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GRANTS
DIRECTORY
2020**

*Over 50 Minnesota and National Funding
Opportunities Responding to the Impacts of
COVID-19 and Disaster Relief*



**MINNESOTA
COUNCIL OF
NONPROFITS**

Foreword

Dear nonprofit community,

Every year you help nonprofit organizations secure hundreds of millions of grant dollars to make essential services available to Minnesota communities. As we face an era where the impacts of COVID-19 will likely result in increased demands on your organizations, operational challenges, and funding disruptions, your work in grantseeking will be vital. Unlike other sources of revenue for nonprofits, grant funding can be more nimble, flexible, and quick in times of crises.

For 33 years the Minnesota Council of Nonprofits (MCN) has worked to inform, promote, connect, and strengthen individual nonprofits and the nonprofit sector. The following Special Edition Grants Directory will provide you with an evolving list of funding opportunities. MCN offers profound appreciation for the funders that have stepped up with a speedy public commitment of funds to address the crisis, increased flexibility and partnership, and direct communications with their grantees. The Minnesota Council on Foundations also deserves special recognition for building leadership and collaboration at this crucial time. We are in this together.

While the world may seem grim at present, MCN finds hope and inspiration in the nonprofit sector even though we are experiencing something unprecedented for most of us. We hold that this is a difficult time for many in our sector and world; we also hold a hope that this time can unite and inspire us to work together to build a better world. Minnesota already has all the ingredients - a strong public will, love of one's neighbor, a drive to do what is right. Minnesota often ranks at the top for civic engagement, volunteerism, and charitable giving each year. Without knowing it, we as leaders of nonprofits have been training for this moment for decades. As nonprofits, we often take a whole systems approach to addressing complex needs. In the coming months as we heal and rebuild, we an opportunity to rebuild systems in a way the centers those who have been furthest from justice so we all can thrive. And it starts with funding...

We wish you the best of luck in your grantseeking endeavors and thank you for your hard work on behalf of Minnesota's communities.

Sincerely,

Jon Pratt, Kari Aanestad, Grace Fogland, and the whole MCN Team

Methodology & Use

The Minnesota Council of Nonprofits (MCN) has been producing the Minnesota Grants Directory for over 25 years. This is the first ever Special Edition made available digitally and free for all in light of the unprecedented circumstances posed by the impacts of COVID-19. MCN's Advancement and Member Services teams have been compiling information on responsive grant opportunities as they become available, both within Minnesota and nationally.

As of the publication date of the fifth version of the Special Edition Grants Directory (May 20, 2020), a number of funders have announced that they have committed funds to disaster relief. In most cases, however, the processes for applying to and accessing these funds is still being determined.

Due to the rapidly evolving nature of this work, MCN intends on publishing multiple versions of this Special Edition Grants Directory in order to equip Minnesota's nonprofits with the latest information. Nonprofit grantseekers are encouraged to visit www.minnesotanonprofits.org to download the latest version of this directory.

The community is welcome to submit information about additional funding opportunities by email at grants@minnesotanonprofits.org and comments at www.grantadvisor.org.

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Ann Bancroft Foundation

2356 University Ave W, Suite 404
St. Paul, MN 55114
Phone: 612-338-5752

Website: <https://www.annbancroftfoundation.org>
Email: info@annbancroftfoundation.org
Social: <https://www.facebook.com/AnnBancroftFoundation>;
<https://www.instagram.com/abfdreamers/>;
[@abfdreamers](#)

Important Information

Deadlines: Not applicable

Description of Funding Available

The Foundation has postponed their 2020 Spring Grant Cycle. The staff is planning to honor the grants awarded in 2019, and have developed a policy to help grantees retain their awards while navigating these unanticipated changes.

The Process for Applying for Funds

Not applicable

Other ways the Foundation is Responding to the impacts of COVID-19

The Foundation has compiled a list of COVID-19 related resources on their website: <https://www.annbancroftfoundation.org/covid-19>.

Key Personnel

Name: Not provided
Title: Not provided
Contact Email: Not provided
Contact Phone: Not provided

Financial Summary

Amount of Total Funding Available: Not applicable

Geographic Focus

Not provided

How nonprofits should share information about what they area experiencing in their organizations and communities:

Email: grants@annbancroftfoundation.org

Important Information

Deadlines: Not applicable

Description of Funding Available

Not applicable

The Process for Applying for Funds

Not applicable

Other ways the Foundation is Responding to the impacts of COVID-19

Benevity launched a public 1:1 matching campaign, up to \$300,000, and met their limit in under three hours. Although there are no more matching funds available, Benevity has compiled a list of giving opportunities, which can be found here: <https://mygoodness.benevity.org/community>.

Key Personnel

Name: Not provided
Title: Not provided
Contact Email: Not provided
Contact Phone: Not provided

Financial Summary

Amount of Total Funding Available: Not applicable

Geographic Focus

Nationwide

How nonprofits should share information about what they are experiencing in their organizations and communities:

Not provided

Best Buy Foundation

7601 Penn Ave S
Richfield, MN 55423
Phone: 612-291-9263

Website: corporate.bestbuy.com/social-impact
Email: socialimpact@bestbuy.com
Social: @BestBuyCSR

Important Information

Deadlines: Not applicable

Description of Funding Available

The Best Buy Foundation has put a pause on grantmaking while they strategize on the best way to help their community. As soon as Foundation staff are able, they will update their website with their new emerging strategy.

The Process for Applying for Funds

Not applicable

Other ways the Foundation is Responding to the impacts of COVID-19

Not provided

Key Personnel

Name: Jody Jonas
Title: Manager, Social Impact
Contact Email: Jody.Jonas@bestbuy.com
Contact Phone: Not provided

Financial Summary

Amount of Total Funding Available: Not provided

Geographic Focus

Twin Cities Metro Focus; Some Statewide Grantmaking

How nonprofits should share information about what they area experiencing in their organizations and communities:

Email

F.R. Bigelow Foundation

101 5th St. E, Ste. 2400
St. Paul, MN 55101
Phone: 651-224-5463

Website: www.frbigelow.org
Email: inbox@frbigelow.org
Social: <https://www.facebook.com/spmcfoundations>;
<https://www.youtube.com/user/mnpartnersvideo>;
<https://www.instagram.com/spmfoundation/>;
[@spmcfoundations](https://www.instagram.com/spmcfoundations)

Important Information

Deadlines: The F. R. Bigelow Foundation contributed \$250,000 to the Minnesota Disaster Recovery Fund (designed for intermediary organizations who will then re-grant funds to nonprofits). The next round of applications for the Minnesota Disaster Recovery Fund will be accepted until May 22, 2020. The F. R. Bigelow Foundation's next round of usual grantmaking opens May 12 and closes July 7.

Description of Funding Available

For more information on the Minnesota Disaster Recovery Fund, visit <https://mcf.org/minnesota-disaster-recovery-fund-coronavirus>.

For more information on the F. R. Bigelow Foundation's usual grantmaking program, visit <https://www.frbigelow.org/grant-resources>.

The Process for Applying for Funds

See "Description of Funding Available"

Other ways the Foundation is Responding to the impacts of COVID-19

Organizations with a current grant from the F. R. Bigelow Foundation may use current grant funds to address challenges that have arisen because of the COVID-19 community crisis. Current grant applicants may amend their grant applications to address challenges and urgent needs that have arisen because of the COVID-19 community crisis. If you are interested in making any changes to your current grant or application, please email your program officer. The Foundation is reviewing future grantmaking for 2020 and beyond to ensure it continues to be responsive to community need.

Key Personnel

Name: The Foundation encourages all potential applicants to review their grant guidelines and reach out to a program officer for the specific content area.

