

Grant Applications

January 2026

For your information, the Assistant Superintendent and/or the CFO, Executive Director of Business Services have approved the following grant applications during the above month:

Organization	Author/Contact	Project Title	Amount Requested	Terms
Minnesota Sea Grant Center & Center for Great Lakes Literacy	Tonya Kolenda	Tonya Kolenda - Stowe Elementary	\$600.00	Bus, field trip, programming to Great Lakes Aquarium and alphabet nature book purchase
Boreal Waters Community Foundation--Wetherby Fund	Kaitlin Erpestad	Myers-Wilkins Elementary School/PTO	\$5,000.00	The Myers-Wilkins PTO is requesting \$5000 to break down barriers to nature in order to ensure that ALL students can access the school forest and field for learning and play. Funds will include one on-site "field trip" in the school forest for each class from Hartley Nature Center, cross-country skis for the PE teacher, rubber boots for students to use at school during outdoor time, trail building supplies to increase accessibility in the school forest, and funds for loose parts for mud kitchen play.
Western Lake Superior Sanitary District (WLSSD)	Danielle Vang	Ordean East Middle School - School Garden	Bulk Compost	We are requesting compost, so actual money will not be requested. We will use the compost in the school garden.
Minnesota Power	Becky Gamache	Duluth Preschool	\$380.00	We would like to order a "turtle chair" for every preschool classroom. Our social emotional framework (Pyramid Model) uses a character called Tucker the Turtle. He helps the children learn how to solve problems by "tucking, breathing, and finding a solution". These

				chairs would be a designated "tuck and think" spot for the children to learn how to problem solve in a prosocial way.
Boreal Waters Community Foundation	Stephanie Youngman	Lincoln Park Middle School - 6th Grade Skills for Success Class	\$1,012.50	These funds will be used to purchase planners from School Mate for our incoming 6th graders.