



Grants Awarded

The Northland Foundation recently made the following grant awards:

- 16 quarterly grants totaling \$238,450 awarded July 1 - September 30, 2021.
- 6 Youth In Philanthropy grants totaling \$5,000 awarded in October 2021.
- 18 Maada'ookiing grants totaling \$45,000 awarded in October 2021.

Children and Youth

Duluth Early Childhood Family Education, Duluth: \$5,000

To help provide parenting and mental health supports for at-risk families.

Duluth Community School Collaborative, Duluth: \$20,000

To support a collaborative strategic planning process, increase organizational capacity, and provide additional Social-Emotional Learning (SEL) opportunities for youth.

Mentor North, Duluth: \$15,000

To support the strengthening of one-to-one mentoring programming through training and other quality enhancements.

Life House, Inc., Duluth: \$30,000

To support out-of-school programming for youth in the Central Hillside neighborhood of Duluth.

YWCA of Duluth, Duluth: \$20,000

To provide supportive housing for pregnant and parenting young women ages 16 to 21, assisting them to increase their self-sufficiency while supporting their parenting skills and the needs of their children.

Individual and Community Wellbeing

Rise, Inc., Spring Lake Park: \$5,000

To provide services to people with hearing disabilities find, keep, and advance in employment in Northeast Minnesota.

Minnesota Diversified Industries, Minneapolis: \$20,000

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

Loaves and Fishing Housing, Inc., Duluth: \$5,000

To support housing and services to people experiencing homelessness.

Duluth Sobriety Feast, Duluth: \$10,000

To support Indigenous-led programming to help people maintain their sobriety.

Advocates for Family Peace, Grand Rapids: \$15,000

To support services that increase the safety of victims of domestic violence in Itasca and northern St Louis counties.

Family Pathways, North Branch: \$10,000

To provide services that increase the safety for victims of domestic violence in Carlton County.

Ely Community Health Center, Ely: \$11,000

To support programming to provide access to health care services for the uninsured.

Blandin Foundation, Grand Rapids: \$50,000

To support efforts to expand broadband infrastructure and increase digital equity in northeast Minnesota.

Citizens for Backus, International Falls: \$20,000

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

Economic and Community Vitality

Minnesota Council of Nonprofits, Saint Paul: \$950

Membership support for programs and activities in Northeast Minnesota.

Minnesota Coalition for the Homeless, Saint Paul: \$1,500

To support the 2021 Minnesota Coalition for the Homeless annual conference.

Youth In Philanthropy

Rockridge Academy - ISD #709, Duluth: \$1,000

To support the creation of a home economics classroom that teaches life skills, healthy cooking and baking, and working together.

Proctor Public Schools - ISD #704, Proctor: \$1,000

To support a self-defense course designed for high school students. Students will learn skills that will help them feel safer and more prepared if uncomfortable situations arise.

Moose Lake Schools - ISD #097, Moose Lake: \$1,000

To provide and promote local art programming through teaching, designing, and displaying work that is done by students, educators, and the greater community to show school pride.

Superior High School, Superior: \$500

To support a student-led outdoor environmental program that is offered to 5th grade classrooms and is led by high school students. Students create, plan, and implement the spy-themed activities in the school forest.

Parents and Teachers of King School, Deer River: \$500

To recognize and offer alternative means that students may need to be successful in their classrooms such as alternative seating options and hand manipulatives that boost concentration.

Planned Parenthood of Minnesota, North Dakota, and South Dakota, Saint Paul: \$1,000

To create awareness of local resources and experiences related to sexual and reproductive health and diversity through a community art event. The goal of the art event is to express, validate, normalize, and begin conversations around topics that are most pressing to youth in Northeast Minnesota.

Maada'ookiing

Collette Pederson: \$2,500

To capture Elder's stories of their lives and knowledge to share the history of Grand Portage community.

Rebecca Gawboy: \$2,500

To host a weekend gathering of Native women to make their own hand drums, ribbon skirts, bond, pray, and be in ceremony.

Muriel Deegan: \$2,500

To offer weekly evening sessions for community members to bead, hear traditional winter stories, and learn cultural teachings at Vermilion Social Center.

Briand Morrison: \$2,500

To create and perform original music, Anishinaabe Blues, with three live performances in Grand Portage at the Elders Powwow, on a live radio show, and at Wabaan, a healing circle.

Billy Blackwell: \$2,500

To capture and retain the stories of the history and culture of the Grand Portage Anishinaabe before the stories are lost. This project will record stories on video and digitally so they can be made available to all people who want to learn.

Janis Fairbanks: \$2,500

To create a book that showcases traditional Ojibwe beadwork design and techniques featuring the life work of Ralph Fairbanks, a traditional Ojibwe Elder (1948 - 2020.), with pictures of his work and commentary on the artistic, spiritual, and cultural importance of his legacy to pass this knowledge to future generations.

Alexander Kmett: \$2,500

To create an informational video that highlights the importance of both food sovereignty and language revitalization, and how they are both relevant in developing our way of relating to the natural world as Indigenous peoples.

Linda Newman: \$2,500

To educate, support, and empower young women (ages 12+) of the Grand Portage Band of Lake Superior Chippewa through opportunities to work with traditional sled dogs, paddle into the BWCA, learn to make beeswax candles, and immerse themselves in off-grid activities.

Brian Stillday: \$2,500

To teach children in the Duluth area traditional singing basics, back-up singing, and the responsibility of handling a drum.

Maija Stillday: \$2,500

To teach ribbon skirt and regalia making to youth in Duluth and host a fashion show in a round dance style to showcase the youths' work.

Tashia Hart: \$2,500

To make narratives of healthy, healing portrayals of love, body, and relationships easily accessible to uplift Native communities of Minnesota and beyond. Free copies of the novel Native Love Jams will be distributed to tribal libraries, women's shelters, and other locations.

Patra Wise: \$2,500

To host a workshop to teach Native youth the art of preserving culturally significant herbs, in partnership with the Fond du Lac Band of Lake Superior Chippewa Community Center and American Indian Community Housing Organization (AICHO).

Jordan Gawboy: \$2,500

To offer drumming and regalia making classes for youth ages 8-18 years old at Bois Forte Tribal Nation communities of Lake Vermilion and Nett Lake in a community center setting.

Ryan Bajan: \$2,500

To hold drum circle once a week in after-school programming on the Bois Forte Tribal Nation with youth 6-18 years old.

Airlea DeFoe: \$2,500

To host an event to raise awareness, funds, and resources for Indigenous peoples who are unhoused, in emergency shelter, and spotlight issues that cause Native homelessness.

Ashley Ammesmaki: \$2,500

To create a MMIW (missing murdered indigenous women)-MMIS (missing murdered indigenous survivors) Beaded Mural to educate on these movements to help MMIW and MMIS families and survivors, raise awareness, and generate more resources.

October Allen: \$2,500

To add cultural components to a successful recovery/wellness group within a housing support program and bring awareness to the needs of Indigenous women and the importance of cultural activities.

Danielle Pieratos: \$2,500

To create a Farmers Market Manager for the Ode-imini Giizhis (Strawberry Moon) Farmers Market on Bois Forte Tribal Nation to increase healthy, local, fresh food access.

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