



Northland Foundation awards 54 grants totaling \$380,225 in 3rd quarter of 2018 to promote a thriving northeastern Minnesota

From July 1 to September 30, 2018 the Northland Foundation approved 54 grants to programs and projects serving people and communities in the seven counties of northeastern Minnesota. A total of \$380,225 was awarded to support Children, Youth, and Families; Individual and Community Wellbeing; Economic Development and Community Vitality; and the Rural Aging Initiative.

Among the larger grants were four awarded to support positive out-of-school-time activities and enrichment opportunities for students in the region. Awards made last quarter include \$20,000 for students in Nashwauk-Keewatin; \$5,000 for students in Ball Club; \$20,000 for students in Greenway and Grand Rapids; and \$15,000 for students in Finland.

“Helping communities to offer positive, supervised after-school and summer programming for children and youth has been a focus of the Northland Foundation for decades, through both the Grant Program and KIDS PLUS Program,” stated Erik Torch, Director of Grantmaking.

All grants awarded by the Northland Foundation July 1, 2018 – September 30, 2018 are as follows.

CHILDREN, YOUTH, AND FAMILIES

Child Care Choices, Inc., Waite Park	\$2,500
To provide professional development opportunities for early childhood education professionals.	

School Districts, Northeastern Minnesota	\$17,000
In support of planning and activities to strengthen the PreK to Grade 3 learning continuum, awarded to school district and Reservation school teams that attended the 2018 Early Childhood Summit.	

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| Esko Public Schools - ISD #099, Esko | \$1,000 |
| Silver Bay Early Childhood Coalition, Silver Bay | \$1,000 |
| Lake Superior School District - ISD #381, Two Harbors | \$1,000 |
| Barnum Schools - ISD #091, Barnum | \$1,000 |
| Mesabi East Early Childhood Coalition, Aurora | \$1,000 |
| Cloquet Public Schools - ISD #094, Cloquet | \$1,000 |
| Proctor Public Schools - ISD #704, Proctor | \$1,000 |
| Hermantown Schools - ISD #700, Hermantown | \$1,000 |
| St Louis County Schools - ISD #2142, Virginia | \$1,000 |
| Virginia School District - ISD #706, Virginia | \$1,000 |
| Duluth Public Schools - ISD #709, Duluth | \$5,000 |
| Ely Community Resource, Inc., Ely | \$1,000 |
| Duluth Public Schools Academy, Duluth | \$1,000 |

Virginia School District - ISD #706, Virginia	\$10,000
To support staff development of K-2 teachers and paraprofessionals to strengthen social emotional programming for students.	

Nashwauk-Keewatin Schools - ISD #319, Nashwauk	\$20,000
To support out-of-school time programming for elementary aged children in the Nashwauk-Keewatin Schools.	
Friends of the Finland Community, Finland	\$15,000
To support out-of-school time enrichment programming for youth in the Finland area.	
Boys & Girls Clubs of the Northland, Duluth	\$20,000
To support out-of-school time enrichment programming for students in the Grand Rapids and Greenway School Districts.	
Mobility Mania, Grand Rapids	\$5,000
To support youth leadership and enrichment opportunities in Ball Club, MN.	
Duluth Public Schools - ISD #709, Duluth	\$5,000
To support a new program to help students of color explore career opportunities as teachers.	
Lincoln Park Middle School Collaborative, Duluth	\$20,000
To pilot a school-based intervention program aimed at reducing drug and alcohol use among high-risk teenagers in the Virginia School District - ISD #706 and at the Lincoln Park Middle School in Duluth.	
Polinsky Medical Rehabilitation Center, Duluth	\$3,150
To provide educational programming for parents of children with neurodevelopmental disorders to help promote secure attachment between parents and children.	
Duluth Early Childhood Family Education, Duluth	\$5,000
To provide support to first-time parents who have mental health and chemical dependency issues.	
Ostara Initiative, Minneapolis	\$15,000
To provide prenatal and parenting supports to pregnant women and mothers who are incarcerated in northeastern Minnesota.	
Lincoln Park Children and Families Collaborative, Duluth	\$7,500
To provide parenting supports and education to families with children in the Lincoln Park neighborhood.	
Kids Closet of Duluth, Duluth	\$5,000
To support access to clothing for children in need.	
Oshki Ogimaag Charter School, Grand Portage	\$4,000
To provide additional enrichment opportunities for students during the school day.	

