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COOK COUNTY COMMUNITY FUND ANNOUNCES MAY 1 DEADLINE FOR GRANT APPLICATIONS

Grand Marais, Minn. - The Cook County Community Fund, an affiliate fund of the Duluth Superior Area Community Foundation, is now accepting grant applications through May 1, 2013. This will be the only grant round for the Cook County Community Fund in 2013.

The Cook County Community Fund supports projects in the arts, community development, education, environment, human services and youth. Grants range from $500 to $2,500.

Within these areas, priority will be given to projects that: Strengthen community ties between individuals and promote collaboration between organizations within our service area; Address underlying causes of community problems; Respond to community needs that can be solved or softened by receiving grants of modest or moderate amounts; Propose new solutions or responses and require start-up assistance; Seek to create connections among a diverse cross-section of citizens thereby increasing the community health and hospitality of our region.

Applicants are encouraged to apply for matching funds from other grant making organizations. Consideration will be given to applicants that are leveraging matching funds.

To be eligible to apply, organizations must be classified as a charitable nonprofit organization under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code, or classified as an organization to which contributions may be deducted under Section 170(c)(1) of the Internal Revenue Code, and be located in or provide services to residents of the Cook County. To apply or learn more about the funding process, applicants should first submit an inquiry via the website at www.cookcountycommunityfund.com. For more information, organizations can contact the Community Foundation office by phone at 218.726.0232, or via e-mail at grantsinfo@dsacommunityfoundation.com.
The Cook County Community Fund was created in 2003 to enhance the quality of life for people in Cook County by attracting charitable gifts, making philanthropic grants, and providing responsible financial stewardship and community leadership. Since that time, the fund has granted out more than $40,000 for programs in the Cook County area.

Cook County Community Fund board members are: Howard Hedstrom, chair; Tracy Benson, Mike Carlson, Karen Halbersleben, Richard Olson, Mary Petz, Ann Possis, Amber Pratt, Sue Riley, and Ruthanne Hedstrom Vos. For more information on the Cook County Community Fund, visit: www.cookcountycommunityfund.com.

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 13-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 $39.5 million and currently hold over 325 different funds, each with its own charitable purpose. Learn more at 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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