



Northland Foundation awards 72 quarterly grants totaling \$445,239 from January through March 2022

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The Northland Foundation made 37 grants to nonprofit organizations, schools, and Native nations and another 35 special grants to small businesses during the first quarter of 2022. The previously announced January 2022 [Youth In Philanthropy grants](#) and March 2022 [Maada'ookiing grants](#) were awarded in addition to the following January - March quarterly grants.

Two of the larger grants went to organizations led by and serving Black, Indigenous, and other People of Color. The **American Indian Community Housing Organization** received \$50,000 to help support its *Gimaajii-Mino-Bimaadizimin* permanent supportive housing and other programs. The **Family Freedom Center** will utilize a \$35,000 grant to help deliver programs for youth and elders, create a community garden, and offer entrepreneurship training for Black people in the Duluth area.

The Northland Foundation also **awarded nearly \$124,000**, in partnership with the Minnesota Department of Education, on behalf of the Governor's Emergency Education Relief Fund. The grants are targeted to services and programs addressing social-emotional health, online and distance learning, after-school enrichment, and other supports for young children affected by the impacts of the pandemic. Thanks to multiple rounds of state funding, the Foundation now has awarded 82 **Emergency Early Childhood Wrap-around Care Grants** totaling \$657,016 over the last 18 months to benefit Northeast Minnesota children.

All quarterly grants awarded January 1 through March 31, 2022, are as follows.

Children, Youth and Families

Mesabi East Schools - ISD #2711, Aurora: \$4,200

To provide after-school-time enrichment programming to students in the Mesabi East School District.

Individual and Community Wellbeing

Community Action Duluth, Duluth: \$20,000

To support a workforce training program to help people with barriers to employment enter the construction trades.

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

To support comprehensive programs and services to stabilize youth who are at risk of and experiencing homelessness.

Grace House of Itasca County, Grand Rapids: \$5,000

To provide housing and services to people experiencing homelessness in Itasca County.

Second Harvest North Central Food Bank, Grand Rapids: \$41,000

To support comprehensive diversity, equity, and inclusion training and action planning for the Food Banks serving Northeast Minnesota.

Family Freedom Center, Duluth: \$35,000

To support programs that provide culturally grounded programming to serve members of Duluth's Black community including youth programming, elder outreach, community gardening, and entrepreneurship training.

Long Lake Conservation Center, Palisade: \$1,500

To support an evening of traditional Ojibwe storytelling.

Program for Aid to Victims of Sexual Assault, Duluth: \$30,000

To support the Sexual Assault Nurse Examiner program that provides forensic medical exams, and advocacy services to victims of sexual assault.

Duluth Area Family YMCA, Duluth: \$5,000

To support access to the YMCA facilities and services to low-income families.

KOOTASCA Community Action Inc., International Falls: \$10,000

To provide free tax assistance to older adults and people with low incomes in Koochiching County.

United Way of Northeastern Minnesota, Chisholm: \$30,000

To support the relaunch of a youth mentoring program and a study to better understand the mental health needs of youth across the Iron Range.

American Indian Community Housing Organization, Duluth: \$50,000

To support programming and general operating support for the Gimaajii-Mino-Bimaadizimin permanent supportive housing and other programming.

Economic Development and Community Vitality

APEX – AGA, Duluth: \$500

Annual membership dues for the Arrowhead Growth Alliance, a regional economic development group.

Minnesota Council on Foundations, Minneapolis: \$3,500

Membership support for programs and activities to strengthen the philanthropy sector in Minnesota for 2022.

The Privilege Institute, Green Bay: \$5,000

To support learning opportunities in Northeast Minnesota to better understand and take action against racism.

Integrated Rural Community Aging – AGE to age Implementation

The following grant was made through the Northland Foundation's Integrated Rural Community Aging Program, providing support for intergenerational activities in AGE to age sites.

McGregor KIDS PLUS/Something Cool, Inc., McGregor: \$15,000

To provide chore services for older adults and intergenerational workforce training experiences for youth entering high school.

Capacity Building

Small Businesses, Northeast MN: \$33,709

Thirty-five grants were awarded through the Tech Boost reimbursement grant program, designed to help small businesses in Northeast Minnesota adopt new technologies that will help them thrive. The Tech Boost grant program is supported through the Arrowhead Intelligent Region initiative and generous contributions from the Minnesota Department of Iron Range Resources & Rehabilitation, the Blandin Foundation, the Northland Foundation, and the Compeer Financial Fund for Rural America

COVID-19 Relief & Recovery

School and Community Organizations, Northeast MN: \$123,830

The following 19 grants 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 Northeast Minnesota children ages 0-8 from underserved populations impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic.

Boys and Girls Clubs of the Northland, Duluth: \$5,000

Lake Superior School District - ISD #381, Two Harbors: \$6,000

Nashwauk-Keewatin Schools - ISD #319, Nashwauk: \$7,500

Duluth Area Family YMCA, Duluth: \$5,000

Cloquet Public Schools - ISD #094, Cloquet: \$7,500

South Koochiching-Rainy River School District - ISD #363, Northome: \$7,500

Moose Lake Schools - ISD #097, Moose Lake: \$8,000

McGregor Schools - ISD #004, McGregor: \$7,500

Northern Lights Academy Cooperative, Cloquet: \$7,330

Project READ, Grand Rapids: \$2,500

Duluth Public Schools - ISD #709, Duluth: \$10,000

Spirit of the Lake Community School, Duluth: \$5,000

Cook County Schools - ISD #166, Grand Marais: \$5,000

Aitkin Public Schools - ISD #001, Aitkin: \$10,000

YWCA of Duluth, Duluth: \$5,000

Families and Communities Together, Virginia: \$5,000

Proctor Public Schools - ISD #704, Proctor: \$7,500

Churches United In Ministry, Duluth: \$7,500

Rock Ridge Public Schools - ISD #2909, Virginia: \$5,000

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