



Northland Foundation Awards more than \$532,000 in First Quarter Grants
(April 2008)

The Northland Foundation awarded 49 grants totaling \$532,433 from January through March 2008. A number of these first-quarter grants went to programs and projects that are helping to secure the future of northeastern Minnesota, namely its children, youth, and families. Recipients included childhood/family literacy initiatives, early childhood care and education, peer-to-peer support, service learning opportunities for youth, and quality out-of-school time activities for young people.

Some examples of grants aimed at enhancing the well-being of children and youth and strengthening families include **\$30,000 to Hill City KIDS PLUS** to offer after-school and summer programs to area children in grades K-6; **\$6,000 to A Chance To Grow, Inc.** to support the *S.M.A.R.T.* early care and education training program for young children in Eveleth, Duluth, and Mt. Iron; **\$1,473 to Grand Rapids Schools** to offer *Fathers Reading Every Day*, a literacy program that encourages men in Itasca County to read to their children; **\$60,000 to support Boyz II Dadz, Duluth**, a program of the Women's Health Center that provides support services for young fathers; and a **\$1,000 Youth In Philanthropy Grant to Eveleth-Gilbert Public Schools** for a literacy and service learning project engaging National Honor Society students in Eveleth-Gilbert with elementary school children.

Other grants focused on programs and projects that encourage self-reliance i.e. helping people to access affordable housing and basic needs such as home heating and food, and assisting older adults to age with independence in their own homes and communities. A list of all grants awarded January 1-March 31, 2008 follows.

Northshore Area Partners, Silver Bay \$11,079.00

To provide support services to help older adults remain independent in their own homes.

Union Gospel Mission, Duluth \$5,000.00

To purchase food for on-site meals at the Union Gospel Mission.

Minnesota Creative Arts & Aging Network, Minneapolis \$5,000.00

In support of "Creativity Matters for Older Minnesotans", a program focusing on actively engaging older adults in the arts to improve health and well-being.

The Northspan Group, Inc., Duluth \$5,000.00

To support the Northland Connection, a regional online economic development tool.

Elder Services Network, Mt. Iron \$400.00

To support the 4th Annual Iron Range Senior Expo held May 15th at the Mt. Iron Community Center.

Socially Active Seniors (SAS), Two Harbors \$1,500.00

To support a performance involving community members of all ages that examines the history and heritage of Lake County.

Women's Community Development Organization, Duluth \$4,629.00

To improve service delivery through capacity building of the Women's Community Development Organization.

Northern Great Plains, Inc., Northeastern Minnesota \$5,000.00

In support of the *2050 Meadowlark Scenarios* civic dialogues in rural communities of northeastern Minnesota.

Duluth Area Chamber of Commerce, Duluth \$412.00

To support the Northland Foundation's annual membership to the Duluth Area Chamber of Commerce.

County Seat Theater Company, Carlton \$1,000.00

To support a performance of "Catchin' the Babies" and a local Native American Art Showcase.

Harbor City International School, Duluth \$1,450.00

To provide a cultural outreach program for students in grades 9-12 attending Harbor City International School.

Jefferson Haven Tenant Organization, Hibbing \$4,000.00

To upgrade the Family Investment Center's computer lab to better assist families in accessing employment and educational opportunities.

Northern Communities Land Trust, Duluth \$100,000.00

To support program expansion and capacity of the Northern Communities Land Trust in assisting low-income families to access affordable housing.

Range Transitional Housing Inc., Virginia \$15,000.00

To expand the Range Transitional Housing Furniture Program to help families in need in northern St. Louis County.

CHUM, Duluth \$600.00

To provide transportation to the CHUM-Gabriel Project to allow low- and no-income individuals to participate in the 2008 Homeless Lobby Day at the Capitol.

Falls Hunger Coalition, International Falls \$5,000.00

To purchase fresh fruits, vegetables, and dairy products for children and older adults in Koochiching County.

CHUMWorks, Inc., Duluth \$38,000.00

To build capacity of Lifecyclers Electronics Recycling, a social enterprise initiative in Duluth.

St. Louis County Public Health & Human Services, Duluth \$450.00

In support of the annual St. Louis County Health & Human Service Conference to be held in October 2008.

STRENGTHENING FAMILIES GRANTS

Grand Rapids Schools, Grand Rapids - ISD #318 \$1,473.00

To offer Fathers Reading Every Day (FRED) – a literacy program that encourages fathers and other male caregivers to read to their children – in Itasca County communities.

Scottish Rite Foundation of Duluth, Duluth \$23,460.00

To provide speech and language services to children, ages 3-5, through a cooperative partnership of the Duluth Head Start Program and the Scottish Rite Foundation of Duluth.

A Chance To Grow, Inc., Minneapolis \$6,000.00

To support the S.M.A.R.T. Program, an early care and education training program for young children in four schools in Duluth, Eveleth, and Mt. Iron.

