



Northland Foundation awards \$507,165 in grants during 4th quarter of 2017 to support people and communities for a thriving northeastern Minnesota

After-school programs and in-school enrichment across the region receive funding

During October through December 2017, the Northland Foundation awarded **37 grants totaling \$507,165** to nonprofit organizations, schools, and other public entities. One-third of the grants awarded during the fourth quarter (totaling nearly \$150,000) support out-of-school time and in-school enrichment, as well as mentoring programs for youth throughout the seven-county region.

The 12 youth programming grants included: \$20,000 to **Nashwauk-Keewatin Schools - ISD #319** to launch an after school program; \$10,000 to the **Mesabi Family YMCA** to support out-of-school time enrichment for young people in Chisholm, Hibbing, Mountain Iron-Buhl, and Virginia; \$20,000 to the **Duluth Area Family YMCA** to further expand outdoor recreation opportunities for children and youth; \$5,000 to the **International Falls School District** for an after-school science club; and \$5,000 to **Cloquet Community Education** in support of after-school programming for Cloquet Middle School students.

“Young people’s participation in safe, enriching after-school activities is proven to boost school success,” said Erik Torch, Director of Grantmaking, “and it is something the Northland Foundation is eager to support in northeastern Minnesota schools and communities.”

All the grants awarded October 1 through December 31, 2017 are as follows.

CHILDREN, YOUTH & FAMILIES GRANTS

School Districts, Northeast Minnesota

Among 16 total PreK to Grade 3 Team Grants awarded to school districts and Reservation School teams that attended the 2017 Early Childhood Summit, made in support of planning and activities to strengthen the early learning continuum.

Hill City School - ISD #002, Hill City	\$2,000
Child Care Choices, Inc., Waite Park Support for the professional development of early childhood educators in northeastern Minnesota.	\$2,500
Duluth Head Start - ISD #709, Duluth In support of efforts to expand nature-based programming.	\$3,000
Churches United In Ministry, Duluth To support youth and family programming at the Steve O'Neil Apartments.	\$50,000
Cloquet Community Education, Cloquet To support after-school programming at the Cloquet Middle School.	\$5,000

Eveleth-Gilbert Public Schools – ISD #2154, Eveleth	\$4,500
To support STEM enrichment programming for students in the Eveleth-Gilbert School District.	
Hibbing Kinship Mentoring Program, Side Lake	\$20,000
To support strong social emotional development through mentoring for Hibbing area youth.	
Duluth Area Family YMCA, Duluth	\$20,000
To support efforts to create more nature-based recreation experiences for youth in the Duluth area.	
Nashwauk-Keewatin Schools - ISD #319, Keewatin	\$20,000
To support the creation of an out-of-school time program in the Nashwauk-Keewatin School District.	
Mesabi East Schools - ISD #2711, Aurora	\$5,000
To support out-of-school time enrichment programming in the Mesabi East school district.	
International Falls School District – ISD #361, International Falls	\$5,000
To support the creation of an after-school science club in International Falls.	
Mesabi Family YMCA, Virginia	\$10,000
To support out-of-school time enrichment programs in the Chisholm, Hibbing, Mountain Iron-Buhl and Virginia areas.	
Cloquet School District - ISD #094, Cloquet	\$1,000
To support a volunteer reading program for students in the Cloquet School District.	
Washington Elementary School - ISD #701, Hibbing	\$1,665
To support in-school STEM enrichment programming for students in kindergarten through second grade at Washington Elementary School in Hibbing.	
Two Harbors High School DECA, Two Harbors	\$5,000
To support efforts to nurture civility among Two Harbors students.	
SELF-RELIANCE GRANTS	
Duluth National Association for the Advancement of Colored People, Duluth	\$2,500
To support a weeklong festival honoring Martin Luther King Jr. and celebrating African American culture.	
Duluth National Association for the Advancement of Colored People, Duluth	\$2,500
To support the 2018 Freedom Fund Dinner.	
Life House, Inc., Duluth	\$25,000
To support programming that helps high-barrier homeless and street youth to become more self-sufficient.	

Local Initiatives Support Corporation, Duluth General operating support for economic and community development efforts in Duluth.	\$20,000
Minnesota Assistance Council for Veterans, Duluth and Northeast Minnesota To provide financial assistance to veterans who are homeless or at-risk of homelessness.	\$10,000
Program for Aid to Victims of Sexual Assault, Duluth Capacity-building support to aid an executive transition.	\$10,000
Children's Dental Services, Inc., Minneapolis To support access to dental care for low-income children in northeast Minnesota.	\$15,000
Planned Parenthood of Minnesota, North Dakota, and South Dakota, St. Paul To support peer led efforts to increase knowledge of sexual health among teens in the Duluth area.	\$15,000
Minnesota Youth Intervention Programs Association, Ham Lake To support professional development opportunities for youth workers.	\$1,500
Well Being Development, Ely To support efforts to improve the physical and mental health of adults with chronic mental illness in the Ely area.	\$5,000
Koochiching Aging Options, International Falls General operating support to provide services to older adults in Koochiching County.	\$20,000

CAPACITY BUILDING GRANTS

Men As Peacemakers, Duluth In support of hiring a Director of Finance to increase the financial management capacity of the organization.	\$20,000
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ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT & COMMUNITY VITALITY GRANTS

Incredible Ely, Ely To provide an opportunity for entrepreneurs and small businesses to build the skills they need to be successful.	\$1,000
Hibbing-Chisholm Blandin Cohort, Hibbing To support an Economic Impact Study for the proposed renovation of the Hibbing Memorial Building.	\$1,500

RURAL AGING INITIATIVE IMPLEMENTATION GRANTS

Community Education ISD - #361, International Falls To support intergenerational programming through the Rural Aging Initiative.	\$2,500
Fond du Lac Band of Lake Superior Chippewa, Cloquet To support intergenerational programming through the Rural Aging Initiative.	\$15,000

RURAL AGING INITIATIVE AGING INNOVATION GRANTS

McGregor KIDS PLUS/Something Cool, Inc., McGregor To expand an intergenerational chore service that helps older adults live independently and gives workforce skills to youth in the McGregor area.	\$41,000
Volunteer Services of Carlton County, Inc., Cloquet To expand the DayBreak caregiver support program to include a technology platform that will help caregivers communicate more easily with their loved ones.	\$50,000
Community Partners - Two Harbors Block Nurse Program, Two Harbors To launch an intergenerational, comprehensive, community-based service delivery program aimed at providing resources and supports to older adults to assist them in aging in community.	\$50,000
North Shore Area Partners, Silver Bay To support collaborative efforts for organizations serving older adults on the North Shore.	\$10,000
Aitkin County CARE, Inc., Aitkin To launch a program to provide older adults with fresh foods in Aitkin County.	\$10,000

SOCIAL ENTERPRISE INITIATIVE GRANTS

American Indian Community Housing Organization, Duluth To support the creation of a revolving loan fund to support American Indian artists.	\$25,000
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