



Northland Foundation awards more than \$221,000 in grants from April-June; significant support given to enhance nonprofit capacity

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The Northland Foundation awarded 42 grants totaling \$221,397 to nonprofit programs and projects in northeastern Minnesota during the second quarter. Northland's grant-making priority areas include supporting the well-being of children, youth, and families; helping older adults to age with dignity and independence, and encouraging opportunities for adults of all backgrounds and abilities to achieve self-reliance.

In the last quarter, several grants were awarded to strengthen nonprofit organizations in the region through staff training and support, recruiting volunteers, and other capacity-building activities. Among these grants were **\$22,500 to KOOTASCA Community Action, International Falls**, in support of a program to recruit, train, and place volunteers with nonprofits in the International Falls area; **\$15,000 to Copeland Valley Youth Centers, Duluth**, to provide AmeriCorps workers to help staff the centers; **\$5,000 to Minnesota Council of Nonprofits, Northeastern Minnesota**, to provide scholarships for nonprofit staff from this region to attend the MNCN Nonprofit Leadership Institute; and, **\$17,000 to Human Development Center, Northeastern Minnesota**, to build staff capacity to provide mental health services to young children and their families in Carlton County.

A list of all grants approved April 1st through June 30th, 2010 follows.

KOOTASCA Community Action, Inc, Internationl Falls \$22,500

To help create the Borderland Volunteers program to recruit, train, and place volunteers with nonprofits in the International Falls area.

Local Initiatives Support Corporation, Duluth \$500

Sponsorship for the "At Home in Duluth" Connecting the Dots event.

Minnesota Justice Foundation, Minneapolis \$4,500

In support of a clerkship for the Legal Aid Society of Northeast Minnesota's office in Grand Rapids.

First Witness Child Abuse Resource Center, Duluth \$5,000

Support for training of professionals working with children who have experienced abuse.

Arrowhead Economic Opportunity Agency, Virginia \$500

To assist low-income Lake County residents in accessing services.

Aitkin County Habitat for Humanity, Aitkin \$7,500

In support of affordable housing in Aitkin County.

Concerned Citizens Committee, Virginia \$15,000

Support for staffing to provide basic needs services to low-income people in the Virginia area.

Lutheran Social Service of MN, Duluth \$20,000

To provide counseling services to people facing foreclosure in northeastern Minnesota.

Minnesota Council of Nonprofits, Northeastern Minnesota \$5,000

To provide scholarship support for nonprofit staff from northeastern Minnesota to attend the MNCN Nonprofit Leadership Institute.

Range Women's Advocates, Virginia \$12,000

To provide advocacy services to victims of domestic violence.

A.H. Zeppa Family Foundation, Duluth \$5,000

Support to showcase the sustainable community and economic development work in Duluth.

STRENGTHENING FAMILIES GRANTS

Copeland Valley Youth Centers, Duluth \$15,000

To provide AmeriCorps positions for the Copeland and Valley Youth Centers.

Calumet Public Library, Calumet \$350

In support of programming to promote early literacy and social development.

Rockridge Elementary School - ISD #709, Duluth \$5,000

Support for training to expand the use of the S.M.A.R.T./Boost Up program which utilizes physical activity as a part of learning for young children.

KOOTASCA Community Action, Inc, Grand Rapids \$750

To purchase educational and safety materials for the Head Start and Teenage Parent Programs.

Silver Bay Early Childhood Coalition, Silver Bay \$1,000

In support of educational programming for expectant and new parents.

Lakewood School Foundation, Duluth \$5,000

Support for the creation of a Montessori pre-school at Lakewood Elementary School in Duluth.

St Louis County Promotional Bureau, Gilbert \$500

In support of camp scholarships for low-income children.

CHUM, Duluth \$5,000

Support for summertime services for homeless children and their families.

Newspapers In Education, Northeastern Minnesota \$500

To support the use of newspapers in classrooms in the region to teach children real-life skills in an interesting, challenging format.

Churchill Elementary - ISD #094, Cloquet \$3,475

To support the academic reading tutor program at Churchill Elementary School.

University Nursery School, Duluth \$500

In support of summer programming for at-risk children.

Marcell Family Center Foundation, Inc, Marcell \$3,000

In support of cultural, educational, and recreational programs for children and families in the Marcell area.

Hermantown/Proctor Community Education, Duluth \$4,500

Support for the Middle School Madness program at Hermantown Middle School.

Citizens for Backus, International Falls \$5,000

Support for summertime programming for school-aged children in International Falls.

Bridges: Kinship Mentoring, Grand Rapids \$10,000

To support mentoring between students in 3rd through 6th grade and high school and college students.

YOUTH IN PHILANTHROPY GRANTS

Neighborhood Youth Services, Duluth \$600

To offer a yearlong cultural celebration with food and activities.

Mesabi East Schools - ISD #2711, Aurora \$150

To provide materials for an outdoor clean-up of public areas in Aurora, Hoyt Lakes, and Biwabik.

Men As Peacemakers, Duluth \$500

To support activities that will guide participants while planning their future in higher education.

Boys & Girls Clubs of the Northland, Duluth \$600

To promote physical fitness with the use of modern technology for youth ages 12-18.

Babbitt-Embarrass School - ISD #2142, Babbitt \$806

To provide supplies that will allow high school students to mentor elementary students while trying to create the most efficient wind turbine.

Planned Parenthood of Minnesota, Duluth \$900

To provide an opportunity where teens can share their talents and learn about community resources while supporting other local youth programs.

Greenway High School - ISD #316, Coleraine \$940

To create a group for students and community members that will promote positive role model attributes through special events.

Northwood Children's Services, Duluth \$976

To provide an opportunity for students to plant, grow, and harvest many different vegetables and berries.

Cook School - ISD #2142, Cook \$1,000

To support students from Cook, Babbitt, Tower, and Orr in an all-school event that will help with the transition into a combined school.

Boys & Girls Clubs of the Northland, Duluth \$500

To create an interactive way for youth ages 6-12 to learn new skills as well as internet safety.

Generation W - Youth Newspaper, Virginia \$1,000

To expand their youth-run business and allow opportunities for more youth to get involved.

KIDS PLUS

Northome KIDS PLUS, Northome \$2,000

To provide summertime academic enrichment activities to Northome area youth.

KIDS PLUS Program, Duluth \$20,000

To support early childhood mental health programming in the Duluth, Hermantown, and Proctor communities.

McGregor KIDS PLUS, Tamarack \$9,350

Support for a youth employment training program which conducts service projects that assist McGregor area seniors and people with disabilities.