Little Treasures Center, Inc., Duluth \$68,000.00

To support development efforts for the Little Treasures Child Care and Family Center.

McGregor School - ISD #004, McGregor \$5,000.00

To support the Big Sandy Water Institute, a summer program for young people in the McGregor area.

United Way of Greater Duluth, Duluth \$3,500.00

To implement an Employer-Based Outreach and Assessment project to determine childcare needs and experiences of employees using Family, Friend, and Neighbor Care.

Recreational Experiences Achieving Community Harmony, Cloquet \$6,000.00

To develop a quarterly REACH newsletter, *Reaching Out*, for Carlton County.

CHUM, Duluth \$5,000.00

To assist families participating in CHUM's Supportive Services for Employment Program to access childcare services.

Little Treasures Center, Inc., Duluth \$5,000.00

To provide operating support for Little Treasures Childcare and Family Center.

Itasca County Family YMCA, Grand Rapids \$3,000.00

To support the Itasca County Family YMCA Youth Center.

Positive Energy for Youth, Duluth \$15,000.00

To pilot the Positive Energy for Youth Outdoor Leadership program for Duluth area young people in grades 9-12.

Mesabi Academy School, Buhl \$1,700.00

To improve behavior and build self-awareness of adolescents through dramatic roleplay and theater.

Piedmont Elementary School - ISD #709, Duluth \$1,000.00

To offer experiential learning opportunities for students in Piedmont Elementary School.

Ironworld Development Corporation, Chisholm \$2,500.00

In support of the PASS Program, which allows young people to participate in the Requiem exhibit at Ironworld.

Men As Peacemakers, Duluth \$1,500.00

To support the program activities of Men As Peacemakers.

Duluth Central High School - ISD #709, Duluth \$4,995.00

In support of the TROY Link program to help ninth grade students successfully transition into high school.

Friends of the Bus Origin Center, Hibbing \$1,000.00

In support of hands-on learning opportunities for students to develop program exhibits at the Greyhound Bus Museum.

Women's Health Center of Duluth, PA, Duluth \$60,000.00

To expand programming and support services to young fathers through the Boyz II Dadz Program.

East High School - ISD #709, Duluth \$2,000.00

To provide experiential learning opportunities for high school students at East, Denfeld, and Central High Schools.

Hermantown High School - ISD #700, Hermantown \$1,000.00

To sustain the LINK transition program for incoming 9th graders at Hermantown High School.

Woodland Middle School - ISD #709, Duluth \$1,500.00

To provide leadership training for students at Woodland Middle School.

Squaw Lake Fire Department, Squaw Lake \$1,500.00

To assist the Squaw Lake Fire Department in sponsoring the "Take A Kid Fishing" event in June 2008.

The Salvation Army, Duluth \$5,000.00

To contribute to a heating fund to assist senior citizens and low-income families.

Merritt Creek Academy - ISD #709, Duluth \$3,285.00

To help implement Responsive Classroom techniques for Merritt Creek Academy students in grades 1-8.

KIDS PLUS GRANTS

Hill City KIDS PLUS, Hill City \$30,000.00

To support Hill City KIDS PLUS in providing after-school and summer programming for Hill City, Jacobson, and Swatara youth, grades K-6.

West Duluth KIDS PLUS, Duluth \$25,000.00

To develop the Kids Connect program to engage young people in positive activities with caring adults at the Valley Youth Center.

YOUTH IN PHILANTHROPY GRANTS

Eveleth-Gilbert Public Schools - #2154, Eveleth \$1,000.00

To support a literacy and service learning project involving National Honor Society students at the Eveleth-Gilbert Public Schools and younger students in grades 3-6.

Boys & Girls Club of Duluth, Duluth \$500.00

To provide homework and technology support for students attending the Boys & Girls Club of Duluth.

Bay View Elementary School - ISD #704, Proctor \$1,000.00

To implement a character education program with students in grades 4-5 at Bay View Elementary School.

Northome FFA, Northome \$1,000.00

To support a youth service learning project to build a Forest Learning Shelter in the C.W. Bray School Forest in Northome.

Grant Language and Arts Magnet School, Duluth \$1,000.00

To support an experiential learning project for 4th grade students at Grant School.

SMDC GRANTS

Range Respite Project, Virginia

To establish a Dementia-Specific Group Respite program for families in Virginia and the surrounding area.

SMDC \$7,500.00

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KIDS PLUS Program, Duluth

In support of the Regional Early Childhood Summit held April 1st in Duluth.

SMDC \$5,000.00

Northeast Minnesota Area Health Education Center, Hibbing

To support health care career exploration, outreach, and education for students in grades 1-11 attending northeastern Minnesota schools.

SMDC \$8,000.00

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KIDS PLUS Program, Duluth and Superior

To support the 2008-2009 Duluth and Superior Youth Leadership Academies.

SMDC \$5,000.00

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