



Northland Foundation awards 69 grants totaling \$544,099 July through September 2017 including \$304,899 in Rural Aging Initiative funding

In the third quarter of 2017, the Northland Foundation approved \$544,099 in grant awards to nonprofit organizations, schools, and community groups serving northeastern Minnesota. These grants were made within the Foundation’s priorities of Children, Youth, and Families; Opportunities for Self-Reliance; Capacity Building, and Community Vitality. Self-Reliance encompasses diverse interest areas, including support for the region’s older adults, especially those living in poverty.

The Foundation is currently undertaking the second, three-year phase of its Rural Aging Initiative (RAI). There were three categories of RAI grants awarded: grants to a group of aging services organizations in the region that area also receiving training and technical assistance; \$ support for intergenerational and other programming that helps older adults live well; and \$55,000 in Aging Innovations Jump Start grants to bolster creative ideas related to older adults and their caregivers.

All Northland Foundation grants awarded July 1 through September 30, 2017 are as follows.

**CHILDREN, YOUTH, AND FAMILIES GRANTS**

<b>School Districts, Northeast Minnesota</b>	<b>\$18,000</b>
Prekindergarten through 3 <sup>rd</sup> Grade grants offered to school districts and Reservation School teams that attended the 2017 Early Childhood Summit in support of planning and activities to strengthen the early learning continuum.	
<b>Esko Public Schools - ISD #099, Esko</b>	<b>\$1,000</b>
<b>Eveleth-Gilbert Public Schools - #2154, Eveleth</b>	<b>\$1,000</b>
<b>Invest Early, Grand Rapids</b>	<b>\$4,000</b>
<b>Barnum Schools - ISD #091, Barnum</b>	<b>\$1,000</b>
<b>Hibbing Public Schools - ISD #701, Hibbing</b>	<b>\$1,000</b>
<b>Virginia School District #706, Virginia</b>	<b>\$1,000</b>
<b>Hermantown Schools - ISD #700, Hermantown</b>	<b>\$1,000</b>
<b>Proctor Public Schools - ISD #704, Proctor</b>	<b>\$1,000</b>
<b>Lake Superior School District - ISD #381, Two Harbors</b>	<b>\$1,000</b>
<b>ISD #2142, St Louis County Schools, Virginia</b>	<b>\$1,000</b>
<b>Duluth Public Schools Academy, Duluth</b>	<b>\$1,000</b>
<b>Cook County Schools - ISD #166, Grand Marais</b>	<b>\$1,000</b>
<b>Cloquet Public Schools - ISD #094, Cloquet</b>	<b>\$1,000</b>
<b>Silver Bay Early Childhood Coalition, Silver Bay</b>	<b>\$1,000</b>
<b>Moose Lake Schools - ISD #097, Moose Lake</b>	<b>\$1,000</b>
<b>Duluth Early Childhood Family Education, Duluth</b>	<b>\$5,000</b>

To provide support to first time parents who have mental health and chemical dependency issues.

**Start Early Funders Coalition, Minneapolis** **\$3,000**

To strengthen the early childhood system and improve outcomes for young children in Minnesota.

**McGregor Schools - ISD #004, McGregor** **\$25,000**

To support out of school time enrichment programming for McGregor students.

**Cloquet Public Schools - ISD #094, Cloquet** **\$3,000**

To support efforts to create a positive and supportive climate at the new Cloquet Middle School.

**Aitkin County Environmental Services, Aitkin** **\$1,000**

To support environmental education opportunities to 6th graders in Aitkin County.

**Cook County Schools - ISD #166, Grand Marais** **\$5,000**

To support programming that expands students' access to knowledge of diverse cultures.

**Polinsky Medical Rehabilitation Center, Duluth** **\$5,000**

To provide programming promoting secure attachment between parents and young children to families with children who have special needs.

#### **SELF-RELIANCE GRANTS**

**North St. Louis County Habitat for Humanity, Virginia** **\$20,000**

To increase supportive services to Habitat partner families.

**Center City Housing Corporation, Duluth** **\$20,000**

To support enrichment programming for homeless children.

**Second Harvest North Central Food Bank, Grand Rapids** **\$10,000**

To support efforts to reduce childhood hunger in Itasca and Aitkin counties.

**Arc Northland, Duluth** **\$2,000**

To support efforts to increase the engagement of people with low incomes in public policy.

**North Shore Horizons, Inc, Two Harbors** **\$17,000**

To support housing with services for victims of domestic violence.

**Arrowhead Economic Opportunity Agency, Virginia** **\$814**

To support a Community Connect event providing access to resources for people with low-incomes.

**Range Transitional Housing Inc, Virginia** **\$1,800**

To support a Community Connect event providing access to resources for people with low-incomes.

**United Way of Northeastern Minnesota, Chisholm** **\$10,000**  
To support increased marketing efforts to strengthen the work of the United Way of Northeastern Minnesota.

**United Way of Northeastern Minnesota, Chisholm** **\$5,000**  
To increase understanding of the dynamics of poverty to human service professionals.

**Damiano of Duluth, Inc, Duluth** **\$2,636**  
To provide public wifi access at the Damiano Center.

**Citizens for Backus, International Falls** **\$15,000**  
General operating support for the Backus Community Center in International Falls.

