



## **Northland Foundation and Valspar Foundation Award 583 Gallons of Paint Products to 19 Northeastern Minnesota Projects**

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For the twelfth year in a row the Northland Foundation has partnered with the Minneapolis-based Valspar Foundation to provide **free paint and coating products for community restoration or beautification** projects. This grant opportunity is available to communities and non-profit organizations throughout the seven counties of northeastern Minnesota. A total of more than 6,000 gallons of paint have been provided to 150 northeastern Minnesota projects to date.

Typically 8-10 projects in the region receive grant awards, but this year 19 in all will receive free Valspar paint products. Grants are decided based upon visual impact, public benefit, volunteer participation and support, intended use, and benefit to the needy. Qualifying projects include historic buildings, senior citizen centers, community centers, public buildings and parks, murals, or other visual impact projects. The 2009 grants were awarded to the following projects.

1. **YWCA of Duluth**, to paint the interiors of two YWCA Early Childhood Centers.
2. **Cook County Council on Aging**, Grand Marais, to paint the interior of the Cook County Senior Center.
3. **Northome City Library**, to paint the interior walls of the library.
4. **Wrenshall KIDS PLUS & Peer Helpers**, to update an exterior outdoor mural and paint a new mural inside the community pool area.
5. **Life House, Inc.**, Duluth, to paint an outdoor mural showing the diversity of homeless youth.
6. **Hill City School Community Education**, ISD #2, to restore the historical murals in the community park areas.
7. **Northstar 4-H Club**, Bigfork, to paint exterior wood posts at the Effie Ball Park.
8. **Morgan Park Community Club**, Duluth, to paint the interior walls of the community club's large activity/meeting room and entry hall.
9. **Aitkin County Agricultural Society**, to paint the interior and exterior of historical buildings on the community fairgrounds site used for 4-H, cattle, and the community.
10. **Chisholm Beautification Association, Inc.** to refresh an existing external mural project, paint the exterior of an elderly handicapped & disabled senior's home, and paint the community benches, dugouts, and bocce doors.
11. **Barnum Youth Center**, to paint the exterior of the Flower Building on the community fairgrounds site.
12. **Long Lake Conservation Foundation**, Palisade, to paint exterior siding, windows, and decking to complete updates on the Marcum home.

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13. **Family Investment Center**, Hibbing, to paint the interior and exterior of buildings in a low-income neighborhood to re-open as a children's center and family community center.
14. **Nortun Lodge – Sons of Norway**, Duluth, to paint interior walls of the Viking Room, office, lounge, restrooms, kitchen, and stairway of 100 year old historical building.
15. **Sand Lake Township**, Spring Lake, to paint the exterior of a community building.
16. **Squaw Lake Volunteer Fire Department**, to paint the interior of the community Emergency Cooling Shelter.
17. **Lincoln Park Business Group**, Duluth, to paint and update the exterior signs in the Lincoln Park neighborhood and the Harrison Community Center.
18. **Civil Air Patrol**, Eveleth, to paint the training facility concrete floor.
19. **Girl Scouts Lakes and Pines Council**, Duluth, to paint the interior of three buildings on the Northern Lakes Canoe Base Property.

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The Northland Foundation is a resource for people, businesses, and communities working toward prosperity through economic and social justice in Aitkin, Carlton, Cook, Itasca, Koochiching, Lake, and St. Louis Counties. The Grant Program directs resources to nonprofits working in the areas of children and youth, strengthening families, poverty alleviation/encouraging self-reliance, and programming to help older adults remain vital and independent. The Business Finance Program provides loans to help grow a sustainable regional economy. The KIDS PLUS Program is focused on improving the well-being of children and youth. Visit [www.northlandfdn.org](http://www.northlandfdn.org) for more information.



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