



Northland Foundation concludes its fiscal year with 35 grants totaling \$342,700 awarded throughout northeastern Minnesota

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The Northland Foundation announces that 35 grants were approved between April 1 and June 30, 2017. The awards for the quarter, which concludes the Foundation's fiscal year, totaled \$342,700 and support an array of projects and programs that nurture children, youth, and families; help individuals to build assets and work to become and remain self-reliant; promote connections between younger and older generations; and support thriving communities in the seven-county Arrowhead Region.

Of the 35 grants, five awards totaling \$117,000 were made to child care organizations located in Esko, Duluth, McGregor, Tower, and Two Harbors. Funding was provided by the State of Minnesota, with the support of the Northland Foundation, to expand the availability of child care in the region.

All Northland Foundation grants approved between April 1 and June 30, 2017 are as follows.

CHILDREN, YOUTH, AND FAMILIES

Kickstart Preschool, LLC, Two Harbors	\$50,000
In support of child care program expansion with funding provided by the State of Minnesota, with support of the Northland Foundation.	
Spirit of the Lake Community School, Duluth	\$16,500
In support of child care program expansion with funding provided by the State of Minnesota, with support of the Northland Foundation.	
Little Beginnings Daycare, McGregor	\$10,000
In support of child care program start-up with funding provided by the State of Minnesota, with support of the Northland Foundation.	
Mini Mos, LLC, Esko	\$30,000
In support of child care program expansion with funding provided by the State of Minnesota, with support of the Northland Foundation.	
Little Eagles Childcare, Inc., Tower	\$10,500
In support of a child care program start-up, with funding provided by the State of Minnesota, with support of the Northland Foundation.	
North Shore Health Care Foundation, Grand Marais	\$5,000
To support improved access to oral health care for Cook County youth.	
Aitkin Public Schools - ISD #001, Aitkin	\$3,500
To support quality out-of-school time programming for Aitkin area youth.	

Itasca County Family YMCA, Grand Rapids To create a garden at the Bigfork school.	\$3,000
Hibbing Public Library, Hibbing To encourage youth to continue reading through a summer reading program.	\$3,000
Northome KIDS PLUS/Northome School, Northome To support summer academic programming for Northome area youth.	\$5,000
Two Harbors Community Radio, Two Harbors To support programming that engages youth in creating inter-generational radio stories.	\$5,000
Boys & Girls Clubs of the Northland, Duluth To support the creation of a new branch of the Boys and Girls Club serving youth in Grand Rapids and Greenway School Districts.	\$20,000
Floodwood KIDS PLUS, Floodwood To support out of school time activities for youth in the Floodwood area.	\$14,000
Valley Youth Centers, Duluth To support summer time programming for youth in West Duluth.	\$15,000
Friends of the Finland Community, Finland To support out of school time programming for youth in the Finland area.	\$10,000
Bridges Kinship Mentoring, Grand Rapids To support mentoring programs in Itasca county.	\$9,000
Kindred Family Focus, Cloquet To fund a staff position to help recruit foster families in Carlton, Aitkin, Itasca, and St. Louis Counties.	\$10,000
<u>OPPORTUNITIES FOR SELF RELIANCE</u>	
Minnesota Justice Foundation, Duluth To increase access to legal services for people with low-incomes in Lake, Cook, Aitkin, Carlton and St. Louis Counties.	\$2,000
Rural and American Indigenous Leadership, Virginia To support planning activities to improve services to victims of domestic violence on the Iron Range.	\$5,000
Ely Community Health Center, Ely To support the creation of an executive director position.	\$20,000
Project Care Free Clinic, Hibbing To support free health clinics in Hibbing, Virginia, and Grand Rapids.	\$20,000
	\$5,000

Damiano of Duluth, Inc, Duluth

To support programming to increase access to healthy meals for youth.

Iron Range Partnership for Sustainability, Virginia

\$3,200

To support a mentoring program to introduce families to gardening.

Falls Hunger Coalition, Inc., International Falls

\$10,000

Support for the Bonus Bucks program to provide fresh produce and dairy products to people in need.

RURAL AGING INITIATIVE

The following \$52,000 in grants are made in relation to the Northland Foundation's Rural Aging Initiative, to support 2017 paid summer internships for college students to engage in intergenerational programming and community building in AGE to age sites.

Ely Community Resource, Inc., Ely

\$5,500

Aitkin Public Schools - ISD #001, Aitkin

\$5,500

Proctor Public Schools - ISD #704, Proctor

\$5,500

Chisholm KIDS PLUS, Chisholm

\$5,500

McGregor KIDS PLUS / Something Cool, Inc, McGregor

\$8,000

Moose Lake Schools - ISD #097, Moose Lake

\$5,500

Cloquet Public Schools - ISD #094, Cloquet

\$5,500

Northland Village Assisted Living c/o Avinity Senior Living, McGregor

\$3,000

Lake Superior School District - ISD #381, Two Harbors

\$8,000

CAPACITY BUILDING & COMMUNITY VITALITY

Occupational Development Center, Inc., Grand Rapids

\$5,000

To support planning efforts to determine new directions for programming.

Chisholm Community Foundation, Chisholm

\$1,000

To support community-building activities in Chisholm.

