DULUTH SUPERIOR AREA COMMUNITY FOUNDATION
COMMUNITY LEADERS FUND GUIDELINES

FUND MISSION

The mission of the Community Leaders Fund is to strengthen the community through innovative programs in the areas of human services, arts, education, the environment and community economic development. The Community Leaders Fund encourages projects that provide strong community leadership through:

- developing practical approaches to community problems;
- fostering community leadership - both professional and volunteer;
- increasing civic participation and community vitality;
- building community connections especially between diverse groups;
- encouraging civil discourse about critical issues;
- developing an expanding pool of talented community leaders.

Grants generally range from $1,000 to $4,000.

ELIGIBILITY

To be eligible to apply for funding, an organization 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 service to residents within the seven counties of northeast Minnesota (Aitkin, Carlton, Cook, Itasca, Koochiching, Lake and St. Louis) and/or the three counties in northwest Wisconsin (Bayfield, Douglas and Ashland).

EXAMPLES

The following are representative, but not exclusive examples of projects which could be recipients of Community Leaders Fund grants:

- Projects that promote and attract leaders, specifically leaders from traditionally disenfranchised groups.
- Training opportunities to grow organizational leadership skills.
- Projects that build community consciousness about the issue of social capital and its ingredients (trust, tolerance, and involvement/participation).
- Projects that work to bridge differences by working together on a common project or community concern.
- Programs that support civic engagement and volunteerism.
APPLICATION PROCEDURES

Potential applicants should first submit a Letter of Intent, via the Community Foundation’s website at http://www.dsacommunityfoundation.com/apply-for-a-grant. Once you have contacted us with information about your project/program via the online grant application, staff will contact you regarding fund-specific guidelines and the application process. Applicants can also contact Community Foundation staff by telephone at 218.726.0232 or by email at grantsinfo@dsacommunityfoundation.com.

The Letter of Intent must be submitted using the online grant application portal at least 2 weeks prior to the deadline. Based on the outcome of the LOI, an organization may be encouraged to submit a full proposal through the online portal. The Community Foundation’s Grant Application Process is outlined on the website, along with a step-by-step tutorial for utilizing the online grant application. Please utilize the Community Foundation staff as a resource throughout the application process and contact staff with any questions by email at grantsinfo@dsacommunityfoundation.com or by telephone at 218.726.0232.

The deadlines for receipt of proposals for the Community Opportunity Fund is April 1 and October 1. The Board of Trustees will determine grants at the June and December meetings. If awarded, funds would be available in July and January. Grant awards may not be used retroactively. Complete proposals are to be submitted via the grants portal website before 5:00 p.m. on the deadline date. If the deadline falls on a weekend or holiday, complete proposals are due before 5:00 p.m. on the next business day following the deadline date.

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