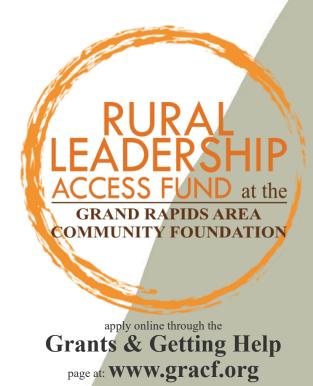
The Rural Leadership Access Fund offers grants to provide access for rural Minnesota residents to attend

community-based leadership programs

where they may currently be experiencing a barrier.

Please take the value of the training you are receiving into consideration when applying for a grant.





Grants are limited

and available for transportation, child or dependent care, and/or lost wages.

Grants are not intended to replace or completely cover the expenses of attending a Leadership program.

Grants are intended to provide some support that will enable you to attend.

Support Rural Leadership

If you are interested in helping others, you can send a tax-deductible donation to the Rural Leadership Access Fund:

Grand Rapids Area
Community Foundation
350 NW 1st Ave., Suite E
Grand Rapids, MN 55744

Please make checks payable to "GRACF"



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provides grants to help reduce barriers to attend community-based leadership programs



To apply for a grant from the Rural Leadership Access Fund, you must:

- ✓ Be attending a qualified community-based leadership program
- ✓ Be a resident of a <u>rural</u> Minnesota community
- ✓ Have a valid barrier which prevents your attendance (You would not be able to attend if you did not have some grant support.)
- ✓ Be willing to invest in yourself!

 Grants are designed to reduce a barrier—not replace expenses, or pay you to attend

Transportation Support:

Grants provide help with the high cost of fuel. We offer small grants of \$0.50 per mile for travel (generally for over 50 miles) to a retreat or workshop.

Child & Dependent Care:

In general, these grants provide support of \$25 per night, per child. Grants are only provided for expenses above and beyond your normally provided daily childcare. Grants are approved for additional childcare needs in order for you to attend the leadership event.

Apply online through the Grants & Getting Help page of our website:

www.gracf.org

or contact the Community Foundation: (218) 999-9100

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Support for Lost Wages:

We understand that it can be an extreme hardship to lose a week of pay. We also understand that you cannot simply be replaced while you are gone. Our intent in providing support is to reduce barriers to your attendance. We cannot replace all your expenses or your pay.

Invest in yourself!

Even though it may be a financial difficulty to attend, you were selected for a reason!