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Area nonprofits receive $33,000 in grants
Apostle Islands, Chequamegon Bay funds support local initiatives

BAYFIELD—Two regional nonprofit funds serving communities in the Chequamegon Bay area and on the Bayfield peninsula today announced grants totaling $33,000 for regional projects.

The Chequamegon Bay Area Community Fund, which serves Bad River, Ashland and Washburn, awarded a combined $4,000 to the following nonprofit organization for their projects:

- Bad River Watershed Association to further develop a volunteer program that regularly tests and monitors water quality in the Lake Superior watershed
- School District of Washburn for its RURBAN program that links students from urban areas with those from the more rural Washburn district
- Lake Superior Big Top Chautauqua for scholarships that will allow area students to attend a bluegrass music camp at the Big Top music venue, located between Washburn and Bayfield

“These projects not only are exciting and innovative but also strengthen two core elements of our community—our environment and our children,” said Karen Crowell, chair of the Advisory Board of the Chequamegon Bay fund. “We are pleased to be able to help all three and look forward to their progress.”

The Apostle Islands Area Community Fund which serves Bayfield, Red Cliff and Madeline Island, awarded a combined $29,000 to the following nonprofits for their projects:

- CORE Community Resources for a Let’s Do Lunch series of luncheon speaking events highlighting community activities and opportunities
- Lake Superior Tall Ships Inc. for Lessons from a Lake: Learning on a Tall Ship, an educational program teaching participants about sailing on a tall ship
- Recreation and Fitness Resources for a staff training program
- St. John’s United Church of Christ on Madeline Island to develop its marketing staff and strategies for the church’s newly renovated Woods Hall Gallery and Studios
- Madeline Island Community Garden Project Inc. to hire a seasonal intern
- Town of La Pointe to expand its solar power collection center
- Lake Superior Big Top Chautauqua for the Native American Community Connection Series
• Can Do Canines for a puppy training program benefiting prison inmates
• North Country R.I.D.E. for equine-assisted therapy activities

“We want to thank all our applicants and recipients as well as our generous donors who made these grants possible,” said Dr. Eric Grutzner, chair of the Advisory Board for the Apostle Islands fund. “We are pleased to be able to support such a wide variety of programs and good work to make our communities stronger.”

Two workshops planned for area nonprofits

The two funds also announced that they will sponsor two workshops designed to help area nonprofits connect with funders and improve grant-writing skills.

• A listening session designed to understand capacity-building needs of area nonprofits will be held by Dominic Papatola, senior program officer of the Otto Bremer Trust, and officials of the Duluth Superior Area Community Foundation from 9:30 to 11 a.m. June 8 at the Northern Great Lakes Visitor Center west of Ashland on U.S. Highway 2. Please RSVP by June 1 to apagel@ottobremer.org. Please include “NW Wisconsin Listening Session” in the email subject line. The Otto Bremer Trust, based in St. Paul, has invested in people, places and opportunities in the Upper Midwest for nearly three-quarters of a century. In 2016, the trust provided more than $3.5 million to Wisconsin’s nonprofits. It has provided $20 million to Wisconsin-based nonprofits in the last five years.

• A grant-writing and fundraising workshop will be held from 8 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Nov. 15, also at the Northern Great Lakes Visitor Center. Participants will learn effective fundraising and grant-writing skills and as well as guidelines of area funders. To register for this event, please email mdennison@dsacommunityfoundation.com.

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The Apostle Islands Area Community Fund and the Chequamegon Bay Area Community Fund are two of the six affiliate funds of the Duluth Superior Area Community Foundation, which encourages private giving for the public good. The Community Foundation is a permanent community endowment, built by gifts from hundreds of individuals and organizations. Guided by a volunteer Board of Trustees, it makes grants to nonprofit organizations and to individuals for scholarships and provides leadership on important community initiatives in northeast Minnesota and northwest Wisconsin. Since starting in 1983, it has distributed more than $50 million and holds 390 funds. Learn more at dsacommunityfoundation.com.

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