



APOSTLE ISLANDS AND
CHEQUAMEGON BAY AREA
COMMUNITY FUNDS
*Affiliates of the Duluth Superior Area
Community Foundation*

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Community funds grant over \$60,000

Projects will benefit nonprofits in the Apostle Islands and Chequamegon Bay area.

ASHLAND—The Apostle Islands and Chequamegon Bay Area Community Funds today announced grants to area nonprofits totaling over \$60,000 for local projects. An Advisory Board of thirteen community members evaluated dozens of grant requests from regional applicants.

“There are so many wonderful organizations doing great work in our area,” said Mary O’Brien, newly-appointed Affiliate Officer and representative of the community funds. “There were some very strong proposals and more requests than we could fulfill. We are deeply grateful to the donors who support our funds and make these grants possible.”

The Chequamegon Bay Area Community Fund awarded grants to the following nonprofit organizations for their projects:

- Northland College, \$2,000 for its Rise Up and Write project
- Friends of the Vaughan Public Library, \$2,000 for its Tween Computing and Gaming program
- Northwest Wisconsin Concentrated Employment Program, \$1,925 to Rescue Divas EMS Summer Camp
- Helping PAWS Pet Rescue, \$1,250 to support their Outreach Program
- Ashland Area Development Corporation, \$1,250 for its Artist Entrepreneur Development program
- Penokee Mountain Co-op School, \$500 in support of Washburn Dandelion Day

The Apostle Islands Area Community Fund awarded grants to the following nonprofit organizations and units of local government for their projects:

- City of Bayfield, \$2,000 to support Expanding Trail Networks in Bayfield's Big Ravine
- Red Cliff Band of Lake Superior Chippewa, \$3,000 for their new Noojimo'iwewin Artful Healing program
- Bayfield County, \$4,000 for the Potential Adventures Through 4-H program
- Big Top Chautauqua, \$5,000 in support of 2019 Spoken Word Performances
- Recreation and Fitness Resources, \$5,000 towards the Youth Engagement Initiative
- Puppet Farm Arts, \$5,000 in support of the Wolf and Moose UpNorth installation
- Madeline Island Historical Preservation Association, \$5,000 towards their digitization projects
- Superior Rivers Watershed Association, \$2,500 in support of the Citizen Water Quality project
- La Pointe Center, Inc., \$800 to the Garden Masters affiliate
- Lake Superior Tall Ships, \$2,500 in support of the Rendezvous for the Community event
- Madeline Island Chamber Music, \$2,200 toward the Community Engagement program

In addition, dedicated regional funds awarded grants to the following nonprofits and units of local government for these projects:

- Madeline Island Wilderness Preserve, \$1,550 from the Grutzner Madeline Island Fund to support the Summer Speaker Series
- St. John's Church, \$1,500 from the Grutzner Madeline Island Fund to support Ceramics on Madeline Island
- Town of LaPointe, \$4,800 from the Grutzner and Michael Madeline Island Funds to support the Greenwood Cemetery Walkway project
- Recreation and Fitness Resources, \$3,000 from the Grutzner and Michael Madeline Island Funds to support the Collaborative Summer Program and Madeline Island Summer School
- La Pointe Center, Inc., \$1,950 from the Grutzner and Michael Madeline Island Funds to support Positivity Children's Theater Artists and Scholarships
- Big Top Chautauqua, \$4,000 from the Human Rights Fund in support of the Native American Community Connections Series
- Red Cliff Band of Lake Superior Chippewa, \$1,874 from the Red Cliff/Miskwaabikaang Fund to restore the Early Childhood Outdoor Classroom

Nonprofits seeking grant funding and donors who wish to support the work of local organizations are encouraged to contact Mary O'Brien at mobrien@dsacommunityfoundation.com.

ABOUT US:

The Apostle Islands and Chequamegon Bay Area Community Funds are regional affiliates of the Duluth Superior Area Community Foundation, which encourages private giving for the public good. The Community Foundation makes grants to nonprofits and to individuals for scholarships while providing leadership on initiatives in northeast Minnesota and northwest Wisconsin. Since 1983, it has distributed more than \$53 million and holds more than 400 funds. Learn more at dsacommunityfoundation.com.

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