



Northland Foundation awards 42 grants, including more than \$50,000 for child care expansion

Northeast Minnesota – During the second quarter of 2019, the Northland Foundation awarded 42 grants totaling \$389,835. Five grants of \$10,000 were made to increase the supply of child care openings in the region. The five child care grants were awarded to help with the start-up four new programs that will be located in Eveleth, Aitkin, Duluth, and Hermantown, and to help expand an existing child care program located in Virginia. The \$50,000 in funding for these grants was provided by the Minnesota Department of Human Services.

“We are appreciative that the State of Minnesota has committed funding to help increase access to high-quality child care in our region,” stated Tony Sertich, Northland Foundation’s President. “Solutions to the shortage of care can be found if public and private sectors – like the Northland Foundation – work together with local communities, and we continue to support the child care providers who are already doing this incredibly important job.”

All 42 grants made between April 1st and June 30th are as follows.

Child Care Grants, Northeastern Minnesota	\$50,000
For child care program start-ups and expansions with funding provided by the Minnesota Department of Human Services and the support of the Northland Foundation.	
Brandie’s Little Bear Learning Center, Eveleth	\$10,000
Hope United Methodist Church, Duluth	\$10,000
Virginia Drop In Daycare, Virginia	\$10,000
Aitkin Health Services, Aitkin	\$10,000
Duluth Area Family YMCA, Duluth	\$10,000
YWCA of Duluth, Duluth	\$4,510
To support high quality care and education for the YWCA's child care and preschool programs.	
Northome KIDS PLUS/Northome School, Northome	\$5,000
To provide programming to introduce youth to a variety of careers.	
Northome KIDS PLUS/Northome School, Northome	\$2,500
To support a new service learning program for middle school students.	
Hibbing Public Library, Hibbing	\$5,000
To support a summer reading program in the Hibbing area.	

Hibbing Kinship Mentoring Program, Hibbing	\$27,500
To support strong social-emotional development through mentoring for Hibbing area youth.	
Cook County Schools - ISD #166, Grand Marais	\$18,000
To support in-school programming that supports the social-emotional development of students.	
Kids Closet of Duluth, Duluth	\$5,000
To provide school clothing and winter outerwear to students in need.	
North Shore Health Care Foundation, Grand Marais	\$10,000
To support access to oral health education and care to children and youth in Cook County.	

INDIVIDUAL AND COMMUNITY WELLBEING

Fathers Rise Together, Duluth	\$9,000
To support business planning workshops to assist entrepreneurs of color in the Duluth area.	
Well Being Development, Ely	\$25,000
To support the launch of a new program to help people with chronic mental illness gain access to employment opportunities.	
Arc Northland, Duluth	\$4,500
To support the development of a new strategic plan.	
Northland Counseling Center, Grand Rapids	\$2,500
To support an updated housing study for Itasca County.	
Falls Hunger Coalition, Inc., International Falls	\$10,000
To increase access to fresh fruits and vegetables for people with low incomes.	
Second Harvest North Central Food Bank, Grand Rapids	\$20,000
To support the distribution of fresh produce to low-income families through market pop-ups.	
Advocates Against Domestic Abuse d/b/a HOPE (Healing Opportunity Provided Equally), Aitkin	\$25,000
To support programming to increase the safety of victims of domestic violence.	
Ely Community Health Center, Ely	\$11,000
To support health care services for people without insurance.	

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Mobility Mania, Grand Rapids	\$10,000
To increase independent living, inclusion, and integration for people in wheelchairs, aging adults, and their caregivers in Itasca County.	
Koochiching Aging Options, International Falls	\$15,000
To support services for older adults and their caregivers.	

RURAL AGING INITIATIVE – AGE to age IMPLEMENTATION

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

Northern Itasca Hospital District, Bigfork	\$15,000
To support intergenerational programming through the Rural Aging Initiative.	
Barnum Schools - ISD #091, Barnum	\$15,000
To support intergenerational programming through the Rural Aging Initiative.	

RURAL AGING INITIATIVE – AGE to age SUMMER COLLEGE INTERN PROGRAM

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

AGE to age Sites, Northeastern Minnesota	\$49,500
To provide paid internship opportunities to college students over the summer, to gain experience in intergenerational programming in their hometowns.	
Lake Superior School District - ISD #381, Two Harbors	\$5,500
Hibbing AGE to age, Hibbing	\$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
McGregor KIDS PLUS/Something Cool, Inc., McGregor	\$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 their caregivers live well in their homes and communities.

North Shore Area Partners, Silver Bay	\$20,000
To support the launch of a new program of in-home personal caregiving to older adults in eastern Lake County and western Cook County.	

CAPACITY BUILDING

Minnesota Council of Nonprofits, Saint Paul To support activities to strengthen the nonprofit sector in northeast Minnesota.	\$5,000
Grand Portage Band of Lake Superior Chippewa, Grand Portage To support the development of a website to provide historical, program, and community information for the Grand Portage Band of Lake Superior Chippewa.	\$8,000
North House Folk School, Grand Marais To provide increased staff capacity to support organizational expansion.	\$15,000

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND COMMUNITY VITALITY

Iron Range Economic Alliance, Duluth To support economic development efforts on the Iron Range.	\$75
Minnesota Council of Nonprofits, Saint Paul Membership support for programs and activities in northeastern Minnesota.	\$750
American Indian Community Housing Organization, Duluth To support the Indigenous Foods Expo being held in September 2019.	\$1,000
Grand Portage Band of Lake Superior Chippewa, Grand Portage To support social engagement programming for Grand Portage elders.	\$1,000

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