Deer River Schools - ISD #317, Deer River \$25,000
To support increased family outreach as part of the Full Service Community School model.

Just Kids Dental, Two Harbors \$10,000
To provide preventative oral hygiene services for children without access to dental care.

South Ridge School - ISD #2142, Culver \$3,500
To provide in-school enrichment programming that helps students explore issues of implicit bias, diversity, equity, and inclusion.

INDIVIDUAL AND COMMUNITY WELLBEING

Minnesota Diversified Industries, Grand Rapids \$10,000
To provide personal and professional skill development to help people with disabilities thrive in the workplace.

Range Transitional Housing, Inc., Virginia \$1,800
To help people with low incomes in northern St. Louis County connect to available resources.

Citizens for Backus, International Falls \$5,000
To provide a summer meal program to children and adults in International Falls.

Second Harvest North Central Food Bank, Grand Rapids \$10,000
To support programming to reduce the incidence of childhood hunger in Itasca and Aitkin counties.

Center Against Sexual and Domestic Abuse, Superior \$20,000
To provide emergency housing and other services to victims of domestic violence.

Domestic Abuse Intervention Programs, Duluth \$20,000
To provide services that increase the safety for victims of domestic violence.

United Way of Carlton County, Cloquet \$3,000
To support educational programming to help Carlton County nonprofits, community members, businesses, and social service organizations develop a deeper understanding of poverty and its impacts.

Damiano of Duluth, Inc., Duluth \$20,000
To support expanded services to people with low incomes.

RURAL AGING INITIATIVE IMPLEMENTATION GRANTS

Aitkin Public Schools - ISD #001, Aitkin \$5,000
To engage older adults in helping boost academic achievement.

Lake Superior School District - ISD #381, Two Harbors To engage older adults in helping boost academic achievement.	\$5,000
Moose Lake Schools - ISD #097, Moose Lake To engage older adults in helping boost academic achievement.	\$5,000
Proctor Public Schools - ISD #704, Proctor To engage older adults in helping boost academic achievement.	\$5,000
McGregor KIDS PLUS/Something Cool, Inc., McGregor To engage older adults in helping boost academic achievement.	\$5,000
Ely Community Resource, Inc., Ely To engage older adults in helping boost academic achievement.	\$5,000
Floodwood KIDS PLUS, Floodwood To support intergenerational programming through the Rural Aging Initiative.	\$15,000
RURAL AGING INITIATIVE INNOVATION GRANTS	
Lake Superior School District - ISD #381, Two Harbors To support active living and intergenerational opportunities for older adults.	\$1,100
Northland Assisted Living, McGregor For the implementation of technology to support person-centered care.	\$20,925
CAPACITY BUILDING	
United Way of Northeastern Minnesota, Chisholm To strengthen the organizational capacity of the United Way to provide funding and programming in northern St. Louis and Koochiching counties.	\$15,000
ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND COMMUNITY VITALITY	
APEX, Duluth To support a Workforce Skills Assessment Project.	\$10,000
Blandin Foundation, Grand Rapids To support efforts to expand broadband access in rural communities.	\$1,000
Anderson Center, Duluth To support education opportunities for area businesses and economic development professionals.	\$500
Chisholm Downtown Revitalization, Chisholm To support community vitality efforts in Chisholm.	\$2,500
Minnesota Council of Nonprofits, Saint Paul Membership support for programs and activities in northeastern Minnesota.	\$750

Chisholm Community Foundation, Chisholm
To support community-building activities in Chisholm.

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