



Northland Foundation Awards 24 grants totaling \$246,830 to nonprofits, schools, and tribal nations serving northeastern Minnesota communities

Between January 1 and March 30, the Northland Foundation awarded two dozen grants totaling nearly a quarter million dollars to nonprofit organizations, schools, and Tribal Nations within the region bounded by Aitkin, Carlton, Cook, Itasca, Koochiching, Lake and St. Louis counties.

A large portion of recent funding was awarded to children and youth programs and/or intergenerational programming, including: \$14,000 to support a summer jobs program for Iron Range area young people; \$25,000 to support programming that connects youth with elders in Grand Portage; \$1,000 to help support a mentoring day for high school students with disabilities and their parents; \$25,000 to support programming for children and youth whose families are in transitional housing; and \$1,000 to support environmental education for 6th grade students in Aitkin County.

All grants made in the first quarter of 2019 are listed below.

Children, Youth and Families

Cloquet Community Education, Cloquet To support after-school programming for middle school students in the Cloquet area.	\$5,000
Grand Portage Reservation Tribal Council, Grand Portage To support intergenerational youth programming in Grand Portage.	\$25,000
Summer Work Outreach Project (SWOP), Mountain Iron To support youth summer employment programming in Mountain Iron, Buhl, Chisholm, Eveleth, and Virginia.	\$14,000
Valley Youth Centers, Duluth To support after-school programming for Duluth-area youth.	\$20,000
GND Development Alliance, Duluth To support after-school programming for youth in the Gary New Duluth neighborhood.	\$10,000
Aitkin County Environmental Services, Aitkin To support environmental education programming for Aitkin County 6th grade students.	\$1,000
Minnesota Youth Intervention Programs Association, Ham Lake To support professional development programming for youth development workers in northeastern Minnesota.	\$1,500

Individual and Community Wellbeing

Northern Lights Special Education Cooperative, Esko \$1,000
To support the Mentoring Day program for area high school students with disabilities and their parents.

Grace House of Itasca County, Grand Rapids \$5,000
To support emergency housing for people experiencing homelessness in Itasca County.

Center City Housing Corporation, Duluth \$25,000
To provide early childhood and youth programming to homeless families in transitional housing.

Lutheran Social Service of Minnesota, Duluth \$30,000
To provide outreach and services to youth who are homeless or at risk of homelessness.

Two Harbors Area Food Shelf, Two Harbors \$2,500
To support marketing and outreach efforts to reduce food insecurity in the Two Harbors area.

Loaves and Fishes Too, Minneapolis \$5,000
To support programming to address food insecurity across Aitkin County.

Men As Peacemakers, Duluth \$40,000
To provide domestic violence and human trafficking prevention programming to elementary and middle school students in Duluth.

The Seafarers Center, Duluth \$10,000
To support the establishment of transitional housing in the Lincoln Park neighborhood of Duluth.

Rural Aging Initiative – AGE to age Implementation

Good Samaritan Society - International Falls, International Falls \$15,000
To launch the EngAGE Arts Program, providing social engagement and intergenerational connections for older adults in the International Falls area.

Hermantown Schools - ISD #700, Hermantown \$7,500
To engage older adults in helping boost academic achievement.

Lake Superior School District - ISD #381, Two Harbors \$5,000
To support intergenerational programming in the Two Harbors area.

Capacity Building

Amherst H. Wilder Foundation, Saint Paul \$6,668
To support the Duluth Neighborhood Profiles on the MN Compass website.

Economic Development and Community Vitality

Hibbing Area Chamber of Commerce, Hibbing **\$489**

Annual membership dues to help support local entrepreneurship and economic development.

APEX, Duluth **\$15,000**

To support economic development efforts in Duluth and the surrounding area.

Duluth Area Chamber of Commerce, Duluth **\$433**

Annual membership dues to help support local entrepreneurship and economic development.

Grantmakers for Effective Organizations, Washington **\$1,390**

To support annual membership to GEO, which focuses on helping grantmakers to improve their philanthropy practices.

**Arrowhead Manufacturers & Fabricators Association Educational Trust,
Elbow Lake** **\$350**

Annual membership dues to help support local entrepreneurship and economic development.

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