Financial Summary

Amount of Total Funding Available: \$11 million for Minnesota Disaster Recovery Fund

Geographic Focus

East Metro Focus; Some Statewide Grantmaking

How nonprofits should share information about what they are experiencing in their organizations and communities:

For the Minnesota Disaster Recovery Fund, get in touch with your local community foundation, Minnesota Initiative Foundations (MIFs), and other intermediaries.

For nonprofits pursuing the F. R. Bigelow Foundation's usual grantmaking program, get in contact with a Foundation program officer.

Black Women's Wealth Alliance ○

1101 West Broadway, Suite 100
Minneapolis, MN 55411
Phone: 612-256-0110

Website: <https://www.bwwa-us.com>
Email: info@bwwa-us.com
Social: Not provided

Important Information

Deadlines: Not provided

Description of Funding Available

The Black Women's Wealth Alliance (BWWA) is an intermediary facilitating small capacity building grants up to \$2,500 in the areas of business, education, transportation, and wealth barrier removal. 25% of BWWA's efforts consist of grantmaking, where a majority is granted to entrepreneurs.

The Process for Applying for Funds

<https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSeOfxjbnfAadpaREggJSAMkeH84NrWoOeWGL-cMdH52hePJRA/viewform>

Other ways the Foundation is Responding to the impacts of COVID-19

- BWWA is offering other services for folks, including but not limited to:
- Help completing a loan or grant application
 - Navigation support
 - Resource mapping
 - Cultural wealth building education and tools
 - Back office support

Fill out the application here: <https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSeOfxjbnfAadpaREggJSAMkeH84NrWoOeWGL-cMdH52hePJRA/viewform>.

They also have their own COVID-19 resources page: <https://www.bwwa-us.com/covid19-resources>.

Key Personnel

Name: Kenya McKnight-Ahad
Title: CEO/President
Contact Email: kenya@bwwa-us.com
Contact Phone: Not provided

Financial Summary

Amount of Total Funding Available: Up to \$2,500

Geographic Focus

Not provided

How nonprofits should share information about what they area experiencing in their organizations and communities:

Email: info@bwwa-us.com

Blandin Foundation

100 N Pokegama Ave
Grand Rapids, MN 55744
Phone: 218-326-0523

Website: www.blandinfoundation.org
Email: grants@blandinfoundation.org
Social: [@BlandinFoundation](https://www.facebook.com/BlandinFoundation);
[@blandinfound](https://www.facebook.com/BlandinFoundation)

Important Information

Deadlines: There are no deadlines. Staff and board committees will respond as quickly as possible.

Description of Funding Available

The Blandin Foundation is still making grant funding available to nonprofits in light of the impacts of COVID-19, but do have some changes in grant terms, deadlines, grant periods, changes in grant authority levels, emergency grants for food, shelter, and basic essential needs. Visit the website to learn more: <https://blandinfoundation.org>.

The Foundation has also contributed to the Minnesota Disaster Recovery Fund, which will channel millions of dollars through community foundations and the Minnesota initiative foundations. More information can be found here: <https://mcf.org/minnesota-disaster-recovery-fund-coronavirus>.

The Process for Applying for Funds

Online at: <https://blandinfoundation.org/programs/expanding-opportunity/grants/apply/>.

Other ways the Foundation is Responding to the impacts of COVID-19

Mission-related investments/Program-Related Investments

Key Personnel

Name: LuAnn Robinson
Title: Grants Assistant
Contact Email: lrobinson@blandinfoundation.org
Contact Phone: 218-326-0523

Financial Summary

Amount of Total Funding Available: This hasn't been determined.

Geographic Focus

Local nonprofits (Itasca County) for basic food, shelter, essential needs, internet access for students in Itasca County. Awarded funds for statewide fund (through the St. Paul Foundation).

How nonprofits should share information about what they are experiencing in their organizations and communities:

Online request form (first two pages), email, reach out to staff:

- Sonja Merrild, Grants Director
smerrild@blandinfoundation.org
- Kyle Erickson, Program Officer
kherickson@blandinfoundation.org
- Linda Gibeau, Program Officer
lmgibeau@blandinfoundation.org
- LuAnn Robinson, Grants Assistant
lrobinson@blandinfoundation.org

Blue Cross and Blue Shield of Minnesota Foundation

401 Harding St., Suite 100
Minneapolis, MN 55413
Phone: 651-662-9538

Website: www.bcbsmnfoundation.org
Email: foundation@bluecrossfoundation.org
Social: [@bcbsmfnfdn](https://www.facebook.com/bcbsmfnfdn)

Important Information

Deadlines: Applications for the COVID-19 rapid response fund have closed due to the overwhelming response.

Description of Funding Available

The Blue Cross and Blue Shield of Minnesota Foundation created a \$750,000 COVID-19 rapid response fund aimed at addressing immediate needs due to the global pandemic. The Foundation received an overwhelming response of nearly 200 applications from across Minnesota and funding requests totaling more than \$3.6 million — more than four times the funds available. Due to that overwhelming response, the application process has been closed. Applications that have already been submitted in the online system will be reviewed and considered for funding, but no new applications will be accepted.

The Process for Applying for Funds

Online

Other ways the Foundation is Responding to the impacts of COVID-19

The Foundation has provided a list of other funding sources related to COVID-19 efforts, which can be found here: <https://www.centerforpreventionmn.com/covid-19-resource-list/>.

Key Personnel

Name: Bilal Alkatout
Title: Sr. Program Officer
Contact Email: Bilal.Alkatout@bluecrossmnfoundation.org
Contact Phone: Not provided

Financial Summary

Amount of Total Funding Available: Not available

Geographic Focus

Statewide

How nonprofits should share information about what they are experiencing in their organizations and communities:

Contact:

- Bilal Alkatout, Sr. Program Officer
- Janet Jablonske, Operations Manager
janet.jablonske@bluecrossmnfoundation.org or
(651) 662-7417

Otto Bremer Trust

30 E 7th St., Ste. 2900
St. Paul, MN 55101
Phone: 651-227-8036

Website: <https://ottobremer.org>
Email: obf@ottobremer.org
Social: Not provided

Important Information

Deadlines: Visit ottobremer.org for more information.

Description of Funding Available

Otto Bremer Trust (OBT) is continuing its regular grants cycle (see grantmaking schedule) on ottobremer.org.

OBT has also established a \$50 million emergency fund through its Community Benefit Financial Company (CBFC) subsidiary to provide financial support to Minnesota, Wisconsin, North Dakota, and Montana nonprofits and other community organizations impacted by and responding to the COVID-19 pandemic. The new fund will provide emergency funding through short-term loans, lines of credit, and emergency grants. More information on the emergency fund can be found here: <https://ottobremer.org/emergency-fund/>.

The Process for Applying for Funds

Online

Other ways the Foundation is Responding to the impacts of COVID-19

Emergency funding, PRI, Lines of Credit, Guarantees, and other financial resources

Key Personnel

Name: Kari Suzuki
Title: Director of Operations
Contact Email: Not provided
Contact Phone: Not provided

Financial Summary

Amount of Total Funding Available: \$50 million

Geographic Focus

Regular grantmaking: Statewide. CFBC Emergency Fund: Minnesota, Wisconsin, North Dakota, and Montana.

How nonprofits should share information about what they are experiencing in their organizations and communities:

Email staff; contact information can be found on ottobremer.org. Phone: 651-227-8036 or 888-291-1123, and you will get transferred to a program staff member.

Bush Foundation

101 5th St. E, Ste. 2400
St. Paul, MN 55101
Phone: 651-227-0891

Website: <https://www.bushfoundation.org/news/our-response-covid-19>
Email: info@bushfoundation.org
Social: [@BushFoundation](https://www.facebook.com/bushfoundation)

Important Information

Deadlines: No deadline - open year round.

