

NE MN SHIP Mini-Grant Application: Active Living

Grant/Nettleton Elementary School (*ISD 709 – Duluth Public Schools, Fed. Tax ID # 41-6003776)

Name of Applicant Organization

Stephanie Heilig, Grant/Nettleton Principal

Name of Contact Person within the Organization

108 E. 6th St. Duluth, MN 55805

Address

218-733-2172

Telephone

August 30, 2010

Date

*List the formal name of the organization that will be the fiscal agent that will receive grant funding.

Person completing this grant application:

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Active Living Grant Application

1. Submit a narrative that briefly describes the project. For each of the items below, list the question followed by a response.

a. What is the project? Describe how the project contributes to increasing active living.

One part of the Safe and Walkable Hillside Coalition's Action Plan is to improve the safety for students as they walk and bike to and from school. Students from Grant and Nettleton will both be at Nettleton for two years, before moving to Grant. Making Nettleton safer adjacent to the school now is the immediate objective. If students feel safer and parents know that, the students will be more likely to walk to school.

b. What does this project hope to accomplish? What are the program outcomes?

The City of Duluth will paint crosswalks prior to the beginning of the school year. With the purchase of highly visible traffic cones, an added degree of safety should be achieved. These cones will be used for two years at Nettleton and can be taken to Grant when the school re-opens in the fall of 2012. We will have two years to affect changes in walking/biking routes where a larger number of students are within the 0.7 mile walking radius from the school.

c. What populations will be impacted by this project? Include the estimated number of people impacted by the project.

Students that live north of 7th Street, west of 6th Avenue East and west of 1st Avenue East will have an added degree of safety for walking or biking to school. A population of 20 to 40 students could be impacted.

- d. How does this project impact policy, systems, or environmental change regarding active living?

This marks the initial steps in working with the school and community towards making the neighborhoods safer for students and the rest of the residents. It is a small step, but both principals are committed to using the traffic cones on a daily basis. This doesn't immediately impact any policy changes, but it does nudge the school one step in the right direction.

- e. How does this project address issues identified in the active living assessment?

After city staff were engaged, a plan of action was presented to Grant/Nettleton Principals and the Grant/Nettleton School Collaborative Director. Both the City and the School District are key to moving towards improved school safety for biking and walking. This marks the beginning of an effort to change 6th Avenue East and other key streets and intersections as noted in the Action Plan.

- f. Indicate which action item in the community active living action plan that this project relates to?

Action Item #3.1 Calm traffic on 6th Avenue East, at the intersections of: E. 4th Street, E. 7th Street, E. 9th Street and around Grant and Nettleton Schools through incremental measure that can be implemented in the near term, such as increased driver awareness and additional signage.

- g. What is the implementation plan and timeframe? Include a time line listing major steps in the project.

August – stripe crosswalks; September – order traffic cones and implement when they arrive; Fall – assess needs for brush/tree branch removal or trimming; assess needs for “No Parking Here to Corner” signs and advocate for installation, where needed.

- h. How will the project be sustained when grant funding is not available?

Much of this effort is not dependent on grant funding. Both community clubs, the Grant/Nettleton administration and PTA, the School Liaison Police Officer, the School Transportation Director and other community-minded organizations are aware, educated and/or involved in this project at some level. Fit City Duluth has the redevelopment of 6th Avenue East and the surrounding area as its primary active living objective. Neighborhood Housing Services and Duluth Local Initiatives Support Corporation supports these objectives too.

- i. List other community partners involved in the project and identify their in-kind and/or financial support.

The City of Duluth supplies the staff and materials necessary to implement school safety patrol programs; repaint school crosswalks and provide signs where warranted. Neighborhood Housing Services (NHS) and Duluth Local Initiatives Support Corporation (Duluth LISC) recognize that neighborhoods need more than housing to be a livable community. NHS leads a group that focuses on neighborhood beautification. Duluth LISC has supplied grant funding to Fit City Duluth to begin the 6th Avenue East redesign process and to compile a report on bicycle networks in Duluth, with wide input by current bicycle users.

