



Hopkins
Race & Equity
Initiative

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Hopkins Race and Equity Initiative Awards \$5,000 in Micro Grants

Hopkins, MN – The Hopkins Race and Equity Initiative recently awarded seven micro grants to fund programs designed to engage Hopkins students and community members in projects and activities that align with the initiative’s purpose and goals.

Grant recipients include:

- **Hopkins Early Learning Center:** \$750 to invite cultural liaisons to share their language, songs, instruments, dance, food or stories with Hopkins Early Learning Center students.
- **Hopkins North Junior High:** \$700 to purchase copies of the novel “The Hate U Give” for a book and movie club at Hopkins North Junior High.
- **Hopkins School District – Kaleidoscope Preschool:** \$750 to add multicultural play sets to preschool classrooms throughout the Hopkins School District.
- **Hopkins School District – Music Department:** \$750 for a musical artist in residency program emphasizing diverse cultures and genres in the secondary music program.
- **Hopkins West and North Junior High:** \$1,000 to bring a group of junior high educators, students, parents, and community members together to use cultural humility as an avenue for sharing personal cultures, and learn to show humility with and for other cultures.
- **Meadowbrook Elementary:** \$225 for a book study for newly hired teachers in the Hopkins School District.
- **Shafii Tutoring and Homework Help:** \$825 to help fund three licensed teacher tutors.

The micro grants are funded by an initial \$5,000 grant that the Hopkins Race and Equity Initiative (HREI) received from the University of Minnesota Humphrey School of Public Affairs as part of a Local Government Innovation Award.

HREI is a collaborative effort between the City of Hopkins, the Hopkins Police Department, Hopkins Public Schools and Gethsemane Lutheran Church to increase awareness and understanding of race, equity and diversity and promoting a sense of community that welcomes and values all residents.

More information about HREI is available on the City of Hopkins website at www.hopkinsmn.com/516/Hopkins-Race-Equity-Initiative.