Grant Applications

October 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
Hospitality Minnesota Education Foundation	Adam Wisocki	Duluth East Culinary Arts	$5,756.25	There will be a $500 reimbursement for food, $1,500 for equipment to replace small wares and pots and pans, $2,271.25 will be used for new 3rd edition textbooks, and,$1,485 will go towards ServSafe Food Handler certification which is an industry recognized credential.
Dahlberg Scholarship Funds	Calvin Harris	Laura MacArthur/OEE	$500.00	Provides full coverage for student admission and programming costs.
MacMillan Field Trip Grants Program:	Calvin Harris	Laura MacArthur/ OEE	$900.00	Covers transportation expenses up to $18 per student.
MN DNR	Logan Rauch	Denfeld Setting 3 Special Ed	$500.00	Funds would be used to provide transportation to Jay Cooke State Park for students to participate in a Naturalist-led outdoor program incorporating science, community participation, recreation and leisure, and social skills.
Miin	Emily Silverness and Nashay Howes	American Indian Education Coordinator and Misaabekong Immersion Teacher	$25,000.00	1. What positive changes will the funds make to your organization? This grant will create an enormous amount of positive change to our program. It will help our teachers create a stronger network of immersion programming, give us insight

				into curriculum and various assessment development to better track our student's growth at Misaabekong. Currently, our program has a very limited budget to pay for elders or community experts. With these funds we will be able to hire more community leaders and elders to teach traditional activities to our students, which will ensure a stronger understanding of Anishinaabe izhitwaawin throughout the year. We will also utilize the grant to purchase more classroom resources, books, and manipulatives to better accommodate the needs of all our students and create an enriching learning environment. One of our biggest challenges has been attending professional development opportunities here at Misaabekong. This grant will help send our staff on various professional development opportunities, so that we may be up to date on best practices in Indigenous Immersion education and help build our network capacity with other Indigenous Immersion programs. If we are to receive this grant, we would also like to use some of it on field trips or outdoor education opportunities and/or any expenses related to those

				activities. Finally, in our culture we believe when a person transfers knowledge to another we should gift them for sharing, this grant will help support our program purchasing traditional gifts and honorariums for any elders and community leaders/experts to show our appreciation for the knowledge they carry. 2. How will you measure those changes? All curriculum and assessment development will be tracked and then shared with MIIN. By utilizing our data from the previous year and comparing it to how students perform this coming Fall, Winter, and Spring we'll be able to assess student growth and the impact these changes have made. Any items purchased for the classroom will create a more enriching classroom environment and can also be tracked through progress reports. Any funds used for professional development can be tracked through CEU's and travel documentation. Since professional development is monitored qualitatively versus quantitatively we will have our staff fill out a google survey on their experiences and how it will impact their teaching strategies

				in the future. **I am unsure if any financial tracking has to be reported back on this grant but I am assuming it does so I checked yes below. I reached out but have not heard back from them yet on the requirements of this.
Minnesota Vikings	David Bergan	Activities Dept.	$15,000.00	To Fund a Flag Football Club for Girls
Northeast Service Cooperative	Lauren Faherty	Denfeld High - Guidance Department	$320.00	Transportation cost over to Northwood tech for their Career Day, an opportunities for Juniors and Seniors to have hand on exploration in a variety of career fields
Minnesota Humanities Center	Emily Silverness	American Indian Education	$300,000.00	The Department of American Indian Education within Duluth Public Schools (ISD 709) respectfully submits this grant application for $300,000 to the Minnesota Humanities Center's Cultural Heritage Grant program. The American Indian Youth Cultural Heritage & Drum Program is a targeted cultural preservation and youth mentorship initiative designed to ground Indigenous youth—with a specialized focus on American Indian young men—in the rich traditions, language, protocol, and oral humanities of Ojibwe/Anishinaabe and Dakota drum practices. In Native traditions, the Drum (Dewe'igan) represents the heart-beat of Mother Earth, serving as a center of community, spiritual grounding, discipline, and historical narrative. This

				project addresses the ongoing impacts of historical trauma and cultural disruption by creating a structured, intergenerational learning space where Native youth craft traditional drums, learn sacred and social songs, understand the teachings and protocols associated with the drum, and receive direct mentorship from respected Elders and Knowledge Keepers. Over a 20-month period, the project will directly serve over 150 Native students across ISD 709 middle and high schools, engage families in community gatherings, and enrich the broader Duluth community's understanding of regional Indigenous humanities.