



Northland Foundation announces a new, major grant opportunity to improve well-being and quality of life of older adults

The Northland Foundation will be requesting proposals for grant awards up to \$50,000 each to support creative projects that will help northeastern Minnesota's older adults sustain their independence and age in place in their homes and communities. The Aging Innovations Major Grants RFP and application materials will be available on the Northland Foundation's website starting September 27, 2017 at www.northlandfdn.org/grants/rural-aging-initiative.shtml.

Northland expects to fund three to five projects during this funding round. A second funding round will open in February 2018 in which the Foundation anticipates awarding another three to five grants.

The application deadline is November 1, with funding decisions made by November 30. Grants are designed to support efforts 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.

The Foundation is holding information sessions in three communities to provide more details and answer questions. *Anyone is welcome to attend, but please register in advance on the EVENTS page of the Northland Foundation website at www.northlandfdn.org/convening.*

Wednesday, September 27

DULUTH

10:00 to 11:00 a.m.

Blue Cross and Blue Shield Duluth Retail Space (Maurices Building)

425 West Superior Street, Suite 1060

Thursday, September 28th

GRAND RAPIDS

10:00 to 11:00 a.m.

Blandin Foundation

100 N. Pokegama Ave.

EVELETH

2:00 to 3:00 p.m.

Mesabi Trail Building Conference Room

111 Station 44 Road

The Aging Innovations Program Major Grants opportunity is the second of two funding components of the Northland Foundation's Rural Aging Initiative. Approximately \$80,000 will be distributed in 16 one-time "Jump Start" grants of up to \$5,000 for similar, smaller projects.

"Helping older adults maintain their independence is a longtime focus of the Northland Foundation", states Tony Sertich, President of the Northland Foundation. "Our hope is that this funding opportunity will serve as a catalyst to lift up innovative programs and approaches to help our region's growing older adult population have the resources they need to thrive in their homes and communities."

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