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John T. & Elizabeth C. Adams Arts Fund
To enrich the performances and exhibits of artistic organizations in our region by attracting programs or principals of artistic quality from outside the immediate area. Grant range: $1,000 - $5,000. Application Deadline: August 1. If awarded, funds would be available in October.

Alexandra Smith Fund – In Support of Native American Treaty Rights
The mission of the Alexandra Smith Fund-In Support of Native American Treaty Rights is to support programs that create understanding, appreciation, and promotion of the Native American/Indigenous People Treaty Rights. Grant range: $500-1,000. Application Deadline: February 1. If awarded, funds would be available in May.

Animal-Assisted Therapy Fund
The mission of the Animal-Assisted Therapy Fund is to promote and provide animal-assisted therapy for people of all ages with mental, emotional and psychological challenges, all in the memory of Cordelia Anne Brinton. Grants range: $300 to $2,000. Application Deadline: February 1. If awarded, funds would be available in May.

Anishinabe Fund
To foster cultural awareness of the Anishinabe/Ojibwe traditions and objects, to encourage the migration of ideas from the Ojibwe culture and to encourage respect for the Ojibwe culture. Grant range: $750 - $10,000. Application Deadline: February 1 and August 1. If awarded, funds would be available in May and October.

Apostle Islands Area Community Fund
For initiatives that meet the changing needs of our community in the following six areas: arts; environment; community, youth and family services; civic projects; human rights and adult education. The geographic focus for this fund includes the Town of LaPointe, Red Cliff Reservation, Town of Russell, City of Bayfield, and Town of Bayfield. Grant range: $300 - $5,000. Application Deadline: February 1. If awarded, funds would be available in May.

Apostle Islands Area - Human Rights Fund
For efforts in the Apostle Islands Area Community Fund service area to promote tolerance, understanding and respect for all and to combat bigotry and discrimination. Requests for projects in education, mediation and conflict resolution, and celebrations will be considered. Grant range: $300 - $3,000. Application Deadline: February 1. If awarded, funds would be available in May.

Samuel F. Atkins and Barbara Atkins Memorial Fund
To assist agencies which help low income people with basic human needs; and/or to support projects which improve the welfare of animals or alleviate animal suffering. Requests for operating support are considered. Grant range: $500 - $5,000. Application Deadline: August 1. If awarded, funds would be available in October.

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Biodiversity Fund
The Biodiversity Fund supports efforts to maintain and strengthen biodiversity in the Duluth-Superior region through preservation and restoration of habitat, help for particular species and ecosystems, planning for changing conditions, research, and education. The purpose is to consider now the value to future generations of the species and ecosystem diversity that will remain when/if human population stabilizes. $1,000 - $10,000. Application Deadline: February 1. If awarded, funds would be available in May.

Business Leaders Fund
To support projects, which strengthen and enhance nonprofit organizations and/or improve a community's general quality of life. Grants may be made for technical assistance; needs assessments; program development; special public opportunities; and, programs which provide young people with an understanding of business and careers. Preference will be given to agencies which have unusual one-time projects. Grant range: $1,000 - $10,000. Application Deadline: April 1 and October 1. If awarded, funds would be available in July and January.

Michael Adam Carroll Memorial Fund
To encourage and enable organizations that provide services to disabled youth and their families, particularly in the areas of family support services and respite care. Grant range: $500 - $1,500. Application Deadline: April 1. If awarded, funds would be available in July.

Central Mesabi Fund for Human Services
To assist agencies that help low-income people cope with basic needs such as food, clothing, shelter, and health care. Restricted to agencies that serve communities bordered by Coleraine and Mountain Iron. Requests for operating support will be considered. Grant range: $2,000 - $10,000 Application Deadline: February 1 and August 1. If awarded, funds would be available in May and October.

Chequamegon Bay Area Community Fund
For initiatives that meet the changing needs of our community in the following six areas: arts; environment; community, youth and family services; civic projects; human rights and adult education. The geographic focus for this fund Washburn, Ashland, and Bad River. Grant range: $300 - $2,500. Application Deadline: February 1. If awarded, funds would be available in May.

Community Leaders Fund
To strengthen the community through innovative programs, and to encourage projects that foster strong community leadership. Grant range: $1,000 - $4,000 Application Deadline: April 1 and October 1. If awarded, funds would be available in July and January.