#### **RURAL AGING INITIATIVE CAPACITY BUILDING GRANTS**

**Northern Itasca Hospital District, Bigfork** **\$25,000**  
To support organizational capacity building to improve services to older adults and their caregivers.

**Cook County Council on Aging, Grand Marais** **\$15,986**  
To support organizational capacity building to improve services to older adults and their caregivers.

**Care Partners of Cook County, Grand Marais** **\$25,000**  
To support organizational capacity building to improve services to older adults and their caregivers.

**Volunteer Services of Carlton County, Inc., Cloquet** **\$24,345**  
To support organizational capacity building to improve services to older adults and their caregivers.

**Community Partners - Two Harbors Block Nurse Program, Two Harbors** **\$15,386**  
To support organizational capacity building to improve services to older adults and their caregivers.

**Aitkin County CARE, Inc, Aitkin** **\$25,000**  
To support organizational capacity building to improve services to older adults and their caregivers.

**Legal Aid Service of Northeastern Minnesota, Duluth** **\$24,182**  
To support organizational capacity building to improve services to older adults and their caregivers.

**Duluth Lighthouse for the Blind Inc, Duluth** **\$25,000**  
To support organizational capacity building to improve services to older adults and their caregivers.

## **RURAL AGING INITIATIVE IMPLEMENTATION GRANTS**

<b>Oshki Ogimaag Charter School, Grand Portage</b> To support intergenerational programming through the Rural Aging Initiative.	<b>\$10,000</b>
<b>Proctor Public Schools - ISD #704, Proctor</b> To support intergenerational programming through the Rural Aging Initiative.	<b>\$15,000</b>
<b>Proctor Public Schools - ISD #704, Proctor</b> To engage older adults in helping boost academic achievement.	<b>\$5,000</b>
<b>Aitkin Public Schools - ISD #001, Aitkin</b> To engage older adults in helping boost academic achievement.	<b>\$5,000</b>
<b>Moose Lake Schools - ISD #097, Moose Lake</b> To engage older adults in helping boost academic achievement.	<b>\$5,000</b>
<b>Moose Lake Schools - ISD #097, Moose Lake</b> To support intergenerational programming through the Rural Aging Initiative.	<b>\$15,000</b>
<b>McGregor KIDS PLUS / Something Cool, Inc, McGregor</b> To support intergenerational programming through the Rural Aging Initiative.	<b>\$15,000</b>
<b>Lake Superior School District - ISD #381, Two Harbors</b> To engage older adults in helping boost academic achievement.	<b>\$5,000</b>
<b>Chisholm KIDS PLUS, Chisholm</b> To support intergenerational programming through the Rural Aging Initiative.	<b>\$15,000</b>
<b>Cloquet Public Schools - ISD #094, Cloquet</b> To support intergenerational programming through the Rural Aging Initiative.	<b>\$15,000</b>
<b>Lake Superior School District - ISD #381, Two Harbors</b> To support intergenerational programming through the Rural Aging Initiative.	<b>\$15,000</b>
<b>McGregor KIDS PLUS / Something Cool, Inc, McGregor</b> To engage older adults in helping boost academic achievement.	<b>\$5,000</b>

## **RURAL AGING INITIATIVE AGING INNOVATIONS JUMP START GRANTS**

<b>Miller-Dwan Foundation, Duluth</b> To support efforts to raise awareness about advance care directives in the Duluth area.	<b>\$5,000</b>
<b>Still Dreaming, LLC, Santa Fe</b> To engage aging service organizations and other stakeholders in northeast Minnesota on the value of engaging older adults in the arts.	<b>\$5,000</b>
<b>Floodwood Services and Training, Inc., Floodwood</b>	<b>\$5,000</b>

To support efforts to increase community understanding of dementia and resources available.

**Northwoods Partners, Ely** \$5,000

To increase resources and supports to people with dementia and their caregivers.

**Arrowhead Economic Opportunity Agency, Virginia** \$5,000

To support efforts to reduce social isolation of older adults in St. Louis, Lake and Cook counties.

**Community Partners - Two Harbors Block Nurse Program, Two Harbors** \$5,000

To support the pilot of Memory Cafes in Lake County.

**Aitkin County CARE, Inc, Aitkin** \$5,000

To pilot the use of technology to connect caregivers in rural communities.

**Well Being Development, Ely** \$5,000

To increase outreach to older adults with mental illness.

**Legal Aid Service of Northeastern Minnesota, Duluth** \$5,000

To improve services at elder law legal clinics in rural communities.

**Duluth Lighthouse for the Blind Inc, Duluth** \$5,000

To increase access of technology and tools to assist older adults with vision loss.

**North Shore Area Partners, Silver Bay** \$5,000

To support new efforts to provide chore and other services to older adults in the Silver Bay area.

## **CAPACITY BUILDING GRANTS**

**Apple Tree Learning Center, Virginia** \$5,000

To provide training to the board of directors on strengthening governance.

## **ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND COMMUNITY VITALITY GRANTS**

**Blandin Foundation, Grand Rapids** \$1,000

To support efforts to expand broadband access in rural communities.

**ReGen Northland, Eveleth** \$3,750

To support efforts to increase community engagement across the Iron Range.

**Minnesota Council on Foundations, Minneapolis** \$4,450

Membership support for 2017 programs and activities in northeastern Minnesota.

**Minnesota Council of Nonprofits, Saint Paul** \$750

Membership support for programs and activities in northeastern Minnesota for 2017.

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