



Northland Foundation awards 81 grants in last quarter of 2020 to benefit people and communities in northeastern Minnesota

From October through December of 2020, the Northland Foundation awarded 81 grants for a total of \$858,612. A large share of grants continues to be aimed at relief and recovery from the impacts of the COVID-19 pandemic.

“Thanks to strong local, regional, and state funding support, we have been able to award more than \$5 million in relief and recovery related grants during the last 10 months within northeastern Minnesota, nearly 5x what Northland usually processes in a year,” stated Erik Torch, Director of Grantmaking. “It has been gratifying to help get additional resources out into communities at a time when the need is so great.”

Nearly \$210,000 was granted to community organizations and school districts for emergency wrap-around early care and education services. The funding was awarded to better support children ages 0-8 who are being disproportionately impacted by the effects of the pandemic, including children from low-income families; black, Indigenous, and other children of color; and children in rural communities. Grantees will employ a variety of strategies, from technology to help students with distance learning, to mental health supports, and more. Applications for a second round of grants are being accepted through February 15th. Find details at <https://northlandfdn.org/grants/apply-report.php>.

Also included in recent COVID relief and recovery grants were two significant “pass-through” grants of \$100,000 each to the **Bois Forte Band of Chippewa** and the **Grand Portage Band of Lake Superior Chippewa**. Northland applied for a St. Paul and Minnesota Foundation’s Minnesota Disaster Recovery Fund grant, in collaboration with the two Tribal Nations, who will use the awards to bolster early care and education and children-and-youth programming that will help essential workers to continue in their jobs.

All grants awarded between October 1 and December 31, 2020 are listed below.

CHILDREN, YOUTH, AND FAMILIES

Boys & Girls Clubs of Grand Rapids and Greenway, Grand Rapids \$30,000

To support out-of-school time programming to students in the Grand Rapids and Greenway School Districts.

Chester Bowl Improvement Club, Duluth \$2,500

To support an alpine ski program with YWCA Girl Power! participants.

ServeMinnesota, Minneapolis \$25,000

To support the placement of Reading Corps tutors to help bolster academic achievement in the Deer River, Grand Rapids, Hibbing, and Mesabi East School Districts.

Volunteers In Education, Inc., Virginia \$14,000

To support tutoring and program expansion to bolster academic achievement in Iron Range schools.

Kids Closet of Duluth, Duluth \$5,000

To support the purchase of winter outerwear and school clothing for low-income students in the Duluth School District.

Essentia Health Foundation, Duluth \$15,000

To provide hospitality to families with seriously ill or injured children.

INDIVIDUAL AND COMMUNITY WELLBEING

Floodwood Services and Training, Inc., Floodwood \$10,000

To support staff development training to strengthen the quality of services to people with disabilities.

Local Initiatives Support Corporation, Duluth \$25,000

To support economic and community development activities in the Duluth area.

Citizens for Backus, International Falls \$20,000

To support to-go meals for families in need.

The Northspan Group, Inc., Duluth \$30,000

To support training on the Intercultural Development Inventory (IDI) to governments and quasi-governmental community groups and organizations across Northeast Minnesota to help foster welcoming communities and equity.

Life House, Inc., Duluth \$30,000

To support advancing Life House's diversity, equity, and inclusion engagement practices and culturally relevant teachings for youth.

Community Action Duluth, Duluth \$20,000

To support free tax filing services for people with low incomes.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND COMMUNITY VITALITY

Amherst H. Wilder Foundation, Saint Paul \$9,000

To support the Duluth Neighborhood Profiles on the MN Compass website.

Minnesota Council on Foundations, Minneapolis \$2,500

To support the Minnesota Council on Foundations annual conference.

INTEGRATED RURAL COMMUNITY AGING PROGRAM - AGE to age IMPLEMENTATION

North Shore AGE to age, Silver Bay \$55,000

To provide multi-year support for intergenerational activities through the North Shore AGE to age program.

Barnum Schools - ISD #091, Barnum \$45,000

To provide multi-year support for intergenerational activities through the Barnum AGE to age program.

Lake Superior School District - ISD #381, Two Harbors \$40,000

To provide multi-year support for intergenerational activities through the Two Harbors AGE to age program.

INTEGRATED RURAL COMMUNITY AGING PROGRAM - AGE to age FELLOWS PROGRAM

Lake Superior School District - ISD #381, Two Harbors \$16,500

To support an AGE to age Fellows Team, made up of a college student and an adult age 50+, to work together to offer intergenerational programming in their hometown.

COVID-19 RELIEF

Grand Portage Band of Lake Superior Chippewa, Grand Portage \$100,000

To support COVID-19 relief and recovery efforts with grant funding provided through the Minnesota Disaster Recovery Fund.

