



Youth In Philanthropy grant funding is generously supported by the Minnesota Power Foundation.

## **High school students on Minnesota Power Foundation Youth In Philanthropy Board approve \$11,057 in grants to youth-led projects in northeastern Minnesota**

Through the generosity of the Minnesota Power Foundation, the following grants were approved in **April 2017 by the 13 young people and four adult mentors serving on the KIDS PLUS Youth In Philanthropy Board**. These grants, which are funded through Minnesota Power Foundation support for the program, are awarded by youth in grades 8-12 for youth-led initiatives. The Board makes funding decisions three times during the school year, working with an annual budget of \$25,000 to direct support for projects that are developed by young people with guidance from adult advisors.

Since the program was established in 2000, up to \$1,000 each has been awarded to over 400 projects. The Youth In Philanthropy Board has granted more than \$367,000 to school and community projects over the years. **Learn more at [www.northlandfdn.org/kids-plus/youth-in-philanthropy.shtml](http://www.northlandfdn.org/kids-plus/youth-in-philanthropy.shtml)**

The following 12 grants totaling \$11,057 were approved in April 2017 by the Minnesota Power Foundation Youth In Philanthropy Board:

### **Lincoln Park School - ISD #709, Duluth: \$1,000**

To support positive behaviors by rewarding students that display successful school performance. The focus for the rewards are on behaviors, academic performance, and attendance.

### **Cook County Community YMCA, Grand Marais: \$1,000**

To provide a program that teaches youth how our country is run on a national, state, and county level through interaction, visits to local government, as well as a visit to the state capitol.

### **Duluth Public Schools Academy, Duluth: \$1,000**

To provide activities and games for kindergarten through 2nd grade students while exploring different local parks.

### **Northern Lights Community School, Warba: \$500**

To support a safe LGBT celebration for youth and fellow allies.

### **Hermantown Middle School - ISD #700, Hermantown: \$900**

To enhance the FIRST Lego League team with more and better equipment that, in turn, will allow the students to become more excited about science, engineering, and technology while building self-esteem, life skills, and community awareness.

**Animal Allies Humane Society, Duluth: \$1,000**

To support the creation of an in-ground composting system for dog waste.

**Carlton High School - ISD #093, Carlton: \$657**

To provide food and personal hygiene items for low-income and homeless middle and high school students.

**Advocates for Family Peace, Grand Rapids: \$1,000**

To host a family fun night for the community and surrounding areas that will have bands, food, games, and prizes.

**Deer River Girl Scout Troop 1481, Talmoon: \$1,000**

To support an all-girl fun and safe adventure camp offering arts and crafts, team-building, outdoor skill building, water safety, and food planning and preparation techniques.

**Arrowhead Economic Opportunity Agency, Virginia: \$1,000**

To build raised garden beds in downtown Virginia that will serve people with disabilities. These gardens will be accessible for people of all ages and abilities to plant, grow, and harvest.

**Barnum Schools - ISD #091, Barnum: \$1,000**

To support a summer program that offers diverse activities to 3rd through 8th grade students.

**Mesabi Family YMCA, Virginia: \$1,000**

To provide a summer theatre program for children ages 4 through 14 to explore theatre, dance, creative arts, and connect to others who share a passion for performing.

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