



Northland Foundation awards 36 grants totaling \$393,720 to benefit northeastern Minnesota

\$36,700 awarded to support diversity, equity, and inclusion and anti-racism efforts

During the last quarter of 2019, the Northland Foundation made 36 grants to nonprofit organizations, schools, community organizations, and distributed grants for child care expansion in the region with funding provided by the State of Minnesota.

Four grants were awarded within the Foundation’s “Individual and Community Wellbeing” priority area, for work related to diversity, equity, and inclusion and anti-racism. The **Northeast Minnesota Office of Job Training, Virginia**, received \$3,700 to provide training in diversity, equity, and inclusion for career counselors at its CareerForce centers in the region; the **Duluth Association for the Advancement of Colored People** received \$20,000 to strengthen the organization and its anti-racism work; the **A.H. Zeppa Family Foundation, Duluth**, was awarded \$1,000 for programming to counter systemic injustice and advance inclusion; and the **Clayton Jackson McGhie Memorial, Duluth**, received \$11,000 to help commemorate the 100th anniversary of the Duluth lynching of Elias Clayton, Elmer Jackson, and Isaac McGhie.

“As we recognize Martin Luther King, Jr. this month and the movement he led to promote justice and equity for every person,” stated Erik Torch, Northland Foundation’s Director of Grantmaking, “it’s a fitting time to call attention to grant partners’ efforts to promote equity for all northeastern Minnesotans, regardless of race, creed, age, gender identity, ability, ethnicity, or socio-economic background.”

All grants awarded October 1 through December 31, 2019 are listed below.

CHILDREN, YOUTH, AND FAMILIES

Lake Superior Zoological Society, Duluth To support the creation of a nature-based preschool program.	\$15,000
Brandie's Little Bear Learning Center, Eveleth In support of child care program expansion with funding provided by the State of Minnesota, with support of the Northland Foundation.	\$10,000
Hope United Methodist Church, Duluth In support of child care program expansion with funding provided by the State of Minnesota, with support of the Northland Foundation.	\$10,000
New Hope FOR Families, Duluth In support of child care program expansion with funding provided by the State of Minnesota, with support of the Northland Foundation.	\$20,000

Koochiching Economic Development Authority, International Falls	\$10,000
In support of child care program expansion with funding provided by the State of Minnesota, with support of the Northland Foundation.	
Itasca County Family YMCA, Grand Rapids	\$20,000
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City of Cohasset, Cohasset	\$20,000
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Littlefork-Big Falls - ISD #362, Littlefork	\$5,000
To provide after school tutoring assistance to students in the Littlefork-Big Falls School District.	
Boys & Girls Clubs of Grand Rapids and Greenway, Grand Rapids	\$25,000
To support out-of-school time enrichment programming for students in the Grand Rapids and Greenway School Districts.	
Friends of the Finland Community, Finland	\$20,000
To support out-of-school time enrichment programming for youth in the Finland area.	
The Hills Youth and Family Services, Duluth	\$25,000
To support out-of-school time enrichment programming for youth in Duluth's Central Hillside neighborhood.	
Laurentian Arts & Culture Alliance, Inc, Virginia	\$2,500
To support the creation of out-of-school time programming.	
Churchill School-ISD #94, Cloquet	\$1,000
To provide support for a literacy-based mentoring program to help students improve reading skills.	
Planned Parenthood of Minnesota, North Dakota, South Dakota, Saint Paul	\$5,000
To support peer-led reproductive health education in the Duluth area.	

INDIVIDUAL AND COMMUNITY WELLBEING

Life House, Inc., Duluth	\$25,000
To support programming that helps homeless and at-risk youth develop critical life skills.	
Rise, Inc., Duluth	\$5,000
To provide services to people with hearing disabilities find, keep, and advance in employment.	
Local Initiatives Support Corporation, Duluth	\$25,000
To support affordable housing, income and wealth building, career pathways and economic development programs.	

Minnesota Assistance Council for Veterans, Saint Paul To support services to veterans and their families in crisis.	\$10,000
Servants of Shelter, International Falls To support services to the homeless in International Falls.	\$5,000
Bob Tavani Respite House, Duluth To provide respite housing and supports for people experiencing homelessness after discharge from the hospital.	\$5,000
Range Transitional Housing, Inc., Virginia To provide services and resources to people with low incomes through the Community Connect event.	\$1,500
Arrowhead Economic Opportunity Agency, Virginia To provide additional shelter options for people experiencing homelessness in the winter.	\$20,000
Northeast Minnesota Office of Job Training, Virginia To support staff development training around diversity, equity, and inclusion for counselors at CareerForce centers across northeast Minnesota.	\$3,700
Duluth National Association for the Advancement of Colored People, Duluth To support capacity-building efforts to strengthen and sustain the organization and its anti-racism work.	\$20,000
A.H. Zeppa Family Foundation, Duluth To support programming to facilitate inclusion and counter systemic inequality.	\$1,000
Clayton Jackson McGhie Memorial, Inc., Duluth To support programming to commemorate the 100th anniversary of the lynching of Elias Clayton, Elmer Jackson, and Isaac McGhie.	\$11,000
Fond du Lac Tribal & Community College, Cloquet To support the 2019 Ojibwe Language Symposium.	\$3,000
Domestic Abuse Intervention Programs, Duluth To provide services that increase the safety for victims of domestic violence.	\$15,000
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
Mesabi Outdoor Adventures, Virginia To support the creation of programming to increase outdoor recreation.	\$2,500
Aitkin County CARE, Inc., Aitkin To expand efforts to help older adults and their caregivers to continue to live independently.	\$18,000

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND COMMUNITY VITALITY

APEX, Duluth To support economic development efforts in Duluth and the surrounding area.	\$15,000
Greater Minnesota Partnership, St. Paul In support of the Greater Minnesota Partnership-2020 Membership	\$1,500
Grand Rapids Area Chamber of Commerce, Grand Rapids Annual membership dues to help support local entrepreneurship and economic development.	\$270
Nonprofit Financial Group, Apple Valley To sponsor the Nonprofit Financial Group North annual conference providing professional development to staff members of northeastern Minnesota nonprofits.	\$250
Minnesota Council on Foundations, Minneapolis To support the Minnesota Council on Foundations annual conference.	\$2,500

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