



## Northland Foundation awards \$551,929 in grants from January through March 2020

The Northland Foundation awarded 129 grants totaling \$551,929 during the first quarter of 2020 to nonprofit organizations, school districts, and Tribal Nations to help support programming aligned with Northland's strategic focus areas. Of these, 91 grants totaling \$125,000 were made through the Emergency Child Care Grants Program, a special initiative to help child care providers sustain their services while caring for children of essential workers during the COVID-19 pandemic.

Another 10 grants were awarded through the Northland Foundation's new three-year aging initiative, the Integrated Rural Community Aging Program (IRCAP). Seven IRCAP grants are supporting nonprofit organizations selected to help lead coalition-building and community planning work to build better-connected, more coordinated services for older adults and their family caregivers. An additional three grants went to IRCAP Tribal Nation partners to support delivery of meals and other essential needs to Tribal Elders in their homes.

All grants awarded between January 1 and March 30, 2020 are listed below.

### Children, Youth, and Families

**Cook County Early Childhood Coalition, Grand Marais \$5,000**

Support for the development of key strategic interagency working groups focused on topics, issues and needs that will improve quality and expand access to early childhood care.

**Duluth Library Foundation, Duluth \$10,000**

To support programming that fosters early literacy for young children.

**Lake Superior School District - ISD #381, Two Harbors \$2,500**

To support business and financial consultation for Little Mariners Child Care Center.

**Aitkin County Environmental Services, Aitkin \$1,000**

To support environmental education programming for sixth grade students in Aitkin County.

**Just Kids Dental, Two Harbors \$7,500**

To support access to oral hygiene care and education for low-income students in northeast Minnesota.

**Children's Dental Services, Inc., Minneapolis \$15,000**

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## **Individual and Community Wellbeing**

### **Minnesota Diversified Industries, Grand Rapids \$20,000**

To support enhancing MDI's Employment Services Program and increase the number of people with disabilities employed.

### **Lutheran Social Service of Minnesota, Duluth \$30,000**

To support outreach activities to assist youth who are at-risk or experiencing homelessness.

### **Range Transitional Housing, Inc., Virginia \$750**

To support Community Connect, a one-day event connecting those in need to services that may be able to assist them.

### **Churches United In Ministry, Duluth \$40,000**

To support efforts to review and update the financial, compliance and operational infrastructure of CHUM to help access funding that will provide long-term sustainability.

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

To support programs and services to address homelessness in Itasca County.

### **Servants of Shelter, International Falls \$15,000**

To provide shelter and services for people experiencing homelessness in International Falls.

### **Saint Paul & Minnesota Foundation, Saint Paul \$30,000**

To expand emergency warming centers to better serve people experiencing homelessness in winter.

### **Community Action Duluth, Duluth \$10,000**

To support programming to improve access to fresh produce to people with low-incomes and those living in food deserts.

### **United Way of Northeastern Minnesota, Chisholm \$20,000**

To support a variety of services to help people in need across the Iron Range.

### **Age Well Arrowhead, Inc, Duluth \$5,000**

To support technology improvements to help improve grocery delivery services for older adults.

### **Citizens for Backus, International Falls \$16,500**

General operating support to provide critical services at the Backus Community Center.

### **Itasca County Health and Human Services, Grand Rapids \$5,000**

To support the development and testing of innovative strategies to address substance abuse and recovery efforts in Itasca County.

### **Family Freedom Center, Duluth \$25,000**

To employ innovative strategies that mobilize the local Black community, low-income people, and the broader community to build assets that prevent poverty, create equality, and strengthen the social fabric.

### **City of Duluth, Duluth \$12,500**

To support professional development efforts to improve the cultural competency of Career Force staff.

**Native Governance Center, St. Paul \$5,000**

To support leadership development opportunities for Tribal Nations in northeast Minnesota.

## **Economic Development and Community Vitality**

**Hermantown Area Chamber of Commerce, Hermantown \$305**

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

**Cloquet Area Chamber of Commerce, Cloquet \$275**

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

**Hibbing Area Chamber of Commerce, Hibbing \$538**

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

**Laurentian Chamber of Commerce, Virginia \$178**

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

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

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

**Minnesota Council on Foundations, Minneapolis \$4,450**

Membership support for programs and activities in northeastern Minnesota for 2020.

**Minnesota Chamber Foundation, St. Paul \$5,000**

To support the Minnesota: 2030 study that takes a long-term look at the development of Minnesota's economy.

## **Integrated Rural Community Aging – Community Planning & Care Coordination**

The following seven grants were made through the Northland Foundation's Integrated Rural Community Aging Program to support community-based planning activities to strengthen partnerships and integration of services to help meet the needs of older adults and their caregivers.

**Community Partners - Living at Home/Block Nurse Program, Two Harbors \$5,000**

**ElderCircle, Grand Rapids \$5,000**

**Northwoods Partners, Ely \$5,000**

**Aitkin County CARE, Inc., Aitkin \$7,500**

**Care Partners of Cook County, Grand Marais \$7,500**

**Koochiching Aging Options, International Falls \$7,500**

**North Shore Area Partners, Silver Bay \$7,500**

### **Integrated Rural Community Aging – Tribal Nation Partner Grants**

The following three grants were made through the Northland Foundation's Integrated Rural Community Aging Program to support the work of northeastern Minnesota Tribal Nations to provide critical services to help Elders remain safe and healthy during the COVID-19 pandemic.

