



Area students serving on the Minnesota Power Foundation Youth In Philanthropy Board approve \$4,987 in grants to 9 youth-led projects

Thanks to generous program support provided by the Minnesota Power Foundation, \$4,987 in grant funding was recently approved by the 15 young people and 4 adult mentors serving on the 2017-2018 KIDS PLUS Youth In Philanthropy Board. This year's 7th through 12th grade youth board members come from Chisholm, Cloquet, Duluth, Ely, Hibbing, and McGregor, MN, and the border community of Superior, WI.

The young people on the Board make grantmaking decisions three times during the school year—October, January, and April—working with an annual grants budget of \$25,000 provided by the Minnesota Power Foundation. Projects that receive Youth In Philanthropy grants must have applications written by young people, for school or community projects developed and implemented by young people with guidance from adult advisors. Youth In Philanthropy is an initiative of the Northland Foundation's KIDS PLUS Program.

The 2017-2018 Youth In Philanthropy Board approved the following 9 grants during their January 2018 board meeting.

REACH Mentoring Program, Cloquet: \$1,000

To expand the SOS (Students Offering Support) Team to Moose Lake students and provide opportunities to raise suicide awareness, support peers, and share coping skills.

Ely Knight Hawks 4-H Club, Ely: \$487

To support the practice of preparing and cooking healthy foods and snacks for club meetings and for members to apply those skills at home.

South St. Louis County 4-H, Duluth: \$750

To provide hands-on activities workshops that are fun and educational designed by youth for youth in grades 3 through 5.

Cherry Schools - ISD #2142, Iron: \$500

To support 4th and 5th grade students as they learn the process of sublimation and the process it takes to design, create, and produce a product.

Hermantown Schools - ISD #700, Hermantown: \$500

To support the Hermantown FIRST LEGO Robotics team through the planning and implementation stage of competition.

Ely Knight Hawks 4-H Club, Ely: \$150

To provide needed supplies that will help preserve the club's history as well as promote the club.

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Superior Middle School, Superior: \$600

To support youth with the creation of bags for children and youth as they transition into foster homes.

Duluth Robotics, Inc., Duluth: \$500

To support the Denfeld High School FIRST Robotics team through the planning and implementation stage of competition.

North St. Louis County 4-H Federation, Virginia: \$500

To promote the local 4-H programs in rural communities through the offering of youth-led programs and activities so that youth of all ages can learn how to get involved.

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