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**NORTHWEST MINNESOTA FOUNDATION SEEKING INFORMATION  
ON COMMUNITY FACILITY PROJECTS IN THE REGION**

**September 11, 2023 (Bemidji, MN)** – The Northwest Minnesota Foundation is seeking information on potential capital projects in the Northwest Minnesota region that would directly enable work, education, and health monitoring.

This information will inform the Northwest Minnesota Foundation (NMF) as it prepares an application to the Minnesota Department of Education (MDE) with the expectation of funding for community facilities projects throughout Northwest Minnesota.

MDE will provide approximately \$50 million to seven regional organizations throughout the state to fund capital projects that directly enable work, education, and health monitoring. NMF is one of the six Minnesota Initiative Foundations, which are included in the seven organizations to be allocated the funding. NMF will serve as the fiscal agent for the funding that is allocated to the Northwest Minnesota region and will sub-grant the funds to regional partners that have eligible projects.

NMF is asking all regional partners that might have an eligible project planned to fill out an online form at <https://form.jotform.com/232274344947058> to aid in developing the application to MDE. Doing so does not guarantee funding for the specific project, however; once funding is determined for NMF, NMF will launch a grant application process to review and rank eligible projects in the region.

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# POTENTIAL FUNDING OPPORTUNITY COMMUNITY FACILITIES

Eligible projects must invest in capital assets designed to directly enable work, education, and health monitoring.



## ABOUT THE FUNDING

The Minnesota Department of Education (MDE) will provide approximately \$50 million to seven regional organizations (including Northwest Minnesota Foundation) to support capital community facilities. These projects must meet three objectives: workforce, education, and health monitoring.

## WHAT IS NMF'S ROLE?

Northwest Minnesota Foundation (NMF) will serve as the fiscal agent and will distribute allocated funding into the Northwest Minnesota region by sub-granting to regional partners.

To secure funding, NMF will submit an application to MDE that will detail eligible projects in the Northwest Minnesota region.

## *We need your help!*



### TELL US ABOUT YOUR PROJECT

NMF needs a comprehensive list of eligible projects in the Northwest Minnesota region as it prepares its application to MDE.



### SUBMIT DETAILS ONLINE

Visit [bit.ly/30R5Ull](https://bit.ly/30R5Ull) to share details about any eligible projects.



### NO GUARANTEED FUNDING

Once NMF is allocated funding, regional partners will be able to apply to NMF to fund eligible projects.

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