

About:

The Rural Leadership Access Fund

The Grand Rapids Area Community Foundation knows the importance of personal, professional and workforce development. One way the Community Foundation supports this development is through providing grants for community-based leadership training programs through the

Rural Leadership Access Fund. These grants provide access for Rural Minnesota residents to attend community-based leadership programs where they may currently be experiencing a barrier. Grants are available for transportation, child or dependent care and / or lost wages.

To [apply for a grant](#) from the Rural Leadership Access Fund, you must:

- Be attending a qualified community-based leadership program.

If you are not sure if the program you are interested in attending is a qualified program, please contact the Community Foundation at (218) 327-8855.

- Be a resident of a rural Minnesota community
- Have a valid barrier which prevents your attendance

Qualified Leadership Programs incorporate the value of building community leaders. It is the intention of this Fund to support Leadership Programs that are specifically intended to develop community-based leaders and future generations of community-based leadership.