Description of Funding Available

The Bush Foundation is cancelling their 2020 Bush Prize program in order to redirect funds to aid people dealing with the economic effects of the outbreak in the Foundation's region. All other grant programs will continue as planned.

The Bush Foundation will expedite consideration for Community Innovation grant applications related to COVID-19. Community Innovation grants fund problem-solving projects that make the region better for everyone. Grantees work inclusively with their communities, make the most of existing resources, and collaborate with other organizations as part of their problem-solving process. Community Innovation grants may be awarded to 501(c)(3) public charities or government entities (including schools). Coalitions or collaboratives are eligible to apply, but only one organization may receive the grant. There is no deadline to apply for this opportunity - it is open year round.

The Foundation staff also knows their grantees are balancing a lot right now, and want to support them by offering flexibility around their grants. They will be reaching out to all current grantees with more information, and to work with them to adapt grant terms as needed.

The Process for Applying for Funds

The Community Innovation application can be found online at: <https://www.bushfoundation.org/community-innovation-grants>.

Other ways the Foundation is Responding to the impacts of COVID-19

The Foundation has already committed to supporting the launch of the Minnesota Disaster Recovery Fund and the Coronavirus Response Fund at the South Dakota Community Foundation with major contributions. These funds will help address needs that arise in those states due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

Key Personnel

Name: Vivian Chow
Title: Communications Director
Contact Email: vchow@bushfound.org
Contact Phone: Not provided

Key personnel can also vary by program. Please reach out to a staff member: <https://www.bushfoundation.org/staff-board>

Financial Summary

Amount of Total Funding Available: TBD

Geographic Focus

Minnesota, North Dakota, South Dakota, or the 23 Native nations that share the same geography

How nonprofits should share information about what they area experiencing in their organizations and communities:

The Foundation staff are actively looking for ways to assist communities around their region during this time of need. They encourage grantees to reach out directly to their contact at the Bush Foundation. Other community organizations are encouraged to contact the Foundation by emailing communications@bushfoundation.org with any questions or suggestions for how they can be most useful to people experiencing hardship during this difficult time.

CAPI USA

5930 Brooklyn Blvd
Brooklyn Center, MN 55429
Phone: 612-721-0122 (Option 2)

Website: <https://www.capiusa.org>
Email: info@capiusa.org
Social: <https://www.facebook.com/CAPIUSA1982/>; @CAPIUSA

Important Information

Deadlines: Not applicable

Description of Funding Available

CAPI was named an intermediary for the Minnesota Disaster Recovery Fund (MDRF). They have allocated available funds to four other existing immigrant-led nonprofit partners working with Southeast Asian, Latinx, and African populations, but are offering other support. Their primary focus is on the immigrant refugee community.

The Process for Applying for Funds

Not applicable

Other ways the Foundation is Responding to the impacts of COVID-19

CAPI is moving into a Triage Model, where several staff will be trained in all services so those in need can talk to one person and be enrolled in SNAP, get health insurance, apply for unemployment, receive assistance with filling out census forms, and more. CAPI is also partnering with other multiethnic groups in Minnesota to help provide quality and accessible services, such as language accessibility. Staff are able to speak different languages, and can help non-English speakers with rental assistance, navigating MNSure, and access other resources the City of Minneapolis is providing during this time. CAPI also runs an Asian-specific food shelf and a grocery delivery program. In order to serve a wide range of people, CAPI has expanded their services to anyone in the community, and are assisting anyone who calls.

Other resources available for clients can be found here: <https://bit.ly/3bjd4dm>.

As things are changing daily and rapidly, CAPI staff are adding to their [main resource page](#) weekly.

Key Personnel

Name: Ekta Prakash
Title: Executive Director
Contact Email: ekta.prakash@capiusa.org
Contact Phone: 612-767-3661

Financial Summary

Amount of Total Funding Available: Not provided

Geographic Focus

Statewide

How nonprofits should share information about what they area experiencing in their organizations and communities:

Contact

- Ekta Prakash, Executive Director
- Monique Hernandez, Development and Communications Manager:
monique.hernandez@capiusa.org, 612-767-7815.

A full list of staff can be found here: <https://bit.ly/2yr2R00>.

CenterPoint Energy - Community Relations

505 Nicollet Mall, 3rd Floor
Minneapolis, MN 55402
Phone: Not provided

Website: www.centerpointenergy.com/CNPGives
Email: CNPGives@centerpointenergy.com
Social: Not provided

Important Information

Deadlines: Not provided for the Relief Fund. Regarding general grants, the Foundation is not accepting general applications in 2020 from orgs in MN, but will be moving to an open grant cycle in 2021. Updated 2021 guidelines and cycles can be found at www.centerpointenergy.com/CNPGives under Corporate Giving.

Description of Funding Available

The CenterPoint Energy Foundation has created a COVID-19 Relief Fund, which will contribute \$1.5 million to nonprofit organizations, agencies, and causes that are committed to supporting those who have been disproportionately impacted by COVID-19. Qualifying applicants for this fund will be nonprofit organizations located in CenterPoint Energy’s utility footprint of Arkansas, Indiana, Louisiana, Minnesota, Mississippi, Ohio, Oklahoma, and Texas. Applicants should be responding to the COVID-19 crisis, and supporting vulnerable and at-risk populations.

Interested applicants should visit the website to learn more, and apply online here:
www.centerpointenergy.com/cnpgives.

The Foundation will NOT be accepting general grant applications in 2020 from orgs in MN, but will be moving to an open grant cycle in 2021.

The Process for Applying for Funds

Online

Other ways the Foundation is Responding to the impacts of COVID-19

CenterPoint is also offering a \$1.50:\$1 matching gift for employee gifts to nonprofits directly responding to COVID-19. This is primarily for organizations providing basic needs. Employees can access this program via the Foundation's internal system, and the company will match up to \$500,000.

CenterPoint will also be suspending, along with other utilities, any gas shut-offs in MN.

Key Personnel

Name: Rachel Shields
Title: Program Manager, Community Relations
Contact Email: rachel.shields@centerpointenergy.com
Contact Phone: Not provided

Financial Summary

Amount of Total Funding Available: \$1.5 million

Geographic Focus

Arkansas, Indiana, Louisiana, Minnesota, Mississippi, Ohio, Oklahoma, Texas

How nonprofits should share information about what they area experiencing in their organizations and communities:

Not provided

Coalition of Asian American Leaders

941 Lafond Ave
St. Paul, MN 55104
Phone: 651-756-7210

Website: <https://caalmn.org>
Email: info@caalmn.org
Social: <https://www.facebook.com/CAALMinnesota/>;
<https://www.instagram.com/caalmn/>;
[@CAALMN](#)

Important Information

Deadlines: Applications for the Stronger Together Fund have closed.

Description of Funding Available

The Coalition of Asian American Leaders (CAAL) was named an intermediary for the Minnesota Disaster Relief Fund (MDRF). They created the Stronger Together Fund, aimed to support Asian Minnesotan organizations who are supporting the most vulnerable segments of the community at this time. The most vulnerable community members in the Asian Minnesotan population include: those who are limited English, individuals who are undocumented, mixed status families, those who are low income, large multi-generational households, micro-businesses, the elderly, and young people.

Applications for this Fund are currently closed. Learn more here: <https://caalmn.org/stronger-together-fund/>.

The Process for Applying for Funds

Applications have closed.

Other ways the Foundation is Responding to the impacts of COVID-19

CAAL also offers the Spark Leadership Fund, which supports individual BIPOC leaders who have a project to address an urgent community need right now. Applications are currently closed, and future announcements will be made if more funding becomes available. More information on this fund can be found at: <https://caalmn.org/leadership-support/spark-leadership-fund/>.

Please visit CAAL's COVID-19 page to see other responses and community resources: <https://caalmn.org/covid-19/>.

