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TWO HARBORS AREA FUND
ANNOUNCES GRANTS AVAILABLE & NEW APPLICATION PROCESS

Application Deadline: March 1, 2015

Two Harbors, Minnesota - The Two Harbors Area Fund, an affiliate fund of the Duluth-Superior Area Community Foundation, has announced the deadline for submitting 2015 grant proposals to the Fund is March 1, 2015. The Two Harbors Area Fund supports projects in the arts, civic projects, education, environment, and human services. Grants generally range from $500 to $5,000.

March 1st is also the application deadline for the LaBounty Family Fund which is dedicated to providing assistance to projects which promote economic development in the Two Harbors area. Economic development, in order to qualify as a charitable purpose, must benefit the public directly and significantly and any private benefit is only incidental and insubstantial in comparison to the public benefits. Grants from the LaBounty Fund generally range from $1000 to $15,000.

To be eligible to apply for either fund, organizations must be classified as a charitable organization under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code; or classified as an organization under Section 170(c)(1) of the Internal Revenue Code; and be located in or provide services to residents of the Two Harbors Area Fund primary service area. This area is defined as the Two Harbors High School District.

In addition, The Duluth Superior Area Community Foundation is excited to announce a new online grant application process, starting with the March 1st grants deadline (and including both of the above funds). This new process will help manage the full grants process, including letter of intent, application and final reports. The software promises to be more efficient for applicants, reviewers and community foundation staff.
An **in-person training session will be offered in Two Harbors** to ensure awareness of changes and provide tools and resources to successfully participate in the application process. This session will review the new process as well as provide some general helpful grant writing tips.

Details of the session are as follows:

Where: **Lake County Law Enforcement Center**, Conference Room
613 3rd Ave, Two Harbors, MN 55616

When: **Thursday, January 29th at 10:00 am** - limited space

The training is not required, but space will be limited so please RSVP via the DSACF website [http://www.dsacommunityfoundation.com](http://www.dsacommunityfoundation.com)

For questions about eligibility and the grant application process, please contact Jennifer Hansen, Chair, Two Harbors Area Fund Grant Guidelines and Review Committee, at 218-834-8615. Grant guidelines and application forms are available on the website of the Duluth Superior Area Community Foundation ([www.dsacommunityfoundation.com](http://www.dsacommunityfoundation.com)). You may also e-mail a request for information to info@dsacommunityfoundation.com.

Established in 1998, the Two Harbors Area Fund is entrusted with the responsibility to enhance the quality of life of the residents of Two Harbors and the surrounding areas. Gifts to the Two Harbors Area Fund are managed by the Duluth-Superior Area Community Foundation and the earnings from these resources are available for local grant making. To date, the Fund (and associated funds) has awarded more than $300,000 in grants to nonprofits which provide vital services in our area.

The Duluth Superior Area Community Foundation promotes 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 14-member Board of volunteer civic leaders, the Duluth Superior Area Community Foundation makes grants to nonprofit organizations and to individuals for scholarships and provides leadership on important community initiatives in northeast Minnesota and northwest Wisconsin. Since its inception in 1983, they have distributed over $43 million and currently hold over 350 different funds, each with its own charitable purpose. Learn more at [www.dsacommunityfoundation.com](http://www.dsacommunityfoundation.com).

Regional affiliates of the Duluth Superior Area Community Foundation include the Two Harbors Area Fund (created in 1998), the Apostle Islands Area Community Fund (created in 2000), the Cook County Community Fund (created in 2003), the Hermantown Community Fund (created in 2005), the Eveleth Area Community Foundation (created in 2008), and the Chequamegon Bay Fund (created in 2011).

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