Community Opportunity Fund (formerly the Unrestricted Endowment Fund)
To improve the region by fostering Generosity, Civic Engagement, Inclusiveness and Opportunity Rising in the following five areas: Arts, Community and Economic Development, Education, Environment, and Human Services. An important secondary purpose is to strengthen the organizational capacity of grantees to sustainably and effectively fulfill their missions. Grant range: up to $20,000; transformational up to $50,000. Application Deadline April 1 and October 1. If awarded, funds would be available in July and January.

Cook County Community Fund
For initiatives that meet the changing needs of the Cook County community in the area of arts, community development, education, youth, environment, and human services. Restricted to organizations that are located in or serve Cook County. Grant range: $1,000 - $5,000. Application Deadline: April 1. If awarded, funds would be available in July.

Douglas County Disaster & Welfare Fund
To provide grants for general welfare and basic human needs in Douglas County, Wisconsin. Grant range: $300 - $2,000. Application Deadline: April 1 and October 1. If awarded, funds would be available in July and January.

Duluth Legacy Endowment Fund
To provide grants for the betterment of the community of Duluth, Minnesota. Restricted to organizations that are located in
or provide services to residents within the City of Duluth; must secure sponsorship from an applicable City department. Contact Staff for more information. Grant range: $300 - $2,500. Application Deadline: February 1. If awarded, funds would be available in May.

**Eveleth Area Community Foundation**
Eveleth Area Community Foundation Fund, an affiliate fund of the Duluth Superior Area Community Foundation, actively promotes private giving for the public good of the Eveleth Region. Grant range: $500 - $5,000. Application deadline: February 1. If awarded, funds would be available in May.

**Fair Chance Fund**
To encourage and enable innovative projects which reduce long-term dependency on public assistance programs; to decrease the effects of poverty on children; and, to provide opportunities for economic self-sufficiency. Grant range: Planning grants $3,000 - $6,000 and Implementation grants $3,000 - $10,000. Application Deadline: October 1. If awarded, funds would be available in January.

**Four Cedars Environmental Fund**
To provide financial incentives that initiate, stimulate, enrich and assist programs and organizations involved in the protection, preservation, and education of the unique natural resources found within the Western Lake Superior Watershed. Grant range: $500-$25,000. Application Deadline: April 1. If awarded, funds would be available in July.

**Frank G. DiMaio Fund**
The mission of the Frank G. DiMaio Fund is to encourage and enable organizations serving women who are experiencing violence in their lives in the Cook County area. Grant range: $1,000 to $4,000. Application Deadline: April 1. If awarded, funds would be available in July.

**C.E. Fuller, Jr. and M.K. Fuller Fund**
To support agencies which provide human services for people's basic needs and problems. Preference is given to agencies which help people who are disadvantaged because of underemployment, advanced age, or physical or emotional disabilities. Requests for operating support will be considered. Grant range: $1,000 - $2,000. Application Deadline: October 1. If awarded, funds would be available in January.

**Fund for the Environment**
To promote livable communities throughout the Lake Superior watershed and the Northwoods through public education projects, the development of land use planning models, and community collaboration. Grant range: $500 - $2,000. Application Deadline: October 1. If awarded, funds would be available in January.

**Fund for Women and Girls**
To support women and girls so that they may live meaningful, empowering, fulfilling, healthy and safe lives. Such objectives may include providing financial support to nonprofit organizations providing educational and financial support to women and girls; empowering women and girls to excel in matters of education, career development, health and wellness, and leadership in civic life; working toward gender equity; and providing advocacy and safety from violence. Grant range: $500 - $5,000. Application Deadline: August 1. If awarded, funds would be available in October.

**Global Awareness Fund**
To support projects which increase information and understanding about such global concerns as peace and security for nations; justice and human rights; economic well-being; environmental safety; sustainability and preservation; and citizen understanding of world cultures, political and social systems. Grant range: $100 - $5,000. Application Deadline: February 1 and August 1. If awarded, funds would be available in May and October.

**Grutzner Madeline Island**
To enhance the quality of life on Madeline Island. Grant range: $500 - $3,000. Application Deadline: February 1. If awarded, funds would be available in May.
Hermantown Community Fund
For initiatives that meet the needs of the Hermantown community in the following five areas: arts, community and economic development, education, environment and human services. Grant range: $250 - $1,000. Application Deadline: February 1 and October 1. If awarded, funds would be available in May and January.