Key Personnel

Name: Bo Thao-Urabe
Title: Executive and Network Director
Contact Email: bo@caalmn.org
Contact Phone: Not provided

Financial Summary

Amount of Total Funding Available: Not provided

Geographic Focus

Asian Minnesotan organizations

How nonprofits should share information about what they area experiencing in their organizations and communities:

Not provided

CommunityGiving

101 Seventh Ave. South, Ste. 100
St. Cloud, MN 56301
Phone: 877-253-4380

Website: www.communitygiving.org
Email: info@communitygiving.org
Social: <https://www.facebook.com/EngageBuildConnect>;
www.linkedin.com/company/communitygiving

Important Information

Deadlines: Each response fund has internal deadlines, which can be found here:
<https://www.communitygiving.org/COVID-19>.

Description of Funding Available

CommunityGiving has activated Response Funds in all of its served communities to support local relief efforts to those impacted by COVID-19. All of the grant information can be found at the following link:
<https://www.communitygiving.org/COVID-19>.

The Process for Applying for Funds

Online application

Other ways the Foundation is Responding to the impacts of COVID-19

The Foundation has also been working to stay in touch with local nonprofits with a webinar series they started called CommunityConnections.

Key Personnel

Name: Kathy Grochow
Title: Director of Community Programs
Contact Email: KGrochow@communitygiving.org
Contact Phone: 320-257-9732

Financial Summary

Amount of Total Funding Available: Unknown

Geographic Focus

Alexandria, Brainerd Lakes Area, Carver County, Central MN, Foley Area, Paynesville, Sauk Centre Area, Willmar

How nonprofits should share information about what they area experiencing in their organizations and communities:

Contact staff: <https://www.communitygiving.org/about/staff-board-directors>

Deluxe Corporation Foundation

3680 Victoria St. N.
Shoreview, MN 55126
Phone: 651-490-8165

Website: community.deluxe.com/deluxe-corporation-foundation
Email: DeluxeFoundation@deluxe.com
Social: Not provided

Important Information

Deadlines: The first grant round has closed. A second grant opportunity will occur in the July/August time frame.

Description of Funding Available

The Foundation is currently not making any changes to its current grantmaking in light of the impacts of COVID-19.

The Process for Applying for Funds

Online

Other ways the Foundation is Responding to the impacts of COVID-19

Not provided

Key Personnel

Name: Andrea Kroska
Title: Director, Health, Benefits & Community
Contact Email: Not provided
Contact Phone: Not provided

Financial Summary

Amount of Total Funding Available: Not provided

Geographic Focus

Twin Cities Metro Focus

How nonprofits should share information about what they are experiencing in their organizations and communities:

Email: Deluxefoundation@deluxe.com

Duluth Superior Area Community Foundation

324 West Superior Street, Suite 700
Duluth, MN 55802
Phone: 218-726-0232

Website: www.dsacommunityfoundation.com
Email: info@dsacommunityfoundation.com
Social: <https://www.facebook.com/dsacommunityfoundation/>

Important Information

Deadlines: The next deadline for the Community Opportunity Fund is October 1. All other fund applications will be reviewed on a rolling basis.

Description of Funding Available

The Duluth Superior Area Community Foundation is offering four different funding opportunities during this time:

1. The Northeast Minnesota Response Fund was launched by 5 Duluth-based funding organizations to help local nonprofits on the front lines of the battle against coronavirus. More information on this opportunity can be found [here](#).
2. The Northwest Wisconsin Response Fund, which is doing similar work in NW Wisconsin. More information can be found at this [link](#).
3. Through the [Community Opportunity Fund](#), the Duluth Foundation is utilizing its unrestricted funding to address the needs of organizations facing challenges related to COVID-19 and resulting economic impacts. Core mission grants through the Community Opportunity Fund may be used for core operating expenditures, with a few exceptions as outlined in the attached guidelines.
4. The Knight Foundation COVID-19 Response Fund, which is intended to support the immediate needs of organizations located in Duluth. Grants will be based on the following priorities: Arts organizations, Local news reporting, and Community engagement.

The Process for Applying for Funds

Online - Proposals for these Knight funds begin with a very brief "letter of intent" through the online application portal found on the website. LOIs submitted under the "COVID-19" grant program in the portal will be reviewed within 24 hours of submittal. Proposals submitted by noon on Thursday will be included in the next review of proposals. If you have questions about any of these opportunities, please contact the Community Philanthropy Department at grantsinfo@dsacommunityfoundation.com.

Other ways the Foundation is Responding to the impacts of COVID-19

The Duluth Superior Area Community Foundation staff would also like to reassure existing grantees that they are open to providing extensions and amendments to projects needing to adapt.

Key Personnel

Name: Michelle Morris
Title: Director of Community Philanthropy
Contact Email: mmorris@dsacommunityfoundation.com
Contact Phone: 218-726-0232

Financial Summary

Amount of Total Funding Available: Not provided

Geographic Focus

Varies depending on the funding opportunity

How nonprofits should share information about what they area experiencing in their organizations and communities:

Call 218-726-0232, or email: grantsinfo@dsacommunityfoundation.com

Greater Twin Cities United Way

404 S 8th St.
Minneapolis, MN 55404
Phone: 612-340-7400

Website: www.gtcuw.org
Email: grantees@gtcuw.org
Social: <https://www.facebook.com/unitedwaytwincities>;
<https://www.instagram.com/unitedwaytc/>;
[@UnitedWayTC](#)

Important Information

Deadlines: The first round has closed.

Description of Funding Available

Greater Twin Cities United Way opened a COVID-19 Response & Recovery Fund, aimed to support nonprofit organizations and partnerships expanding the reach of current services, and/or finding new and creative ways to carry out services to support their community’s emergency needs in rapid response to COVID-19. The first wave closed April 22.

Applicants are welcome to call or email rfp@gtcuw.org or 612-340-7691 during normal business hours to discuss any questions. Learn more here: <https://bit.ly/2VfgNBR>.

The Process for Applying for Funds

Online application

Other ways the Foundation is Responding to the impacts of COVID-19

Greater Twin Cities United Way is also providing policy advocacy and technical assistance. The staff is committed to addressing needs for flexibility as they arise.

Key Personnel

Name: Caryn Thor Lesser
Title: Manager, Community Impact Operations
Contact Email: grantees@gtcuw.org
Contact Phone: 612-340-7400

Financial Summary

Amount of Total Funding Available: \$400,000

Geographic Focus

9-county metro region: Anoka, Carver, Chisago, Dakota, Hennepin, Isanti, Ramsey, Scott and western Washington counties

How nonprofits should share information about what they area experiencing in their organizations and communities:

GTCUW funded nonprofits should contact their program officers with questions/concerns, or email grantees@gtcuw.org.

HandsOn Twin Cities

672 Transfer Road
Saint Paul, MN 55114
Phone: 612-379-4900

Website: <https://www.handsontwincities.org>
Email: info@handsontwincities.org
Social: <https://www.facebook.com/HandsOnTC>;
<https://www.instagram.com/handsontwincities/>;
[@HOTC](#)

Important Information

Deadlines: Varies depending on volunteer opportunity

Description of Funding Available

Not applicable

The Process for Applying for Funds

Varies depending on volunteer opportunity

Other ways the Foundation is Responding to the impacts of COVID-19

HandsOn Twin Cities has cultivated a list of volunteer opportunities during this time, which can be found here: https://www.handsontwincities.org/need/?s=1&need_init_id=2955.

