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Funds available for community projects

Applications open Friday September 1 for grants supporting arts, the environment

DULUTH— The Duluth Superior Area Community Foundation announced today that it seeks applications for 12 funds supporting community projects in the Twin Ports and surrounding region.

The foundation will accept applications from Sept. 1 to Oct. 2. Grant priorities include the arts, the environment and other projects supporting and enhancing communities.

Funds open for applications in this grant round include, but are not limited to:

- The Fund for the Environment, which promotes livable communities in the Lake Superior watershed through education and collaboration
- The Douglas County Disaster Fund, which supports nonprofits providing basic services and disaster resilience
- The Grutzner Madeline Island Fund, which supports projects benefitting children and youth, health and safety, education, cultural activities and the environment

The foundation provides grants to area nonprofits for work that strengthens communities and improves lives throughout the region. The goal is to help projects move from inspiration to implementation and completion.

"We are honored to work with visionary, impactful leaders to elevate solutions and explore opportunities in our community," foundation Director of Community Impact Michelle Morris said. "Our team is committed to making the grant application process as seamless as possible."

Projects must take place in or provide service to residents in the foundation's service territory, which covers seven counties in northeast Minnesota (Aitkin, Carlton, Cook, Itasca, Koochiching, Lake and St. Louis) and five counties in northwest Wisconsin (Ashland, Bayfield, Douglas, Iron and Price).

This area also includes seven tribal nations: the Bad River Band of Lake Superior Chippewa, Mashkiiziibii; the Bois Forte Band of Chippewa, Atisokanigamig; the Fond du Lac Band of Lake Superior Chippewa, Nah-Gah-Chi-Wa-Nong; the Grand Portage Band of Lake Superior Chippewa, Gichi Onigaming; the Leech

Lake Band of Ojibwe; the Mille Lacs Band of Ojibwe; and the Red Cliff Band of Lake Superior Chippewa, Gaa-Miskwaabikaang.

A full list of grants and eligibility guidelines is available on the foundation's <u>website</u>. Applicants start by creating an account in the <u>online grant portal</u>, if they have not already established one.

<u>The application deadline is 5 p.m. Oct. 22</u>. If awarded, funds will be available for projects beginning Jan. 1 or later.

For more information, please visit the foundation's website or contact Morris at <u>mmorris@dsacommunityfoundaation.com</u> or Senior Community Impact Associate Kursula Harris at <u>kharris@dsacommunityfoundation.com</u>. Prospective applicants also can contact the foundation's Community Impact team at <u>grantsinfo@dsacommunityfoundation.com</u> or 218-520-1122.

For information about Community Opportunity Fund grants, which will be available in November, please go to the website and click on <u>Apply for Grants</u>.

ABOUT US:

The <u>Duluth Superior Area Community Foundation</u> is a community endowment built since 1983 with gifts from individuals and organizations. It provides grants to nonprofits and to individuals for scholarships while providing leadership on community initiatives in northeast Minnesota and northwest Wisconsin.

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