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## **Park City Awards \$15,000 in Grants to School Districts**

**MERRILL, WISC.** – Park City Credit Union recently awarded \$15,000 in technology grants to area school districts in Lincoln, Vilas and Oneida counties to support students during the pandemic.

Northland Pines School District, which serves Vilas County and surrounding areas, will use funds to add cell-based “hotspots.” District Administrator Scott Foster said this will help students whose households are struggling with Internet and broadband connections.

“We feel fortunate and blessed that you chose to gift our students in this manner during such a difficult year for them,” Foster said in a letter to the credit union. “Your kindness is very sincerely appreciated.”

Mike Cheslock, community education coordinator for the School District of Rhinelander, which serves nine townships and the City of Rhinelander, will also use funds to purchase various Kajeet portable Wi-Fi hotspots with service plans for the remainder of the 2020-21 school year.

“The devices will be checked out to students in need of reliable Internet for use during remote or virtual learning,” he said. “This removes a potential barrier for students and helps provide students with an equitable educational experience.”

Other school districts receiving support include Merrill Area Public Schools, Tomahawk School District, Three Lakes School District and the Lakeland Area Consortium Schools. The grant was awarded to Park City due to their partnership with the Federal Home Loan Bank of Chicago, which targeted the grant program to rural area populations hit hardest by COVID-19 and its economic impact.

“Whether it is inside the classroom or learning from home, our mission is focused on bringing educational solutions for students and their families” said Park City CEO Val Mindak. “We are happy to provide support to teachers and students with resources necessary for success during these challenging times.”

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Park City Credit Union is a member-owned financial cooperative providing financial services to approximately 22,000 members who live, work or own land in Forest, Iron, Langlade, Lincoln, Marathon, Oneida, Price, Rusk, Taylor or Vilas counties. To find out more visit us at



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