



Northland Foundation awards 45 grants totaling \$525,624 to serve people and communities in northeastern Minnesota

In the last quarter of 2018, the Northland Foundation made 45 grants to benefit people and communities in the counties of Aitkin, Carlton, Cook, Itasca, Lake, Koochiching, and St. Louis. Of these, 15 grants totaling \$205,000 were awarded through the Foundation's Rural Aging Initiative.

The Rural Aging Initiative is a three-year special program to help older adults age in place, with purpose and independence in their rural communities, as well as to support caregivers. A dozen Rural Aging Initiative grants last quarter went toward community-based intergenerational projects that connect children and youth with older adults for friendship and civic engagement, including older adults helping children to improve their reading and literacy skills.

Three Rural Aging Initiative grants of \$15,000 each were awarded to Tribal Nations in support of innovative efforts to serve elders.

"The Northland Foundation has had longstanding relationships with the Tribal Nations in this region. We are excited to partner with them through our Rural Aging Initiative to support creative projects to help elders age well in community," stated Tony Sertich, President of the Northland Foundation.

Following is listed all 45 grants approved between October 1 and December 31, 2018.

CHILDREN, YOUTH, AND FAMILIES GRANTS

Invest Early, Grand Rapids	\$4,000
The last of 14 total PreK to Grade 3 Team Grants awarded to school districts and Reservation School teams that attended the 2018 Early Childhood Summit, made in support of planning and activities to strengthen the early learning continuum.	
First Children's Finance, Minneapolis	\$33,333
To establish a child care business center in northeastern Minnesota dedicated to serving the needs of child care providers in the region.	
Greater Twin Cities United Way, Minneapolis	\$3,000
To strengthen the early childhood system and improve outcomes for young children in Minnesota.	
Aunty's Child Care, LLC., Duluth	\$20,000
In support of child care program start-up with funding provided by the State of Minnesota, with support of the Northland Foundation.	
Child Care Aware of Minnesota Northeast, Pine City	\$2,000
To provide emergency assistance to home-based child care providers in northeast Minnesota.	
Wolf Ridge Environmental Learning Center, Finland	\$2,500
To support the development of new curriculum focused on Lake Superior and fresh water.	

Duluth Library Foundation, Duluth To support early literacy programming at Duluth Public Library branches.	\$3,250
Boys & Girls Clubs of the Northland, Duluth To support healthy lifestyle programming around physical activity and nutrition at the Boys and Girls Clubs in Duluth.	\$20,000
Children's Dental Services, Inc., Minneapolis To support access to dental care for low-income children in northeastern Minnesota.	\$15,000
Planned Parenthood of Minnesota, North Dakota and South Dakota, St. Paul To support programming to provide education and support to teens about sexual health in the Duluth area.	\$5,000
Vaaj XaovKaub Foundation, Poplar To support Hmong New Year celebrations in the Duluth area.	\$1,000
Duluth National Association for the Advancement of Colored People, Duluth To support the racial justice work of the Duluth branch of the NAACP.	\$5,000

INDIVIDUAL AND COMMUNITY WELLBEING GRANTS

Fathers Rise Together, Duluth To support business planning workshops to assist entrepreneurs of color in the Duluth area.	\$5,000
Life House, Inc., Duluth To support the educational and employment needs of youth who are experiencing or are at-risk of homelessness.	\$25,000
CHOICE, unlimited, Duluth To support planning and other capacity building activities to aid in leadership transitions.	\$4,950
Local Initiatives Support Corporation, Duluth To support community development efforts across Duluth.	\$20,000
Churches United In Ministry, Duluth To support participation in Homeless Day on the Hill in 2019.	\$1,000
Arrowhead Economic Opportunity Agency, Virginia Support for Lake County Community Connect to provide information and services to people living in poverty.	\$500
Center City Housing Corporation, Duluth Support for strategic planning activities.	\$2,500
Servants of Shelter, International Falls To provide shelter and services for people experiencing homelessness in International Falls.	\$15,000
Minnesota Assistance Council for Veterans, Minneapolis To provide emergency assistance to veterans in need.	\$10,000

Churches United In Ministry, Duluth	\$25,000
To support additional staffing to better serve people who are homeless with chemical and mental health challenges.	
Advocates for Family Peace, Grand Rapids	\$20,000
To increase the safety of women and children through supervised visitation and exchanges.	
North Shore Horizons, Inc., Two Harbors	\$25,000
To support transitional housing for victims of domestic violence in Two Harbors.	
Citizens for Backus, International Falls	\$20,000
General operating support for the Backus Community Center in International Falls.	

RURAL AGING INITIATIVE – IMPLEMENTATION GRANTS

Barnum Schools – ISD #091, Barnum	\$5,000
To engage older adults in helping boost academic achievement.	
Intergenerational Programming, Northeast Minnesota Communities	\$155,000
To support intergenerational programming through the Rural Aging Initiative	
Lake Superior School District - ISD #381, Two Harbors	\$15,000
Proctor Public Schools - ISD #704, Proctor	\$15,000
Cloquet Public Schools - ISD #094, Cloquet	\$15,000
Oshki Ogimaag Charter School, Grand Portage	\$15,000
Aitkin Public Schools - ISD #001, Aitkin	\$15,000
Chisholm KIDS PLUS, Chisholm	\$15,000
Int'l Falls Community Education ISD #361, International Falls	\$5,000
Moose Lake Schools - ISD #097, Moose Lake	\$15,000
McGregor KIDS PLUS/Something Cool, Inc., McGregor	\$15,000
Fond du Lac Band of Lake Superior Chippewa, Cloquet	\$15,000
Bois Forte Band of Chippewa, Nett Lake	\$15,000

RURAL AGING INITIATIVE – AGING INNOVATIONS GRANTS

Bois Forte Band of Chippewa, Nett Lake	\$15,000
To help elders age in place by improving the accessibility of their homes.	
Minnesota Chippewa Tribe, Cass Lake	\$15,000
To conduct community planning and outreach to assist elders and caregivers with accessing services and resources in Western Itasca County (Leech Lake Reservation District I).	

Fond du Lac Band of Lake Superior Chippewa, Cloquet To promote the health and well-being of elders through community gardening, food preservation and social engagement.	\$15,000
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CAPACITY-BUILDING GRANTS

Native Governance Center, St. Paul To support a professional development program for newly elected Tribal Leaders.	\$4,200
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Amherst H. Wilder Foundation, St. Paul To support the development of indicator publications for northeast Minnesota.	\$23,500
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ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND COMMUNITY VITALITY GRANTS

Grand Rapids Area Chamber of Commerce, Grand Rapids Annual membership dues to help support local entrepreneurship and economic development.	\$270
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Laurentian Chamber of Commerce, Virginia Annual membership dues to help support local entrepreneurship and economic development.	\$171
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Minnesota Council on Foundations, Minneapolis Membership support for 2018 programs and activities in northeastern Minnesota.	\$4,450
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