Northland Foundation awards 46 grants totaling $576,800 during second quarter of 2018

The Northland Foundation awarded **$576,800 in grants between April 1 and June 30, 2018.** The 46 grants that were approved support programming that nurtures children, youth, and families; strengthens individual and community wellbeing including reducing poverty and its impacts; enhances the lives of older adults and their caregivers; and promotes thriving communities in the seven counties of northeastern Minnesota.

Among the second quarter grants, a total of $312,500 was awarded through the **Northland Foundation’s Rural Aging Initiative.** This three-year special program is providing resources and supporting a variety of strategies designed to help rural older adults and their caregivers to live well in their homes and communities.

Following are all grants awarded April 1 through June 30, 2018.

**CHILDREN, YOUTH, AND FAMILIES**

- **Iron Range Tykes Learning Center, Mountain Iron**
  - $16,600
  - In support of a child care program start-up with funding provided by the State of Minnesota, with the support of the Northland Foundation.

- **Esko Public Schools - ISD #099, Esko**
  - $900
  - To support the expansion of an after-school program in the Esko and Thomson communities.

- **Hibbing Public Library, Hibbing**
  - $5,000
  - To support a youth summer reading program and other enrichment programs.

- **Esko Public Schools - ISD #099, Esko**
  - $2,100
  - To support a school readiness program for children entering Kindergarten.

- **Northome KIDS PLUS/Northome School, Northome**
  - $5,000
  - To support summer learning enrichment activities for youth in the Northome area.

- **Boys & Girls Clubs of The Leech Lake Area, Cass Lake**
  - $5,000
  - To support summer enrichment programming for Deer River area youth.

- **Bois Forte Band of Chippewa, Nett Lake**
  - $40,000
  - To support enrichment programming for Bois Forte youth with an emphasis on outdoor recreation.

- **The Hills Youth and Family Services, Duluth**
  - $20,000
  - To support out-of-school time enrichment programming for youth in Duluth's Central Hillside neighborhood.
Aitkin Public Schools - ISD #001, Aitkin
To support out-of-school time enrichment programming for students in the Aitkin School District. $14,000

Volunteers In Education, Inc., Virginia
To support in-school academic support programs across Iron Range schools. $20,000

Marcell Family Center Foundation, Inc., Marcell
To support multi-generational programming in the Marcell area. $4,000

Project READ, Grand Rapids
To support youth literacy programs throughout Itasca County. $2,500

North Shore Health Care Foundation, Grand Marais
To support efforts to improve oral health for children and youth in Cook County. $5,000

Regents of the University of Minnesota, Minneapolis
To support Project Naptural, an initiative for education, connection, and the overall empowerment of Black women with natural hair in northeastern Minnesota. $1,500

INDIVIDUAL AND COMMUNITY WELLBEING

Summer Work Outreach Project (SWOP), Mountain Iron
To support a teen employment program that provides workforce skills training and community service. $14,000

Life Skills Academy, Grand Rapids
To support a life and employment skills training program for people with disabilities in the Grand Rapids area. $2,500

Arrowhead Economic Opportunity Agency, Virginia
To support a mobile food pantry to better serve isolated areas. $5,000

Falls Hunger Coalition Inc., International Falls
To increase access to fresh fruits and vegetables for people with low incomes. $10,000

First Witness Child Advocacy Center, Duluth
To support efforts to improve the long-term safety of parents and children who are victims of domestic violence. $15,000

United Way of Northeastern Minnesota, Chisholm
To support a two-day training about the causes and impacts of poverty. $5,000

Community Action Duluth, Duluth
General operating support for a host of anti-poverty programs. $31,000

Ely Community Health Center, Ely
To support access to health care services for people without insurance in the Ely area. $11,000
Project Care Free Clinic, Hibbing
To support health care services for the uninsured in Hibbing, Virginia, and Grand Rapids.

RURAL AGING INITIATIVE CAPACITY BUILDING PROGRAM
The following grants were awarded through the Northland Foundation’s Rural Aging Initiative to help older adults and caregivers live well in their homes and communities.

Arrowhead Economic Opportunity Agency, Virginia $1,000
To expand the Bone Builders exercise program for older adults to Lake and Cook Counties.

RURAL AGING INITIATIVE SUMMER COLLEGE INTERN PROGRAM
The following grants were awarded through the Northland Foundation’s Rural Aging Initiative to help older adults and caregivers live well in their homes and communities.

AGE to age sites, Northeastern Minnesota $60,500
To support paid internship opportunities for rural college students to gain experiential learning in intergenerational community building.

- Lake Superior School District - ISD #381, Two Harbors $5,500
- Cloquet Public Schools - ISD #094, Cloquet $5,500
- Proctor Public Schools - ISD #704, Proctor $5,500
- Chisholm KIDS PLUS, Chisholm $5,500
- Aitkin Public Schools - ISD #001, Aitkin $5,500
- Fond du Lac Band of Lake Superior Chippewa, Cloquet $5,500
- Moose Lake Schools - ISD #097, Moose Lake $5,500
- Hibbing AGE to age, Hibbing $5,500
- McGregor KIDS PLUS/Something Cool, Inc., McGregor $5,500
- Ely Community Resource, Inc., Ely $5,500
- North Shore Area Partners, Silver Bay $5,500

RURAL AGING INITIATIVE AGING INNOVATIONS PROGRAM
The following grants were awarded through the Northland Foundation’s Rural Aging Initiative to help older adults and caregivers live well in their homes and communities.

Grand Rapids Area Library, Grand Rapids $20,000
To offer a series of discussion groups for older adults aimed at increasing community engagement and personal vitality.

ElderCircle, Grand Rapids $50,000
To support programming to help family caregivers, professional caregivers, and the community as a whole understand dementia and its impact on individual sensory experience and quality of life.

Training to Serve, North Saint Paul $15,000
To provide training to caregivers to improve the quality and sensitivity of care to older adults who are LGBT in the seven counties of northeastern Minnesota.
Proctor Public Schools - ISD #704, Proctor
To support an intergenerational gardening program in Proctor. $25,000

Kairos Alive!, Minneapolis
To engage older adults in intergenerational arts and health programming in Two Harbors. $30,000

Environmental Initiative, Minneapolis
To assist with wood stove replacement for older adults to help them maintain their independence in northeastern Minnesota. $15,000

Lutheran Social Service of Minnesota, Duluth
To develop new respite services for older adults and their caregivers in Cook, Koochiching, Lake, and St. Louis Counties, with an emphasis on the underserved communities of Virginia and Northome. $50,000

Western Lake Superior Habitat for Humanity, Duluth
To launch a new program to provide home modifications to help older adults age in place in Duluth, Cloquet, and Two Harbors. $47,000

CAPACITY BUILDING

Minnesota Council of Nonprofits, Saint Paul
To support activities to strengthen the nonprofit sector in northeastern Minnesota. $5,000

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND COMMUNITY VITALITY

Itasca Economic Development Corporation, Grand Rapids
To support a Profit Mastery workshop for area businesses. $600

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