paint the interior of two apartments that support homeless individuals and families.
Chisholm Beautification Association	Chisholm	Extreme Makeover, Arena Renewal Iron Man Memorial	Paint the exterior of a low-income family home and paint the base of the Iron Man Memorial sculpture.
Barnum Community Education & Youth Center	Barnum	Livestock Pavilion for the Dairy and Beef Cattle	Paint the interior and exterior of the Livestock Pavilion at the Carlton County Fairgrounds.
Sisu Heritage, Inc.	Aurora	Paint the Hanka Homestead	Paint the exterior of the historic Hanka homestead that is on the guided historical tour.

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Carlton County 4-H Program	Carlton	Repainting the Poultry Barn at Carlton County Fairgrounds	Paint the interior and exterior of the Poultry Barn at the site of the Carlton County Fairgrounds.
City of Kinney	Kinney	Skating/Hockey Rink	Paint the boards of the community skating and hockey rink.
Embarrass Region Volunteer Fire Dept.	Embarrass	Project Whiten Up	Clean and repaint the interior of the volunteer fire hall and community space.
Minnesota Discovery Center	Chisholm	Minnesota History	Paint the exterior of the historic Pillsbury Station, the 1890 Armstrong turntable, and the bunkhouse at the authentic mining Glen location.
Augustana Care	Moose Lake	The Moose Lake Makeover	Paint the interior of Mercy Health Care Center that offers services and housing for older adults.
Mesabi Family YMCA	Virginia	Mesabi Y Brand Revitalization	Paint the new logo on the exterior of the YMCA building along with changing existing logos.



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