



2011 Community Action Duluth Highlights

New sources of funding

Blandin Foundation:
\$5000 for Community Engagement

Blue Cross Center for Prevention:
\$125,000 for Seeds of Success

Wells Fargo: \$4500 for Stream Corps

St Paul Foundation:
\$32,000 for race equity work

LISC Financial Opportunity Center:
\$187,000 for bundling financial, employment and benefits coaching

Freshwater Future Healing Our Waters:
Grant of \$15,000 for Stream Corps

Community Development Block Grant:
\$90,500 3 year grant to assist a co-hort of single moms to become employed

February

Five new crew members hired by Stream Corps



April

Launched the Financial Opportunity Center. 3 new positions created including financial coach, employment coach and coordinator. 200 people enrolled



May

Seeds of Success hires 17 people in summer 2011

June

New partnership with Lake Superior College to provide speakers on a regular basis to participants in Financial Opportunity Center workshops

August

The Civilian Review Task Force proposes an ordinance to create a civilian review board to oversee the Duluth Police Department. CAD worked on this for several years with community leaders.



August

CAD board of directors votes to join city-wide UnFair Campaign to raise awareness about white privilege & racial disparities.

September

Michael Latsch, Seeds of Success coordinator, named by the Duluth News Tribune as one of the 20 Under 40 awardees.



September

New video produced by Julia Cheng about the success of participants debuts

September

CAD hires five new AmeriCorps members



Treasure, Ashley, Sonya, George, Shannon

September

Staff present at the state-wide Community Action conference and the St. Louis County Human Services Conference



September

Partnership with MN DOT resulted in 3 jobs for program participants and on-going opportunities

October

Stream Corps and Seeds of Success awarded the MN Council of Non-Profits Innovation Award in front of over 1000 people

October

Community Engagement program debuts the "Delta Course" to assist middle income people to understand the reality of poverty

November

Contract with St. Louis County to expand CAD services to people of color who receive public assistance from the county. Resulted in one new position – job counselor.

November

Big View Community Engagement participants secure agreement from HRA to change intake and application process to reduce costs for applicants and improve outcomes for people who are homeless.

December

3 cars donated to JumpStart participants in partnership with NAPA auto parts dealer

