



High school students on Minnesota Power Foundation Youth In Philanthropy Board approve seven grants to youth-led projects in northeastern Minnesota

Through the generosity of the Minnesota Power Foundation, the following grants were approved in **January 2017 by the 13 young people and four adult mentors serving on the KIDS PLUS Youth In Philanthropy Board**. These grants, which are funded through Minnesota Power Foundation support for the program, are awarded by youth in grades 8-12 for youth. The Board makes funding decisions three times during the school year, working with an annual budget of \$25,000 to direct support for projects that are developed by young people in the region with guidance from adult advisors.

Since the program was established in 2000, up to \$1,000 each has been awarded to over 290 projects. The Youth In Philanthropy Board has granted more than \$245,000 to school and community projects over the years. **Learn more at www.northlandfdn.org/kids-plus/youth-in-philanthropy.shtml**

January 2017 Minnesota Power Youth In Philanthropy grants, totaling \$4,676 are:

Seeds of Hope Youth Ranch, Duluth: \$957

To support the creation of an interactive display for the children who visit the ranch to engage with as they wait for their horses to be ready.

Camp Chicagami, Eveleth: \$750

To construct a permanent archery range and backstop that will be used by many local kids, organizations, and camp-goers.

South St Louis County 4-H, Duluth: \$400

To support the 4-H livestock program, which teaches youth how to care for and show their livestock.

Virginia Public Schools – ISD #706, Virginia: \$890

To support the introduction of Lego Robotics to K-2nd graders in an afterschool science program.

Boys & Girls Clubs of the Northland, Duluth: \$540

To help create a new Robotics club for all Boys & Girls Club Members to learn about gears, machines, and engineering.

South St. Louis County 4-H, Duluth: \$775

To create an opportunity for youth to get involved in their community and develop their leadership abilities by learning about problem solving, critical thinking, and other skills.

Ely Knight Hawks 4-H Club, Ely: \$364

To provide the materials for youth and their families to create successful county fair projects.

