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Madeline Island projects receive $9,000 in grants
Assistance provided through special round of giving from Grutzner, Michael Funds

La POINTE—More than $9,000 was awarded to four organizations serving Madeline Island from two funds that support the island community.

The funds were part of a special grant round announced this summer by the Grutzner Madeline Island Fund and the Michael Madeline Island Fund. Both are part of the Apostle Islands Area Community Fund, a regional affiliate of the Duluth Superior Area Community Foundation focused on Bayfield, Madeline Island and Red Cliff.

Grants were awarded to:
- La Pointe Center, which received $1,500 for a new lighting system.
- The Madeline Island Historic Preservation Association, which received $2,500 for a “parsonage mural” showcasing the area’s cultural history.
- The Town of La Pointe, which received $1,815 for an automated external defibrillator that will be placed at Big Bay Town Park.
- Northland College in Ashland, which received $3,197 for its involvement in the Great Lakes Islands Initiative. Funds helped cover travel for local representatives to attend an informational session on Beaver Island, Mich., this fall. Funds also will help plan a gathering next year on Madeline Island with other unbridged Great Lakes islands.

“We’re pleased to help fill these community needs and provide financing to make project ideas come to life on Madeline Island,” said Meghan Dennison, Affiliate Officer for the Duluth Superior Area Community Foundation. “All of this work helps improve this special community, and we thank the generous donors for making it possible with an extra grant round this year.”

The Grutzner Madeline Island Fund focuses on health, safety, education, children, arts, culture and the environment. The Michael Madeline Island Fund supports education, culture, the environment, human services and historical and cultural preservation.

The Duluth Superior Area Community Foundation encourages private giving for the public good. It is a permanent endowment, built by gifts from hundreds of individuals and organizations, making grants to nonprofit organizations and to individuals for scholarships while also providing leadership on important community initiatives in northeast Minnesota and northwest Wisconsin.

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