2. Attach a copy of the community's active living action plan to this application.
3. Complete the attached budget form and include a brief narrative that explains budget items. Include information on other sources that are providing financial support to this project.
4. Authorized representative from the organization signs the attached page.

NE MN SHIP Mini-Grant Application Budget Outline Form

Name of Applicant Organization: ISD 709 – Duluth Public Schools

Budget Categories	Total Project Budget	Dollar Amount Requested from SHIP
Supplies – Paint for crosswalks (City of Duluth)	\$100.00	0
Staff Time (City of Duluth Painting Crew) __3__ staff @ \$ __\$29.00__ per hr for (4) hours	\$348.00	0
Insurance, benefits, and related taxes	?	0
Promotional materials, printing <i>*List items and costs for each item:</i>	0	0
Equipment <i>*must be valued less than \$5,000</i> <i>*List items and costs for each item: On street portable school crossing signs @ \$385.00 + tax</i>	\$1540.00 + \$125.00 tax = \$1665.00	\$1540.00 + \$125.00 tax = \$1665.00
Other	0	0
Total	\$2113.00	\$1665.00

The undersigned approves submission of this grant application with the understanding that, if funding is awarded, the project will be implemented as described in this proposal. Upon completion of the project, the applicant organization is required to submit a report on the results of the project utilizing the SHIP grant reporting form.

 Keith Dixon, Superintendent
Signature of Authorized Representative

August 30, 2010
Date

Submit one copy electronically and one hard copy via US mail to:
jmpeterson@ghci.us

Jenny Peterson, SHIP Regional Coordinator
Carlton-Cook-Lake-St. Louis Community Health Board
404 W Superior St. Suite 220, Duluth, MN 55802

For questions contact: Jenny Peterson at 218-336-5703.

NORTHLAND FOUNDATION

August 9, 2010

Martha Lippitt, REACH Program Coordinator
Unity High School - ISD #709
215 North 1st Avenue East
Duluth, MN 55802

Project #4737

Dear Ms. Lippitt:

I am pleased to inform you that the Northland Foundation has reviewed your proposal for the **School-Family-Community Partnership project** and has approved a grant of **\$3,000.00** for the period (9/1/10 to 5/31/11) to **Unity High School - ISD #709**. If the timeline for your project is different than what is identified above, please notify us and your reporting date will be adjusted.

Enclosed are two copies of the Agreement of Grantee for your review. If you agree with the conditions presented, please have one copy signed by the authorized official and return it to our office by **August 31, 2010**.

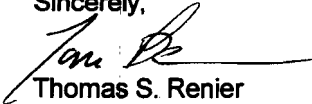
The Northland Foundation will implement a full payment schedule for this grant. If all of the grant conditions are met, this payment will be distributed in the sum of **\$3,000.00 in September 2010**.

The Northland Foundation will be making public news releases through the regional media regarding all of the grants awarded. Please utilize your community media resources to announce receipt of these funds to your project. The Northland Foundation would appreciate being acknowledged as a source of support in all news releases initiated by you. Please provide us with copies of any press coverage and photographs received by your project, as well as any media releases and program materials you produce. These will be added to your file and may be utilized by the Northland Foundation in our public information efforts.

As you will note, one of the conditions of the Agreement of Grantee is the submission of a final report on the progress, outcomes, and financial activity of your project. To assist you in this process, I am enclosing one Final Report form. We will expect this report from you by **May 31, 2011**. Please provide us sufficient narrative to describe the progress and impact of your project. For your convenience, the reporting forms are available on-line at www.northlandfdn.org/Grants/ReportingForms. The completed report can be submitted electronically to carole@northlandfdn.org.

On behalf of the Northland Foundation, I would like to extend sincere congratulations to you and your organization. Please call Carole Saylor, if you have any questions. I look forward to learning about the progress and success of your project.

Sincerely,



Thomas S. Renier
President

Enclosures

cc: Carole Saylor
Carol Chipman



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