



Northland Foundation announces new grant opportunity to jump start creative approaches for aging in place

The Northland Foundation is calling for applications to support creative approaches that help older adults age in place. The “Jump Start Grant Opportunity” is a part of the Northland Foundation’s Rural Aging Initiative. Approximately \$80,000 in funding will be distributed through 16 one-time grants of up to \$5,000 each.

The Jump Start Grant RFP and link to apply will be available on the Northland Foundation’s website starting **August 15, 2017**, by selecting the “Rural Aging Initiative Phase II” button at www.northlandfdn.org. **September 15th is the application deadline**, with funding decisions made by October 31st.

The program is designed to spur fresh approaches to:

- better integrate community-based care,
- utilize technology,
- support family caregivers,
- address direct care workforce challenges, and
- replicate or adapt evidenced-informed or evidenced-based program models.

“Through Northland’s 31 years of partnering with nonprofits and communities in the region, we know that limited financial resources does not necessarily mean a limit of creative ideas,” said Tony Sertich, President of the Northland Foundation. “Our hope is that this funding opportunity will be a catalyst to help northeastern Minnesota organizations put some good ideas into action.”

In late September, the Northland Foundation will also be releasing an RFP for larger grants of up to \$50,000 as part of the Aging Innovation Program.

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