**Bois Forte Band of Chippewa, Nett Lake \$30,000**

**Fond du Lac Band of Lake Superior Chippewa, Cloquet \$30,000**

**Grand Portage Band of Lake Superior Chippewa, Grand Portage \$30,000**

### **Emergency Child Care Grants Program – COVID-19 Disaster Relief**

**Licensed Family and Center-based Child Care, Northeast MN \$125,000**

To support 91 child care providers and the essential workers in the region whose children are receiving care, in response to the COVID-19 pandemic.

Paradise Daycare, Proctor	\$1,000
Little Dears Daycare, Hibbing	\$1,000
Tiny Toes Daycare, Two Harbors	\$1,000
Tabi's Daycare, Floodwood	\$1,000
Hiatt's Daycare, Hibbing	\$1,000
Hallie Swenson, International Falls	\$1,000
Everyone Fitz In Daycare, Proctor	\$1,000
Caribou Pines Explorers, Duluth	\$1,000
Carol Carlson, Grand Rapids	\$1,000
RSH Education LLC, Two Harbors	\$1,000
Allison's Daycare, Floodwood	\$1,000
Miss April's Little Raindrops, Grand Rapids	\$1,000
Mini Mos, LLC, Esko	\$3,000
Courtney's Corner Childcare, Proctor	\$1,000
Bright Minds Playtime, LLC, Duluth	\$1,000
Magen's Daycare, Duluth	\$1,000
Lil Cupcakes, Cloquet	\$1,000
Jill Vito, Cook	\$1,000
Little B's Learning Center, Barnum	\$3,000
Wiggles and Giggles Childcare, Esko	\$1,000
Julie Leseman, Hermantown	\$1,000
Under The Rainbow Daycare, Two Harbors	\$1,000
Dream and Discover Daycare, Grand Rapids	\$1,000
Lyndsey Knops Daycare, Hermantown	\$1,000
The Backyard Playschool, Wrenshall	\$1,000

Otis Family Daycare, Cloquet	\$1,000
Veronica Kelley, Cloquet	\$1,000
Bigfork Valley Child Care, Bigfork	\$1,000
Caterpillar Clubhouse Childcare, Winton	\$1,000
Cook County Child Care Center, Grand Marais	\$3,000
Woods and Wonders Childcare, Duluth	\$1,000
Building Blocks Childcare, Grand Rapids	\$1,000
Sonya Lee's Little Learners Childcare, Duluth	\$1,000
Nicole's Daycare, Duluth	\$1,000
Building Blocks Learning Center, Duluth	\$3,000
Lori McTavish, Duluth	\$1,000
Laugh & Learn Childcare Center, Cloquet	\$3,000
Little Beginnings, Cook	\$3,000
Back 40 Schoolhouse, Cloquet	\$1,000
Summer's Daycare, Duluth	\$1,000
Lollipop Kids Daycare, Grand Rapids	\$1,000
LaLa Land Daycare, Grand Rapids	\$1,000
Learning Tree Childcare, Duluth	\$1,000
Little Sprouts' Playschool, Wrenshall	\$1,000
Little Lambs Learning Center, Duluth	\$3,000
Bubbling Brook Child Care Center, Duluth	\$3,000
Rose's Childcare, Grand Rapids	\$1,000
Busy Bees Childcare, Proctor	\$1,000
The Little's, Cloquet	\$1,000
It's a Small World Child Care, Grand Rapids	\$1,000
Hidden Valley Preschool, Duluth	\$1,000
Kiddie Junction Daycare, Two Harbors	\$1,000
Crystal Lake Childcare, Grand Rapids	\$1,000
Jamie Heitzman's Daycare, Mountain Iron	\$1,000
Brandie's Little Bear Learning Center, Eveleth	\$3,000
Caring and Sharing Daycare, Aitkin	\$1,000
Little Feet Big Dreams Daycare, Two Harbors	\$1,000
Little Rascals Daycare, Grand Rapids	\$1,000
Endion Square Children's Center, Duluth	\$3,000
Little Kiddles Daycare, Grand Rapids	\$1,000
Amber Niemann Kids Care, Grand Rapids	\$1,000
Laurel Morken, Cloquet	\$1,000
Terri Restad, Duluth	\$1,000
Mini Minnows Day Care, Duluth	\$1,000
Bright Beginnings Family Childcare, Grand Rapids	\$1,000
YMCA Weefolksgarten, Grand Rapids	\$3,000
Cammy's Daycare, Hibbing	\$1,000
McKinney Lake Child Care LLC, Grand Rapids	\$1,000
St. Michael's Lakeside Early Learning, Duluth	\$3,000
Kiddy Karousel Child Care Center, Hibbing	\$3,000
Sarah Berglund's Daycare, Proctor	\$1,000
Little Bo Peep Daycare, Grand Rapids	\$1,000
Happy Feet Daycare, Hibbing	\$1,000
Laugh & Learn Childcare Center, Hermantown	\$3,000
Patty's Daycare, Proctor	\$1,000
Connie's Daycare, Proctor	\$1,000

Benedictine Developmental Preschool, Duluth	\$3,000
Children of Grace CEC, Hibbing	\$3,000
Peanuts Daycare, Duluth	\$1,000
My Little Sunshine's Daycare, Grand Rapids	\$1,000
Tiny Towers Child Care, Grand Rapids	\$1,000
Step-Up Child Care, Grand Marais	\$1,000
Lindsey's Daycare, Eveleth	\$1,000
Great Beginnings, Duluth	\$1,000
Carly Buirge, Duluth	\$1,000
Mesabi Preschool Academy LLC, Proctor	\$3,000
Tasha's Daycare, Saginaw	\$1,000
Nana CJ's Daycare, Duluth	\$1,000
Little Blessings, Barnum	\$1,000
Risa's Family Daycare, Grand Rapids	\$1,000
Wee Folk Child Care, Grand Marais	\$1,000

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