

**Grant Applications
March 2022**

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
Duluth Superior Area Community Foundation	Lynn Schwarzkopf/Sam Webster Lester Park ECFE	Ding & Dash Home Visiting Program	\$998.00	To purchase books to gift families when we visit them before the school year begins. Home visits will increase retention rates and build relationships with families.
MN Department of Natural Resources	Rebecca Gamache Duluth Preschool	No Child Left Inside Grant Program	\$5,210.00	To provide stipends for 10 teachers to participate in a Nature Play Observation and Reflection Cohort throughout the school year and to pay for substitutes for teachers to be able to observe at area Nature Preschools. All staff will get training in Project Learning Tree
Duluth Community Schools Funds	Amanda Goodreau Laura MacArthur	Support for Winter Outdoor Play in Preschool	\$1,585.00	Support outdoor play for young children in winter
Northern Regional Implementation Project/ MN Dept of Education	Barry Fischer/Rachel Thapa LPMS	LPMS PBIS Grant	\$1,000.00	We intend to build on our efforts from last year to provide shirts with our universal ROAR (Responsible, Open-Minded, Accepting, Restorative) expectations for all students and staff.

Minnesota Department of Education	Callie DeVriendt, Mental Health/Social, Emotional, Behavioral Multi-Tiered Systems of Support Coordinator	Non-Exclusionary Discipline Training and Support Grant FY22	\$162,000	To promote a positive school climate, reduce out of school suspensions for our students, and build an equitable and inclusive school model for responding to student behavior by the 2025-26 school year.
Northland Foundation	Jeremy Rupp, Denfeld High School	MDE GEERS Grant – Summer Arts, Cultural, SEL & Academic Supports Camp	\$10,000	OEE is working in partnership with the DCSC to design, develop, implement and host a <i>Summer Arts, Cultural, SEL, and Academic Camp</i> . This project intends to provide a midsummer check-in, support, and supplemental service to approximately seventy students from the Duluth School District area.
Minnesota Department of Education	Rebecca Crane, Early Childhood Coordinator/Jason Crane, Director of Special Services	Evidence-Based Quality Intervention Practices Innovation (EQIP)	\$18,625	EQIP would allow our children in Early Intervention to also receive high quality services and ultimately this will lead to better outcomes as children enter preschool, kindergarten, and the rest of their educational journey. We feel we have done what we can to further our knowledge regarding Early Intervention, but we need support going to the next step at this time. The framework, structure, ongoing professional development, and coaching with the EQIP innovation would support our program improvement.
Minnesota Department of Education	Tawnyea Lake, Director of Assessment and Evaluation	MN SPDG Evaluation and Improvement Grant	\$50,000 each year for approx.. 4 years	MDE makes this federal funding available for the purpose of State Systemic Improvement Plan (SSIP) evaluation by 2015-2021 State Personnel Development Grant (SPDG) subgrantee school districts to continue and sustain improvement of graduation rates for American Indian and Black students with disabilities (SPDG Evaluation and Improvement Grant)

MAELC MN Ag Educ Leadership Council	Alison Wood, Denfeld	MAELC Strategic Initiative Grant	\$6644	This grant proposal focuses on a hydroponic design unit that would happen during second semester. Students will use plastic bins, air pumps, net cups, lighting to design their own version of a small-scale system. A larger classroom set up will allow students to plant a variety of foods and experience the pros and cons of vertical vs floating system.
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