Knight Foundation Fund
Supports the success of Knight communities through investments that attract and nurture talent by supporting and networking diverse leaders from all sectors; enhance opportunity by building inclusive pathways to economic opportunity; foster civic engagement by enabling people to contribute to – and take an active part in – the life of their community, in a manner that is equitable and inclusive. Grant range: $5,000 - $20,000 or higher. Requests are accepted on an on-going basis.

LaBounty Family Fund
To provide assistance to projects which promote economic development in the Two Harbors area.
Grant range: $1,000 - $15,000. Application Deadline: February 1. If awarded, funds would be available in May.

Lakeview Arts Fund
To support local arts organizations and other local organizations which undertake art projects. Priority for funding will be to fourteen pre-selected local arts organizations. Requests will be considered for both project and operating support. Grant range: $300 - $1,000. Application Deadline: August 1. If awarded, funds would be available in October.

Levin-Goldfine Twin Ports Jewish Community Fund
To support Temple Israel and/or other mainstream, progressive Jewish houses of worship and/or progressive Jewish educational programs located in Duluth, Minnesota or Superior, Wisconsin. The primary purpose of the fund is to support a rabbi, cantor or rabbinical student in Duluth or Superior through a Jewish house of worship. The fund will support capital projects only if the project is a major renovation or new construction in excess of $500,000. Distributions for such capital projects may be made over three years. Grant range: $750 to $1,000. Application Deadline: October 1. If awarded, funds would be available in January.

Lone Wolf Fund
To promote environmental education particularly through programs which increase access for children with physical and/or mental disabilities; to advance medical science through research particularly for cancer and diabetes; to increase educational opportunities for international students attending post-secondary institutions particularly in the area of academic support. Restricted to agencies serving the seven counties of NE Minnesota. Grant range: $500 - $3,000. Application Deadline: April 1. If awarded, funds would be available in July.

Lupa Animal Wellness Fund
The Lupa Animal Wellness Fund supports programs for dogs and cats addressing cruelty and fighting, emergency services, puppy mills and pet overpopulation, animal research issues, pet adoption and spay/neuter initiatives, and the ongoing support of regional animal care centers in Cook, Lake or St. Louis Counties in Minnesota. Priority is given to organizations which demonstrate financial need. Grant range: $500 to $25,000. Application Deadlines: February 1 and August 1. If awarded, funds would be available in May and October.

Michael Madeline Island Fund
To sustain the quality of life on Madeline Island through the support of nonprofit organizations located in or serving Madeline Island; to provide assistance to the following types of projects: educational opportunities, arts/culture, environment, human services, and historical and cultural preservation. Priority is given to grants that affect children and youth. Ongoing program support is low priority. Grant range: $500 - $1,000. Application deadline: February 1. If awarded, funds would be available in May.

Emile H. Mathis II Fund
The mission of Emile H. Mathis II Fund is to encourage and enable projects in Douglas County, Wisconsin, which help low-income, disadvantaged people meet their basic needs, e.g., food, clothing, shelter, and health care; and to encourage projects which involve animals, attend to the welfare of animals, or alleviate animal suffering. Priority will be given to projects which
demonstrate financial need and to services which involve animals and address a human service need. Special projects, equipment purchases, and general operating support will be considered. Grant range: $500 to $2,000. Application Deadline: August 1. If awarded, funds would be available in October.

Morgan Fund
The mission of the Morgan Fund is to promote economic development and civic pride in the Twin Ports (Duluth/Superior) 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. Requests for capital will be considered. Grant range: $1,000 - $10,000. Application Deadline: April 1 and October 1. If awarded, funds would be available in July and January.

Red Cliff / Miskwaabikaang Fund
The mission of the Red Cliff/Miskwaabikaang Fund is to assist programs and services that will contribute to the traditional values of the Ojibwe way of life through its arts, language, medicinal foods and ceremonies in Red Cliff, Wisconsin. Grants will be made to benefit the Red Cliff Band, Lake Superior Chippewa, community through grants to organizations which are located in or provide service to residents of the Red Cliff Reservation. Please note: the Red Cliff/Miskwaabikaang Fund does not grant directly to individuals and families but to the nonprofit organizations that serve individuals and families. Grants may be made for any program that improves the quality of life of the Red Cliff community. Grant Range: $500 – $1,000. Application Deadline: February 1. If awarded, funds would be available in May.

