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GRANTS AVAILABLE FOR EFFORTS SUPPORTING INDIVIDUALS LIVING THROUGH HOMELESSNESS

March 14, 2025 (Bemidji, MN) – Grant applications are now being accepted to support efforts aimed at improving the outcomes for individuals who have experienced homelessness.

Racial Equity Accountability Grants support a Northwest Continuum of Care project focused on improving the region's current system of coordinated entry, which is the primary way that individuals can access supportive housing services in the NWCoC.

Grant funding may support efforts such as:

- **Increasing cultural competency:** Grant expenses can cover costs associated with providing and organizing training and professional development for staff working with those living through homelessness.
- **Developing stronger relations between those living through homelessness and supportive housing staff:** This may be accomplished by providing more culturally relevant events and opportunities for the community to express their cultural identity and provide healing, such as sweat lodges, traditional ceremonies, drum circles, talking circles, community meals, support groups, or events related to specific cultural and racial identities.
- **Increasing stabilization:** Providing job training and acquisition opportunities for individuals leaving homelessness.

The maximum grant award is \$7,500, with average funding awards expected between \$2,000 and \$7,500. Applications will be accepted through June 4.

Eligible applicants are nonprofits, public agencies, and tribal organizations located within the Northwest Continuum of Care's service area that includes the Leech Lake Band of Ojibwe, Red Lake Nation, White Earth Nation, and 12 counties (Beltrami,

Clearwater, Hubbard, Kittson, Lake of the Woods, Mahnomen, Marshall, Norman, Pennington, Polk, Red Lake Falls, and Roseau).

For more details or to apply, please visit <https://nwmf.org/grants-scholarships/grants/>

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