Key Personnel

Name: Not provided
Title: Not provided
Contact Email: Not provided
Contact Phone: Not provided

Financial Summary

Amount of Total Funding Available: Not applicable

Geographic Focus

Twin Cities Metro Area

How nonprofits should share information about what they are experiencing in their organizations and communities:

Not provided

Headwaters Foundation for Justice

2801 21st Ave. S Ste. 132-B
Minneapolis, MN 55407
Phone: 612-879-0602

Website: www.headwatersfoundation.org
Email: info@headwatersfoundation.org
Social: Not provided

Important Information

Deadlines: Not provided

Description of Funding Available

Communities First Fund - <https://headwatersfoundation.org/give/communities-first-fund>. Grantees will be invited to apply in April and May.

View grant recipients from the first and second waves here: <https://headwatersfoundation.org/>.

The Process for Applying for Funds

By invitation only

Other ways the Foundation is Responding to the impacts of COVID-19

Not provided

Key Personnel

Name: Allison Johnson Heist
Title: Senior Program Officer, Learning and Leadership
Contact Email: Not provided
Contact Phone: 612-400-6264

Financial Summary

Amount of Total Funding Available: Over \$1,000,000

Geographic Focus

Statewide

How nonprofits should share information about what they are experiencing in their organizations and communities:

Not provided

Hunger Solutions Minnesota

555 Park Street, Suite 400
St. Paul, MN 55103
Phone: 651-486-9860

Website: <http://www.hungersolutions.org>
Email: Not provided
Social: <https://www.facebook.com/HungerSolutionsMN/>;
<https://www.instagram.com/hungersolutionsmn/>;
[@HungerSolutions](#)

Important Information

Deadlines: Applications have closed due to the overwhelming response.

Description of Funding Available

Hunger Solutions Minnesota was named an intermediary for the Minnesota Disaster Relief Fund (MDRF). The first round of applications for their emergency grants far exceeded available funds, so they have cancelled the second round. However, they are providing other resources and means of support.

The Process for Applying for Funds

Not applicable

Other ways the Foundation is Responding to the impacts of COVID-19

Hunger Solutions is working to leverage their statewide Food Helpline to make sure everyone in need is able to access food at this time (1-888-711-1151/ [Find Help Map](#)/ [Meals for Kids Map](#)). Visit the website to find more information about these resources.

Staff and partners are also working to ensure the various food assistance resources are kept up-to-date, and that they are able to respond to all inquiries in a timely manner. Translation services are available in multiple languages.

Key Personnel

Name: Leah Gardner
Title: Policy Director
Contact Email: lgardner@hungersolutions.org
Contact Phone: 651-789-9850

Financial Summary

Amount of Total Funding Available: \$250,000

Geographic Focus

Statewide

How nonprofits should share information about what they are experiencing in their organizations and communities:

Contact Leah Gardner by email or phone

Initiative Foundation

405 First St. SE
Little Falls, MN 56345
Phone: 320-632-9255

Website: www.ifound.org
Email: info@ifound.org
Social: <https://www.facebook.com/ifound/>;
<https://www.instagram.com/ifoundmn/>;
[@ifoundmn](#)

Important Information

Deadlines: Regular 2020 grant deadlines are: May 1, August 7, and November 6

Description of Funding Available

The Foundation was named an intermediary for the Minnesota Disaster Relief Fund (MDRF), but have distributed all available funds. They are currently continuing grantmaking with their own remaining grant budget (which is small), and others that they can raise. Due to the COVID-19 health crisis, the Foundation has temporarily changed their grant guidelines and deadlines. They have also significantly changed their focus – from an historic emphasis on capacity building and community engagement, to support for nonprofits providing immediate access to essential needs (food, shelter, access to medical care, etc.) to serve those most affected by the COVID-19 pandemic. These temporary guidelines will extend until at least September 2020. Staff anticipate that applications will be highly competitive, but will strive to achieve geographical diversity (impact across their entire 14 county/163 City/two sovereign Tribal nations) in selecting which proposals they can fund.

More info can be found at: https://www.ifound.org/community/grants/#guidelines_tab.

The Process for Applying for Funds

Online

Other ways the Foundation is Responding to the impacts of COVID-19

The Initiative Foundation, in partnership with its five Minnesota Initiative Foundation partners, launched the Emergency Child Care Grant program to provide immediate financial support to licensed family and center-based child care providers in Greater Minnesota. First-round grant awards have depleted the available funds of \$150,000, however Foundation staff continue to seek additional resources, and will act on a second round of grants should funding be secured.

Key Personnel

Name: Don Hickman
Title: VP for Community and Workforce Development
Contact Email: Not provided
Contact Phone: 320-631-2043

Financial Summary

Amount of Total Funding Available: Not provided

Geographic Focus

The following counties and tribal regions: Benton; Cass; Chisago; Crow Wing; Isanti; Kanabec; Leech Lake Band of Ojibwe; Mille Lacs and the Mille Lacs Band of Ojibwe; Morrison; Pine; Sherburne; Stearns; Todd; Wadena; and Wright.

How nonprofits should share information about what they area experiencing in their organizations and communities:

Contact staff: <https://www.ifound.org/about-us/staff-board/staff-2/>

Lloyd K. Johnson Foundation

130 West Superior Street Suite 710
Duluth, MN 55802
Phone: 218-726-9000

Website: www.lloydkjohnsonfoundation.org
Email: jgardner@lloydkjohnsonfoundation.org
Social: Not provided

Important Information

Deadlines: Not provided

Description of Funding Available

The LKJ Foundation is working to build a fund for the community to contribute to so that it can be available for nonprofits to seek emergency grants, or funds for long-term recovery efforts. This discussion was just held recently, so they hope to have the fund set up within the next week with a quick turn-around response.

The Process for Applying for Funds

The staff will know more in the coming week about how this fund will operate.

Other ways the Foundation is Responding to the impacts of COVID-19

The Foundation staff is talking with current grantees about the Foundation's willingness to be flexible with timelines, deadlines, etc., during this time, as well as communicating with organizations that have submitted their LOI's for the next grant round about the Foundation's openness to potential changes in requests. Overall, the LKJ staff is committed to being flexible during this time to help in whatever way they can, and will continue to look at other ways they can support nonprofits during these challenging times.

Key Personnel

Name: Joan Gardner-Goodno
Title: Executive Director
Contact Email: jgardner@lloydkjohnsonfoundation.org
Contact Phone: 218-726-9000

Financial Summary

Amount of Total Funding Available: Not sure at this point

Geographic Focus

The counties of Cook, Lake and southern St. Louis County. Southern St. Louis County is defined as communities south of Cotton, Minnesota and includes the communities of Duluth, Hermantown, and Proctor.

How nonprofits should share information about what they area experiencing in their organizations and communities:

The Foundation will be working to connect with nonprofits in their service area either through the Grantors Alliance (a group of funders in the Duluth area that are trying to understand need while streamlining the number of calls between nonprofits and funders), or through their efforts to connect with those nonprofits outside of their service area directly. Staff will know more in the coming week about who a key contact will be, however organizations can always contact Joan Gardner-Goodno to talk further about their situations and what can be done to help by phone or email.

Mardag Foundation

101 5th St. E, Ste. 2400
St. Paul, MN 55101
Phone: 651-224-5463

Website: www.mardag.org
Email: info@mardag.org
Social: <https://www.facebook.com/spmcfoundations>;
<https://www.instagram.com/spmfoundation/>;
[@spmcfoundations](#)

Important Information

Deadlines: The Mardag Foundation contributed \$100,000 to the Minnesota Disaster Recovery Fund (designed for intermediary organizations who will then re-grant funds to nonprofits). The next round of applications for the Minnesota Disaster Recovery Fund will be accepted until May 22, 2020. The Mardag Foundation's next round of usual grantmaking opens May 12 and closes July 7.

Description of Funding Available

For more information on the Minnesota Disaster Recovery Fund, visit <https://mcf.org/minnesota-disaster-recovery-fund-coronavirus>.