Bois Forte Band of Chippewa, Nett Lake \$100,000

To support COVID-19 relief and recovery efforts with grant funding provided through the Minnesota Disaster Recovery Fund.

Calvary Baptist Church, Duluth \$4,000

To support outreach, health, and community-building efforts during the COVID-19 pandemic.

Licensed Child Care Providers, Northeast Minnesota \$51,000

The following 38 grants were awarded through the Northland Foundation's Emergency Child Care Grant Program, with the support of numerous funding partners, to licensed family and center-based child care providers serving the children of emergency and essential workers during the COVID-19 pandemic.

Wood City Preschool, LLC, Cloquet	\$3,000
Colleen Paulsen, Cloquet	\$1,000
Alyssa Haedrich's Child Care, Moose Lake	\$1,000
Enchanted Garden, Cloquet	\$1,000
Cathy's Daycare, Cloquet	\$1,000
Judy's House, Cloquet	\$1,000
Colleen's Daycare, Cloquet	\$1,000
Andrea Anderson, Cloquet	\$1,000
Erin Lunde's Family Daycare, Cloquet	\$1,000
Kid's Corner, Cloquet	\$3,000
Kathy's Little Stars, Esko	\$1,000
Tender Loving Childcare, Cloquet	\$1,000
Tykes N Tots Preschool & Childcare, Carlton	\$1,000
Duluth Preschool of Fine Arts, Duluth	\$3,000
Miles of Smiles, Chisholm	\$1,000

Kickstart Preschool, LLC, Two Harbors	\$3,000
Kidz Zone Daycare Center, Aitkin	\$3,000
Jaime's Daycare, Duluth	\$1,000
Leslie Frink's Daycare, Duluth	\$1,000
Wind Ridge Schoolhouse, LLC, Duluth	\$1,000
Sarah's Tiny Tots Daycare, Aitkin	\$1,000
Little Footprints Daycare, Gilbert	\$1,000
Country Kids Daycare, Duluth	\$1,000
Krawlers to Kindergarten, Duluth	\$1,000
Kids First Day Care, Duluth	\$1,000
T-N-T's Dynamite Kids, Duluth	\$1,000
Sara's Child Care, Virginia	\$1,000
Tiny Turtles Care Center, Eveleth	\$1,000
Heidi's Home Day Care, Proctor	\$1,000
Jill's Cozy Curriculum, Duluth	\$1,000
Barbie's Daycare, Duluth	\$1,000
Kids Can Be Kids Daycare, Hibbing	\$1,000
Laura Lafreniere, Duluth	\$1,000
Montessori School of Duluth, Duluth	\$3,000
Amy's Childcare, Duluth	\$1,000
My Little Bumble Bees Daycare LLC, Duluth	\$1,000
Dragonfly Childcare, Duluth	\$1,000
Little Farmers Daycare, Aitkin	\$1,000

School and Community Organizations, Northeastern Minnesota \$210,112

The following 18 grants totaling \$170,812 were awarded in partnership with the Minnesota Department of Education on behalf of the Governor's Emergency Education Relief (GEER) Fund for emergency wrap-around early care and education services. The grants are designed to support northeastern Minnesota children ages 0-8 from underserved populations impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic. An additional four grants totaling \$39,300 were awarded for wrap-around services using Northland Foundation funding.

Duluth Preschool, Duluth	\$4,950
Lake Superior School District - ISD #381, Two Harbors	\$15,000
Wrenshall School District - ISD #100, Wrenshall	\$3,700
Grand Rapids School District-ISD #318, Grand Rapids	\$5,000
Center City Housing Corporation, Duluth	\$15,000
Duluth Area Family YMCA, Hermantown	\$10,000
Caring and Sharing Daycare, Aitkin	\$1,000
Hope for Kids Childcare Center, Duluth	\$9,162
Cook County Schools-ISD #166, Grand Marais	\$15,000
Invest Early, Grand Rapids	\$15,000
Lutheran Social Service of Minnesota, Duluth	\$15,000
Otis Family Daycare, Cloquet	\$1,000
Churches United In Ministry, Duluth	\$15,000
McGregor KIDS PLUS/Something Cool, Inc., McGregor	\$11,000
Children of Grace Childcare & Education Center, Hibbing	\$10,000
Cook County Community YMCA, Grand Marais	\$10,000
Cook County Schools-ISD #166, Grand Marais	\$5,000
New Hope FOR Families, Duluth	\$10,000
Duluth Area YMCA, Duluth	\$10,000

Boys & Girls Clubs of the Northland, Duluth	\$10,000
Grand Portage Band of Lake Superior Chippewa, Grand Portage	\$15,000
Oshki Ogimaag Charter School, Grand Portage	\$4,300

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