



Northland Foundation awards \$431,000 in grants October through December 2022

During the final quarter of 2022, the Northland Foundation awarded 18 grants totaling \$431,000 to support people and communities for a thriving region.

\$81,000 of total funding went toward prevention/intervention work in relation to domestic and family violence, sexual assault, and human trafficking. Grants totaling \$64,000 were awarded to three organizations serving survivors in northeast Minnesota communities.

In addition, grant dollars were awarded through the Northland Foundation's recent *Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women and Relations (MMIWR) Grant Opportunity*, which was open to individuals or grassroots groups of Native nation citizens, descendants, or with kinship ties or affiliations to Indigenous communities. The **Native Lives Matter Coalition in Duluth served as fiscal host for several grants totaling \$17,000** for projects in the region. The special grant program was created to bolster efforts to raise awareness, urge change, and promote healing around MMIWR.

"Indigenous women and girls face an outsized risk of sexual assault, violence, and murder. They are 1% of Minnesota's population but 15% of missing person cases and 9% of female homicides," stated Cayla Bellanger-DeGroat, a program officer with the Northland Foundation.

"We are honored to support community-driven efforts that highlight this tragic issue and that work to protect and seek justice for Indigenous women, girls, and relatives," she added.

All Northland Foundation quarterly grants awarded October - December 2022 are as follows.

BELONGING *Efforts to help all people be fully a part of their community with the voice and power to shape institutions and systems*

Voices for Ethnic and Multicultural Awareness, Chisholm: \$30,000

To support a multicultural center that creates a safe and inclusive space for Black, Indigenous, and People of Color living across Iron Range communities.

DOMESTIC AND SEXUAL VIOLENCE *Prevention and intervention in relation to domestic and family violence, sexual assault, and human trafficking*

Advocates for Family Peace, Grand Rapids: \$15,000

To provide services to support survivors of domestic abuse in Itasca and northern St. Louis Counties.

Advocates Against Domestic Abuse d/b/a HOPE, Aitkin: \$25,000

To provide services to support survivors of domestic violence in Aitkin County.

Family Pathways, North Branch: \$24,000

To support supervised visitation services to increase the safety of survivors of domestic violence and sexual assault.

Native Lives Matter Coalition, Duluth: \$17,000

To provide activities throughout the Duluth area to advocate, heal, and support Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women and Relations.

EARLY CARE AND EDUCATION *Early care and education quality and access, parenting education and supports*

Care With Amanda LLC, Virginia: \$25,000

In support of child care program expansion with funding provided by the State of Minnesota, with support of the Northland Foundation.

Lil Lumberjacks Learning Center, Cloquet: \$30,000

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A Chance To Grow, Minneapolis: \$10,000

To support the implementation of a learning readiness program for northeast Minnesota family child care programs that provides the tools to support young children's healthy development.

OUT-OF-SCHOOL-TIME SERVICES *Programming and enrichment activities for children and youth*

REACH Mentoring Program Youth Adult Partnerships, Cloquet: \$25,000

To support mentoring and enrichment programming to youth across Carlton County.

Boys and Girls Clubs of Grand Rapids and Greenway, Grand Rapids: \$35,000

To support out-of-school time enrichment programming for youth in the Grand Rapids and Greenway school districts.

BASIC NEEDS *Food security, homeless services, affordable housing, and other human needs essential to wellbeing*

Second Harvest North Central Food Bank, Grand Rapids: \$25,000

To support efforts to reduce food insecurity among children and youth in Itasca and Aitkin Counties.

North St. Louis County Habitat for Humanity, Virginia: \$50,000

To support the development of affordable housing across communities in northern St. Louis County.

Minnesota Assistance Council for Veterans, Saint Paul: \$20,000

To provide comprehensive services to support veterans at risk of or experiencing homelessness.

Divine Konnections, Duluth: \$20,000

To provide supportive services to Black, Indigenous, and People of Color mothers and children experiencing homelessness.

Duluth Sobriety Feast, Duluth: \$25,000

To support Indigenous-led programming to help people maintain their sobriety.

Essentia Health Foundation, Duluth: \$20,000

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

Legal Aid Service of Northeastern Minnesota, Duluth: \$20,000

To support a strategic planning process to improve access to legal services for residents with low incomes in northeast Minnesota.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

Lamppa Manufacturing, Inc., Tower: \$15,000

For a pilot program offered in partnership with the MN Dept. of Iron Range Resources and Rehabilitation helping small businesses successfully navigate rapid growth.