For more information on the Mardag Foundation's usual grantmaking program, visit <https://www.mardag.org/grant-resources>.

The Process for Applying for Funds

See "Description of Funding Available"

Other ways the Foundation is Responding to the impacts of COVID-19

Organizations with a current grant from the Mardag Foundation may use current grant funds to address challenges that have arisen because of the COVID-19 community crisis. Current grant applicants may amend their grant applications to address challenges and urgent needs that have arisen because of the COVID-19 community crisis. If you are interested in making any changes to your current grant or application, please email your program officer. The Foundation is reviewing future grantmaking for 2020 and beyond to ensure it continues to be responsive to community need.

Key Personnel

Name: The Foundation encourages all potential applicants to review their grant guidelines and reach out to a program officer for the specific content area.

Financial Summary

Amount of Total Funding Available: \$11 million for Minnesota Disaster Recovery Fund

Geographic Focus

East Metro Focus; Some Statewide Grantmaking

How nonprofits should share information about what they are experiencing in their organizations and communities:

For the Minnesota Disaster Recovery Fund, get in touch with your local community foundation, Minnesota Initiative Foundations (MIFs), and other intermediaries.

For nonprofits pursuing the Mardag Foundation's usual grantmaking program, get in contact with a Foundation program officer: <https://www.spmcf.org/nonprofits/grants-for-nonprofits/program-officers>.

McNeely Foundation

444 Pine St.
St. Paul, MN 55101
Phone: 651-228-4503

Website: www.mcneelyfoundation.org
Email: kreynolds@mcneelyfoundation.org
Social: Not provided

Important Information

Deadlines: Not provided

Description of Funding Available

The Foundation is not making grant funding available at this time, but potentially in the future.

The Process for Applying for Funds

Not provided

Other ways the Foundation is Responding to the impacts of COVID-19

TBD - the Foundation staff will see what the highest need is in their geographic area and respond.

Key Personnel

Name: Karen Reynolds
Title: Foundation Administrator and Grants Manager
Contact Email: Not provided
Contact Phone: 651-228-4503

Financial Summary

Amount of Total Funding Available: Not provided

Geographic Focus

Not provided

How nonprofits should share information about what they area experiencing in their organizations and communities:

Email, social media

Metro Regional Arts Council

2324 University Avenue West, Suite 114
Saint Paul, MN 55114
Phone: 651-645-0402

Website: <https://mrac.org>
Email: mrac@mrac.org
Social: <https://www.facebook.com/MetropolitanRegionalArtsCouncil/>;
<https://www.instagram.com/metroregionalartscouncil/>

Important Information

Deadlines: Applications for the Emergency Relief Fund are currently closed until further notice.

Description of Funding Available

The Metropolitan Regional Arts Council (MRAC) created an Emergency Relief Fund which provided grants of up to \$2,500 for immediate expense needs (salaries, artist fees, etc.) due to loss of earned income (from COVID-19) for arts organizations and informal arts groups with budgets under \$400,000.

Applications are currently closed until further notice. There are no remaining funds, but they are holding onto applications while they wait on a response from additional funding sources.

Questions should be directed to: emergencyrelief@mrac.org. More information can be found here: <https://mrac.org/grants/emergency-relief-fund/>.

The Process for Applying for Funds

The Emergency Relief fund has closed.

Other ways the Foundation is Responding to the impacts of COVID-19

Not provided

Key Personnel

Visit staff page: <https://mrac.org/staff/>

Financial Summary

Amount of Total Funding Available: Not provided

Geographic Focus

7-county metropolitan area: Anoka, Carver, Dakota, Hennepin, Ramsey, Scott, and Washington counties

How nonprofits should share information about what they are experiencing in their organizations and communities:

Use MRAC's general email: mrac@mrac.org, or contact staff: <https://mrac.org/staff/>

The Minneapolis Foundation

80 South Eighth Street, 800 IDS Center
Minneapolis, MN 55402
Phone: 612-672-3878

Website: <https://www.minneapolisfoundation.org/actions-were-taking-to-navigate-the-coronavirus-pandemic/>
Email: e-mail@mplsfoundation.org
Social: Not provided

Important Information

Deadlines: Applications for the OneMPLS Fund have closed due to the overwhelming response.

Description of Funding Available

The Foundation created a OneMPLS Fund designed to be nimble and responsive to emerging needs aligned with the Foundation's mission. The grants supported local nonprofit organizations that:

- Provided services to address the economic impact on individuals whose employment has been reduced or eliminated as a result of the pandemic (particularly the most vulnerable segments of the workforce);
- Met basic needs for vulnerable populations, particularly older adults and youth.

The Foundation received a response of roughly 300 organizations totaling more than \$13 million in funding requests — far more than they have available to grant. Due to that overwhelming response, the application process for OneMPLS grants has been paused so the Minneapolis Foundation can plan their next phase of community investment. Any applications that remain when the portal closes will be reviewed at a slower rate; they will notify those organizations of grantmaking decisions in the coming weeks, but no new applications will be accepted.

A complete list of grant recipients can be found at their [website](#).

The Process for Applying for Funds

Currently paused while the Foundation plans their next phase of community investment.

Other ways the Foundation is Responding to the impacts of COVID-19

Not provided

Key Personnel

Name: Jo-Anne Stately
Title: Director of Impact Strategy, Economic Vitality
Contact Email: jstately@mplsfoundation.org
Contact Phone: 612-672-3831

Financial Summary

Amount of Total Funding Available: More than \$1.5 million distributed

Geographic Focus

Statewide; priority will be given to applicants in the seven-county Twin Cities metro area, with a preference for organizations that service Minneapolis residents.

How nonprofits should share information about what they area experiencing in their organizations and communities:

Email:

- Patrice Relerford: prelerford@mplsfoundation.org
- Jo-Anne Stately: jstately@mplsfoundation.org

Minnesota Council on Foundations

800 Washington Ave North, Suite 703
Minneapolis, MN 55401
Phone: 612-338-1989

Website: <https://mcf.org>
Email: info@mcf.org
Social: <https://www.facebook.com/MNFoundations/>;
[@FollowMCF](#)

Important Information

Deadlines: The next round of applications for the Minnesota Disaster Recovery Fund will be accepted until May 22.

Description of Funding Available

The Minnesota Council on Foundations and Saint Paul & Minnesota Foundation have created the Minnesota Disaster Recovery Fund (MDRF) to support community needs as a direct result of the COVID-19 pandemic. The MDRF funds both short and long-term needs that arise within communities due to COVID-19, and/or future disasters that occur within the state of Minnesota.

Note: Funds will be directed first to community foundations, Minnesota Initiative Foundations, and other intermediaries to be distributed via their grant processes to the community, but are intended for nonprofits.

More information is available at: <https://mcf.org/minnesota-disaster-recovery-fund-coronavirus>.

The Process for Applying for Funds

See "Description of Funding Available"

Other ways the Foundation is Responding to the impacts of COVID-19

Not provided

Key Personnel

Name: Not provided
Title: Not provided
Contact Email: Not provided
Contact Phone: Not provided

Financial Summary

Amount of Total Funding Available: \$11 million

Geographic Focus

Statewide

How nonprofits should share information about what they are experiencing in their organizations and communities:

Get in touch with your local community foundation, Minnesota Initiative Foundations (MIFs), and other intermediaries.

Minnesota Department of Employment and Economic Development (DEED)

332 Minnesota Street, Suite E200
St. Paul, MN 55101
Phone: 651-259-7114

Website: <https://mn.gov/deed/>
Email: DEED.CustomerService@state.mn.us
Social: [@mndeed](http://www.facebook.com/mndeed)

Important Information

Deadlines: Not applicable

Description of Funding Available

Not applicable

The Process for Applying for Funds

Not applicable

Other ways the Foundation is Responding to the impacts of COVID-19

DEED is committed to doing what they can to work with their grantees. Cash advancements and technical assistance are available. If you think you might need an advance payment or grant extension, please contact your DEED Program Coordinator. Visit <https://mn.gov/deed/> to learn more.

