



Northland Foundation awards 46 grants totaling \$576,800 during second quarter of 2018

The Northland Foundation awarded **\$576,800 in grants between April 1 and June 30, 2018**. The 46 grants that were approved support programming that nurtures children, youth, and families; strengthens individual and community wellbeing including reducing poverty and its impacts; enhances the lives of older adults and their caregivers; and promotes thriving communities in the seven counties of northeastern Minnesota.

Among the second quarter grants, a total of \$312,500 was awarded through the **Northland Foundation's Rural Aging Initiative**. This three-year special program is providing resources and supporting a variety of strategies designed to help rural older adults and their caregivers to live well in their homes and communities.

Following are all grants awarded April 1 through June 30, 2018.

CHILDREN, YOUTH, AND FAMILIES

Iron Range Tykes Learning Center, Mountain Iron	\$16,600
In support of a child care program start-up with funding provided by the State of Minnesota, with the support of the Northland Foundation.	
Esko Public Schools - ISD #099, Esko	\$900
To support the expansion of an after-school program in the Esko and Thomson communities.	
Hibbing Public Library, Hibbing	\$5,000
To support a youth summer reading program and other enrichment programs.	
Esko Public Schools - ISD #099, Esko	\$2,100
To support a school readiness program for children entering Kindergarten.	
Northome KIDS PLUS/Northome School, Northome	\$5,000
To support summer learning enrichment activities for youth in the Northome area.	
Boys & Girls Clubs of The Leech Lake Area, Cass Lake	\$5,000
To support summer enrichment programming for Deer River area youth.	
Bois Forte Band of Chippewa, Nett Lake	\$40,000
To support enrichment programming for Bois Forte youth with an emphasis on outdoor recreation.	
The Hills Youth and Family Services, Duluth	\$20,000
To support out-of-school time enrichment programming for youth in Duluth's Central Hillside neighborhood.	

Aitkin Public Schools - ISD #001, Aitkin	\$14,000
To support out-of-school time enrichment programming for students in the Aitkin School District.	
Volunteers In Education, Inc., Virginia	\$20,000
To support in-school academic support programs across Iron Range schools.	
Marcell Family Center Foundation, Inc., Marcell	\$4,000
To support multi-generational programming in the Marcell area.	
Project READ, Grand Rapids	\$2,500
To support youth literacy programs throughout Itasca County.	
North Shore Health Care Foundation, Grand Marais	\$5,000
To support efforts to improve oral health for children and youth in Cook County.	
Regents of the University of Minnesota, Minneapolis	\$1,500
To support Project Naptural, an initiative for education, connection, and the overall empowerment of Black women with natural hair in northeastern Minnesota.	

INDIVIDUAL AND COMMUNITY WELLBEING

Summer Work Outreach Project (SWOP), Mountain Iron	\$14,000
To support a teen employment program that provides workforce skills training and community service.	
Life Skills Academy, Grand Rapids	\$2,500
To support a life and employment skills training program for people with disabilities in the Grand Rapids area.	
Arrowhead Economic Opportunity Agency, Virginia	\$5,000
To support a mobile food pantry to better serve isolated areas.	
Falls Hunger Coalition Inc., International Falls	\$10,000
To increase access to fresh fruits and vegetables for people with low incomes.	
First Witness Child Advocacy Center, Duluth	\$15,000
To support efforts to improve the long-term safety of parents and children who are victims of domestic violence.	
United Way of Northeastern Minnesota, Chisholm	\$5,000
To support a two-day training about the causes and impacts of poverty.	
Community Action Duluth, Duluth	\$31,000
General operating support for a host of anti-poverty programs.	
Ely Community Health Center, Ely	\$11,000
To support access to health care services for people without insurance in the Ely area.	

Project Care Free Clinic, Hibbing **\$20,000**
 To support health care services for the uninsured in Hibbing, Virginia, and Grand Rapids.

RURAL AGING INITIATIVE CAPACITY BUILDING PROGRAM

The following grants were awarded through the Northland Foundation's Rural Aging Initiative to help older adults and caregivers live well in their homes and communities.

Arrowhead Economic Opportunity Agency, Virginia **\$1,000**
 To expand the Bone Builders exercise program for older adults to Lake and Cook Counties.

RURAL AGING INITIATIVE SUMMER COLLEGE INTERN PROGRAM

The following grants were awarded through the Northland Foundation's Rural Aging Initiative to help older adults and caregivers live well in their homes and communities.

AGE to age sites, Northeastern Minnesota **\$60,500**
 To support paid internship opportunities for rural college students to gain experiential learning in intergenerational community building.

Lake Superior School District - ISD #381, Two Harbors	\$5,500
Cloquet Public Schools - ISD #094, Cloquet	\$5,500
Proctor Public Schools - ISD #704, Proctor	\$5,500
Chisholm KIDS PLUS, Chisholm	\$5,500
Aitkin Public Schools - ISD #001, Aitkin	\$5,500
Fond du Lac Band of Lake Superior Chippewa, Cloquet	\$5,500
Moose Lake Schools - ISD #097, Moose Lake	\$5,500
Hibbing AGE to age, Hibbing	\$5,500
McGregor KIDS PLUS/Something Cool, Inc., McGregor	\$5,500
Ely Community Resource, Inc., Ely	\$5,500
North Shore Area Partners, Silver Bay	\$5,500

RURAL AGING INITIATIVE AGING INNOVATIONS PROGRAM

The following grants were awarded through the Northland Foundation's Rural Aging Initiative to help older adults and caregivers live well in their homes and communities.

Grand Rapids Area Library, Grand Rapids **\$20,000**
 To offer a series of discussion groups for older adults aimed at increasing community engagement and personal vitality.

ElderCircle, Grand Rapids **\$50,000**
 To support programming to help family caregivers, professional caregivers, and the community as a whole understand dementia and its impact on individual sensory experience and quality of life.

Training to Serve, North Saint Paul **\$15,000**
 To provide training to caregivers to improve the quality and sensitivity of care to older adults who are LGBT in the seven counties of northeastern Minnesota.

Proctor Public Schools - ISD #704, Proctor **\$25,000**
To support an intergenerational gardening program in Proctor.

Kairos Alive!, Minneapolis **\$30,000**
To engage older adults in intergenerational arts and health programming in Two Harbors.

Environmental Initiative, Minneapolis **\$15,000**
To assist with wood stove replacement for older adults to help them maintain their independence in northeastern Minnesota.

Lutheran Social Service of Minnesota, Duluth **\$50,000**
To develop new respite services for older adults and their caregivers in Cook, Koochiching, Lake, and St. Louis Counties, with an emphasis on the underserved communities of Virginia and Northome.

Western Lake Superior Habitat for Humanity, Duluth **\$47,000**
To launch a new program to provide home modifications to help older adults age in place in Duluth, Cloquet, and Two Harbors.

CAPACITY BUILDING

Minnesota Council of Nonprofits, Saint Paul **\$5,000**
To support activities to strengthen the nonprofit sector in northeastern Minnesota.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND COMMUNITY VITALITY

Itasca Economic Development Corporation, Grand Rapids **\$600**
To support a Profit Mastery workshop for area businesses.

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