



Northland Foundation Awards 43 Grants Totaling \$304,401 in Third Quarter of 2011

The Northland Foundation's board of trustees approved 43 grants totaling \$304,401 during the third quarter. The grants were made to nonprofit organizations serving the communities of northeastern Minnesota. Several third quarter grants focus on enhancing the learning success of students in the region. Among such grants were **\$4,000 to Floodwood School District** for a new, online learning resource to assist students with language and reading skills; **\$28,000 to the Habitat Infant-Toddler Center**, a program that provides support to teen parents attending schools in Duluth; **\$2,500 to Churchill Elementary in Cloquet** to provide an AmeriCorps worker to help students improve their reading and math skills; and **\$4,317 worth of essential school supplies** for low-income students in Aitkin, Bovey/Coleraine, Duluth, Hill City, International Falls, McGregor, and Mountain Iron-Buhl schools. The complete list of grants awarded July 1 to September 30, 2011 is as follows.

CHILDREN, YOUTH, AND FAMILIES

City of Hermantown, Hermantown \$250
Support for a youth leadership project.

Ecumen, Duluth \$555
In support of a multi-media approach to collecting and preserving the life stories of Bay shore Nursing Home residents.

Floodwood School District #698, Floodwood \$4,000
Support for a new, online learning resource to assist students with language and reading skills.

Copeland Valley Youth Centers, Duluth \$500
To support a community celebration of the Hmong New Year.

Child Care Choices, Inc., Saint Cloud \$1,000
Support for the continuing education of early childhood professionals.

Lutheran Social Service of Minnesota, Duluth \$4,880
To promote social-emotional health for children from birth to five years through family resource consultation.

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Duluth Area Family YMCA, Duluth \$25,000

Support for the Mentor Duluth Program to match positive adults mentors with at-risk youth.

Churchill Elementary - ISD #094, Cloquet \$2,500

In support of an AmeriCorps placement at Churchill Elementary to help students increase proficiency in reading and math.

Gender Matters, Duluth \$5,000

In support of programming to provide enriching learning opportunities at Hartley Nature Center and in the classroom.

Society of American Foresters, Cook \$650

To introduce 5th grade students from the Duluth area to the forestry industry.

Piedmont Elementary School - ISD #709, Duluth \$2,500

To provide programming to at-risk youth to improve their academic success.

Duluth Aviation Institute, Duluth \$5,000

Support for STEM curriculum around aviation for 6th grade students in the Duluth School District.

Minnesota Fathers & Families Network, Plymouth \$1,000

In support of training to address health, nutrition, and obesity issues among children and youth.

Courage Center Duluth, Duluth \$15,000

To pilot an afterschool program at Congdon Park Elementary in Duluth, which will engage children with Autism Spectrum Disorders in fun and appropriate physical activities.

Mountain Iron-Buhl School District - ISD #712, Mountain Iron \$323

To provide essential school supplies for students in need.

Junior Achievement of the Upper Midwest, Duluth \$7,500

To provide financial literacy and career development education to K-12 students in the Duluth area.

Just Kids Dental, Two Harbors \$12,000

Support to provide dental hygiene care to children at 15 sites in Carlton, Lake, and Southern St. Louis Counties.

Miller-Dwan Foundation, Duluth \$25,000

To expand access to services for mental health care for children and their families.

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Minnesota Youth Intervention Program Association, Mendota Heights **\$600**
Support for training for regional human services professionals.

Habitat Infant-Toddler Center - ISD #709, Duluth **\$28,000**
To assist with relocating the Habitat Program, which provides support to teen parents attending schools in Duluth, from Central to Denfeld High School.

Duluth Public Schools - ISD #709, Duluth **\$2,501**
To provide essential school supplies for students in need.

AGING

Harbor Centers Inc., Duluth **\$24,750**
Support to initiate a leadership program for adults over 50 in northeastern Minnesota.

Honor Flight Northland, Inc., Duluth **\$2,500**
Support to assist local WWII veterans to travel to Washington DC to visit memorials in honor of their service.

SELF-RELIANCE

Arc Northland, Duluth **\$20,000**
Support for the development of a leadership program for youth with autism.

Community Café, Grand Rapids **\$10,000**
To increase nutrition, socialization, and resource services provided to individuals and families in the Grand Rapids and Deer River area.

Community Action Duluth, Duluth **\$900**
To provide transportation to the State Capitol to participate in an Invest in Minnesota rally.

United Way of Northeastern Minnesota, Chisholm **\$10,000**
To provide food to children at risk of hunger.

Second Harvest North Central Food Bank, Grand Rapids **\$5,000**
To provide food to children at risk of hunger.

Aitkin County Homeless Coalition, Aitkin **\$1,000**
Support for the Community Connect event, to help homeless families and individuals living in poverty to access critical services.

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CHUM, Duluth \$50,000

In support of efforts to provide emergency shelter and case management services to homeless families.

Arrowhead Economic Opportunity Agency, Virginia \$500

In support of the Community Connect event to help people with low incomes access essential services.

YWCA of Duluth, Duluth \$5,000

To raise public awareness on white privilege and racism.

First Witness Child Abuse Resource Center, Duluth \$17,000

In support of efforts and training to serve child victims of abuse through direct services and training to those who serve them.

Cook County Community Fund, Grand Marais \$4,000

Support for the publication and distribution of a nonprofit directory for Cook County.

Fond du Lac Law Enforcement, Cloquet \$3,000

In support of efforts to improve public safety on the Fond du Lac Reservation.

COMMUNITY VITALITY

WDSE-TV PBS eight, Duluth \$3,000

In support of public affairs programming in northeastern Minnesota.

Northwest Minnesota Foundation, Bemidji \$2,000

In support of GiveMN.org, an online charitable donation program.

Local Initiatives Support Corporation, Duluth \$500

Support for the Connecting the Dots event.

KIDS PLUS GRANTS

Aitkin KIDS PLUS, Aitkin \$246

To provide essential school supplies for students in need.

International Falls KIDS PLUS, International Falls \$352

To provide essential school supplies for students in need.

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McGregor KIDS PLUS / Something Cool, Inc., Tamarack \$301
To provide essential school supplies for students in need.

Bovey/Coleraine KIDS PLUS, Bovey \$300
To provide essential school supplies for students in need.

Hill City KIDS PLUS, Hill City \$294
To provide essential school supplies for students in need.



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