Key Personnel

Name: Not provided
Title: Not provided
Contact Email: Not provided
Contact Phone: Not provided

Financial Summary

Amount of Total Funding Available: Not provided

Geographic Focus

Statewide

How nonprofits should share information about what they area experiencing in their organizations and communities:

Email or call your Program Coordinator

Mortenson Family Foundation

700 Meadow Lane North, Suite 615
Minneapolis, MN 55422
Phone: 763-287-5388

Website: <https://mortensonfamily.org>
Email: Contact staff
Social: Not applicable

Important Information

Deadlines: Not applicable

Description of Funding Available

The Foundation is expediting pledge payments and restructuring prior grant restrictions if requested, with the understanding that modification of goals may be needed with the pandemic's long-term impacts. Staff want to be flexible with changing conditions.

A full list of the Foundation's response to COVID-19 can be found here: <https://mortensonfamily.org/covid-19/>.

The Process for Applying for Funds

Not provided

Other ways the Foundation is Responding to the impacts of COVID-19

Mission Investments, partner convenings, technical assistance

Key Personnel

Name: Donna Dalton
Title: Executive Director
Contact Email: donna.dalton@mortensonfamily.org
Contact Phone: 763-287-5388

Financial Summary

Amount of Total Funding Available: Not applicable

Geographic Focus

Statewide, with a focus on the Twin Cities Metro

How nonprofits should share information about what they area experiencing in their organizations and communities:

Connect to staff via phone or email, found at:
<https://mortensonfamily.org/contact-us/>

Nonprofit Insurance Alliance

Multiple locations

Website: <https://insurancefor nonprofits.org/apply-for-gilbert-fund/>
Email: Not provided
Social: <https://www.facebook.com/insurancefor nonprofits/>;
<https://www.instagram.com/nonprofitsinsurance/>;
[@ins4nonprofits](#)

Important Information

Deadlines: Applications for the NIA Gilbert Fund have closed.

Description of Funding Available

The Nonprofit Insurance Alliance (NIA) has received hundreds of applications for their NIA Gilbert Fund, and have closed new submissions for the year. They will let members know when they open their 2021 application cycle.

The Process for Applying for Funds

Not applicable

Other ways the Foundation is Responding to the impacts of COVID-19

Not provided

Key Personnel

Name: Not provided
Title: Not provided
Contact Email: Not provided
Contact Phone: Not provided

Financial Summary

Amount of Total Funding Available: Not applicable

Geographic Focus

Statewide

How nonprofits should share information about what they area experiencing in their organizations and communities:

Not provided

Northland Foundation

202 West Superior St., Suite 610
Duluth, MN 55802
Phone: 218-723-4040

Website: www.northlandfdn.org
Email: info@northlandfdn.org
Social: [@northlandfdn](#)

Important Information

Deadlines: Grants: July 1, October 1, January 1

Description of Funding Available

The Foundation has suspended their grant program for their next funding round (April 1st). Instead, they will be making a series of grants to organizations in the coming weeks to support response efforts addressing the needs of the most vulnerable and impacted populations in their region. At this point the Foundation is not accepting unsolicited requests. If further delays are needed, they will let you know through email and web updates. For all grantees, the staff is committed to being flexible with deadlines, and realize that planned activities may need to be redone.

The Process for Applying for Funds

The staff encourages organizations working in Northeast Minnesota to reach out and discuss their needs.

Other ways the Foundation is Responding to the impacts of COVID-19

The Foundation is a Community Development Financial Institution (CDFI) that can provide lines of credit. Most nonprofits the Foundation has worked with, however, have not traditionally been interested in loans.

The Foundation, in partnership with its five Minnesota Initiative Foundation partners, also launched the Emergency Child Care Grant program to provide immediate financial support to licensed family and center-based child care providers in Greater Minnesota. First-round grant awards have depleted the available funds of \$150,000, however Foundation staff continue to seek additional resources, and will act on a second round of grants should funding be secured.

Key Personnel

Name: Erik Torch
Title: Director of Grantmaking
Contact Email: erik@northlandfdn.org
Contact Phone: 218-723-4040

Financial Summary

Amount of Total Funding Available: Not provided

Geographic Focus

Aitkin, Carlton, Cook, Itasca, Koochiching, Lake, and St. Louis Counties

How nonprofits should share information about what they area experiencing in their organizations and communities:

Email

Northside Funders Group

1015 N 4th Ave #202
Minneapolis, MN 55405
Phone: 612-351-8200

Website: <http://northsidefunders.org>
Email: info@northsidefunders.org
Social: [@NorthsideFndrs](https://www.facebook.com/northsidefunders)

Important Information

Deadlines: Northside Funders is taking applications on a rolling basis, starting with the first deadline of April 15th, and then every Wednesday by 5:00 p.m. The grant committee reviews applications every Friday afternoon, with final notifications taking place no later than the following Monday. Applications will be accepted until funds are exhausted.

Description of Funding Available

Northside Funders was named an intermediary for the Minnesota Disaster Relief Fund (MDRF). There is a total of \$150,000 dedicated to small businesses and independent contractors, grants are capped at \$5,000.

The Process for Applying for Funds

Online application

Other ways the Foundation is Responding to the impacts of COVID-19

Northside Funders is coupling the grant funds with access to free technical assistance to help businesses apply for resources under the CARES Act, the City of Minneapolis Gap Funding, DEED loans, advocacy, HR/employment assistance including understanding and navigating the unemployment system, short-term and long-term business planning.

Key Personnel

Name: Sarah Clyne
Title: Executive Director
Contact Email: sclyne@northsidefunders.org
Contact Phone: 612-623-1650

Financial Summary

Amount of Total Funding Available: \$150,000. Grants will cap at \$5,000.

Geographic Focus

North Minneapolis

How nonprofits should share information about what they area experiencing in their organizations and communities:

Contact Sarah Clyne by email or phone

Northspan

202 W Superior St., Suite 700
Duluth, MN 55802
Phone: 218-481-7737

Website: <https://www.northspan.org>
Email: info@northspan.org
Social: <https://www.facebook.com/northspan/>;
[@northspan](#)

Important Information

Deadlines: Rolling basis

Description of Funding Available

The Northspan Group, Inc., in partnership with the Entrepreneur Fund and Northland Foundation, are accepting grant applications for its recently-formed Small Business Relief Fund in response to COVID-19. Grants of up to \$5,000 will be distributed to regional small business owners facing significant financial challenges resulting from the pandemic. Applications will be reviewed weekly, with the goal of providing a response to applicants within 7 business days of submission.

Learn more information here: http://info.entrepreneurfund.org/relieffund?hs_preview=jTWDjSjH-28463674392#ApplicationProcess.

Funds are limited and applicants will be considered on a first come, first served basis.

The Process for Applying for Funds

Online application: https://share.hsforms.com/1WKFXbt5YSIKX4L2Cg_XSIA1ebli

Other ways the Foundation is Responding to the impacts of COVID-19

Not provided

Key Personnel

Name: Elissa Hansen
Title: President & CEO
Contact Email: ehansen@northspan.org
Contact Phone: Not provided

Financial Summary

Amount of Total Funding Available: Not provided. Grants of up to \$5,000 will be distributed.

Geographic Focus

Businesses located in the Entrepreneur Fund service area: Aitkin, Benton, Carlton, Cass, Cook, Crow Wing, Itasca, Kanabec, Koochiching, Lake, Mille Lacs, Morrison, Pine, St. Louis, Stearns and Todd Counties in Minnesota, and Douglas County in Wisconsin.