Riverfront Community Fund
For initiatives, which meet the changing needs of our community in the area of arts, civic projects, education, environment, and human services. Restricted to agencies that serve Duluth’s Riverfront communities of Riverside, Smithville, Morgan Park, Gary New Duluth, and Fond du Lac. Grant range: $300 - $1,000. Application Deadline: August 1. If awarded, funds would be available in October.

Sandbulte Family Higher Education Endowment Fund
The mission of the Sandbulte Family Higher Education Endowment Fund is to support programs and faculty in the fields of science, engineering and business at the College of St. Scholastica, the University of Minnesota-Duluth and Lake Superior College. Grant range from $5,000 to $6,000. Application Deadline: April 1. If awarded, funds would be available in July.

Second Chance Fund
For grants to qualified applicants who previously applied for but did not receive grants due to limited Community Foundation resources. Grant range: $500 - $5,000. Application Deadlines: April 1 and October 1. If awarded, funds would be available in July and January.

Silver Bay Charitable Fund
For initiatives that meet the needs of the low income community in the area of arts, community and economic development, education, and human services. Restricted to agencies which serve the school service area for Silver Bay. Grant range: $1,000 - $10,000. Application Deadline: February 1. If awarded, funds would be available in May.

Jane S. Smith Memorial Fund
To encourage and enable ten pre-selected Duluth organizations which provide artistic and cultural traditions in our region. Requests for operating support will be considered. Priority is given to organizations which demonstrate financial need and programmatic merit. Grant range: $1,000 - $5,000. Application Deadline: February 1. If awarded, funds would be available in May.

Superior-Douglas County Arts Fund
To support programs which assist individuals towards developing an appreciation for the arts, make the arts accessible to all, and expose the community to a variety of multicultural arts experiences. Preference will be given to programs or projects which provide performance and/or artistic opportunities for children in grades K-8. Grant range: $300 - $1,000. Application Deadline: October 1. If awarded, funds would be available in January.
Two Harbors Area Fund
For initiatives that meet the changing needs of our community in the area of arts, civic projects, education, environment and human services. Restricted to agencies that serve the school service area of Two Harbors High School. Grants range: $500-$5,000. Application Deadline: February 1. If awarded, funds would be available in May.

Ben Van Deelen Charitable Fund
to provide funding for the prevention, treatment, and study of mental illness and substance use disorders in youth and young adults, with a focus on funding in the communities of Duluth, Hermantown, Proctor, and Superior, and the immediate surrounding areas. Grant range: $500 - $800. Application Deadline: August 1. If awarded, funds would be available in October.

West Wind Fund
To encourage preservation in Bayfield, WI by providing grants for preservation projects that relate to building or rebuilding/reimaging historic sites and/or protecting historic places on public lands. Grant range: $300 - $2,000. Application Deadline: February 1. If awarded, funds would be available in May.

Wetherby Fund
To provide grants which address the concerns of underprivileged children in the areas of education needs, basic material needs, and an appreciation of nature. Requests for special projects and operating support will be considered. Grant range: $1,000 - $5,000. Application Deadline: April 1. If awarded, funds would be available in July.

Dale Heimbach Wheeler Memorial Fund
To encourage and enable projects that address the concerns of women, children, and/or families; chemical dependency; and women and violence. Requests for special projects and general operating support will be considered. Grant range: $1,000 - $4,000. Application Deadline: October 1. If awarded, funds would be available in January.

Henry and Sarah Wheeler Historical Awareness Fund
To promote historical awareness of the service area’s rich, historical legacy and inspire others to participate in preserving and promoting the region's history. Grant range: $300 - $1,000. Application Deadline: August 1. If awarded, funds would be available in October.

Wirtanen Family Fund
To increase community awareness of our global interdependence; to encourage progressive social change in our country; to broaden participation in our democratic society; to fight racism, sexism and all discrimination; to promote justice in our society; to promote access to universal health care, and to promote the well-being of all people. Priority is given to grants with wide regional impact. Grant range: $500 - $4,000. Application Deadline: February 1. If awarded, funds would be available in May.

Young Leaders Fund
The mission of the Young Leaders Fund is to support organizations that give young adults (ages 21-35) in Duluth and Superior a chance to lead or improve the quality of life for young adults. Priority is given to projects that provide financial assistance for leadership skill development, civic engagement, special events, entrepreneurship, technology, public relations, college and university community connections and awareness of career and economic opportunities. Grant range: $500 - $7,500. Application Deadline: April 1 and October 1. If awarded, funds would be available in July and January.
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