How nonprofits should share information about what they area experiencing in their organizations and communities:

Not provided

Northwest Minnesota Foundation

201 3rd St. NW
Bemidji, MN 56601
Phone: 218-759-2057

Website: www.nwmf.org
Email: info@nwmf.org
Social: [@NMF_1986](#)

Important Information

Deadlines: Not applicable

Description of Funding Available

The Northwest Minnesota Foundation (NMF) has two grant programs: the Emergency Disaster Recovery Grants (up to \$5,000) meant for nonprofits and local agencies serving the most vulnerable populations, and the Emergency Child Care Grants (up to \$1,000 for family based care and \$3,000 for center based care) meant to help providers stay open and offer child care to emergency and essential workers. NMF had to close both programs due to the overwhelming amount of requests and limited funding. However, the Emergency Disaster Recovery Grants program is planning to reopen in July, and staff plan on issuing funds likely twice in that month. NMF may also issue grants between now and the summer (July) depending on fundraising efforts.

The Process for Applying for Funds

Not applicable

Other ways the Foundation is Responding to the impacts of COVID-19

- The Northwest Minnesota Foundation has also:
- Created a website with information and two funds to donate to (child care and emergency assistance)
 - Created \$100,000 seed money for emergency grants
 - Offering deferred loans to their borrowers in good standing
 - Captured video interviews with grantees for a story telling project
 - Allowed their building tenements to forgo rent payments
 - Coordinated with other MIF's and philanthropic partners to create and roll out a timely response
 - Provided some navigation and technical assistance to many inquiries from nonprofits, businesses, and individuals looking for relief

Key Personnel

Name: Nate Dorr
Title: VP for Advocacy
Contact Email: nated@nwmf.org
Contact Phone: Not provided

Financial Summary

Amount of Total Funding Available: Emergency Disaster Recovery Grants: \$133,000 total; Emergency Child Care Grants: about \$185,000 total

Geographic Focus

12-counties in northwest Minnesota

How nonprofits should share information about what they area experiencing in their organizations and communities:

Email the Foundation at frontdesk@nwmf.org, or contact staff via email: <https://www.nwmf.org/who-we-are/our-team/>.

The Office of Minnesota Attorney General Keith Ellison

445 Minnesota Street, Suite 1400
St. Paul, MN 55101
Phone: 651-296-3353

Website: <https://www.ag.state.mn.us/default.asp>
Email: Not provided
Social: <https://www.instagram.com/agkeithellison/>;
<https://www.facebook.com/AGellison/>;
@AGellison

Important Information

Deadlines: The deadline for soliciting charitable organizations to file FY19 annual reports that are currently due between April 15, 2020 and July 15, 2020 has automatically been extended for four months. Visit this page to learn more: <https://www.ag.state.mn.us/Charity/InfoCharitableorgandTrusts.asp>.

Description of Funding Available

Not applicable

The Process for Applying for Funds

Not applicable

Other ways the Foundation is Responding to the impacts of COVID-19

The Attorney General’s office has automatically extended for four months the filing deadline for soliciting charitable organizations to file FY19 annual reports in light of COVID-19. Charities may contact the Minnesota Attorney General’s Office at (651) 757-1496 or (800) 657-3787 with any questions about registration and reporting.

More information can be found here: <https://www.ag.state.mn.us/Charity/InfoCharitableorgandTrusts.asp>.

Key Personnel

Name: Not provided
Title: Not provided
Contact Email: Not provided
Contact Phone: Not provided

Financial Summary

Amount of Total Funding Available: Not applicable

Geographic Focus

Statewide

How nonprofits should share information about what they area experiencing in their organizations and communities:

<https://www.ag.state.mn.us/Office/ContactUs.asp>

Open Road Alliance

Fully remote organization

Website: <https://openroadalliance.org/covid-19/>
Email: Not applicable
Social: Not provided

Important Information

Deadlines: Not provided

Description of Funding Available

The Open Road Alliance will be giving out Charitable Grants and Loans to organizations responding directly to COVID-19.

The Process for Applying for Funds

<https://openroadalliance.org/covid-19/>

Other ways the Foundation is Responding to the impacts of COVID-19

Not provided

Key Personnel

Name: Not provided
Title: Not provided
Contact Email: Not provided
Contact Phone: Not provided

Financial Summary

Amount of Total Funding Available: Grants: up to \$100,000; Loans: \$50,000-up to \$1 million depending on annual organization revenue and purpose.

Geographic Focus

Any; provided organizations can demonstrate that they are responding directly to COVID-19 in their community

How nonprofits should share information about what they area experiencing in their organizations and communities:

Contact staff: <https://openroadalliance.org/about/>

Open Your Heart to the Hungry and Homeless

122 Franklin Avenue West, Suite 610
Minneapolis, MN 55404
Phone: 612-338-5577

Website: www.oyh.org
Email: mail@oyh.org
Social: <https://www.facebook.com/oyheart>;
<https://www.instagram.com/openyourheartmn/>;
[@OYHmn](#)

Important Information

Deadlines: Regular grant deadlines remain the same

Description of Funding Available

The Foundation's COVID-19 response funding application period has just closed. Regular grant deadlines remain the same.

- Hunger and Homeless grants are targeted toward hunger relief programs and emergency shelter providers serving people experiencing homelessness or domestic violence survivors in Minnesota.
- Education grants support the educational needs of children and youth experiencing homelessness. The purpose of this program is to remove barriers for homeless youth to participate in school and improve student academic success.
- Summer Challenge grants support food shelves when they need it most – during the summer when kids are out of school.
- Special Projects and Emergency grants are occasionally available when a natural disaster or other unforeseen event might result in a shutdown of services. The Foundation may be able to fund quickly in those circumstances.

The Process for Applying for Funds

Apply online at <https://www.oyh.org/grant-programs/>. For emergency grants, please call (612) 338-5577 or email grantapplication@oyh.org if that situation arises. Please note, emergency grants will only be available to agencies that have no other resources

Other ways the Foundation is Responding to the impacts of COVID-19

Open Your Heart has compiled a list of COVID-19 resources on its website: <https://www.oyh.org/covid-19-resources/>.

Key Personnel

Name: Jessica Mathias
Title: Executive Director
Contact Email: jmathias@oyh.org
Contact Phone: 612-338-5577

Financial Summary

Amount of Total Funding Available: Varies by grant program

Geographic Focus

Statewide

How nonprofits should share information about what they area experiencing in their organizations and communities:

Email: mail@oyh.org

Ordean Foundation

424 W Superior St. Ste. 501
Duluth, MN 55802
Phone: 218-726-4787

Website: www.ordean.org
Email: admin@ordean.org
Social: Not provided

Important Information

Deadlines: Not applicable

Description of Funding Available

The Ordean Foundation is working with their existing non-profit partners to deliver emergency funding to the organization providing essential services to vulnerable populations. This is not an open grant process - they are working directly with their existing partners to get resources to these organizations as quickly and efficiently as possible. The Foundation is also converting all grants to general operating, and allowing for immediate grant payments by request.

The Process for Applying for Funds

Not provided

Other ways the Foundation is Responding to the impacts of COVID-19

Not provided

Key Personnel

Name: Not provided
Title: Not provided
Contact Email: Not provided
Contact Phone: Not provided

Financial Summary

Amount of Total Funding Available: \$150,000

Geographic Focus

Duluth

How nonprofits should share information about what they area experiencing in their organizations and communities:

Online request form at ordean.org - although the Foundation is restricted to only organizations working in Duluth.

People's Food Co-op - Rochester*

519 1st Avenue SW
Rochester, MN 55902
Phone: 507-289-9061

Website: <https://pfc.coop>
Email: Not provided
Social: <https://www.facebook.com/pfccoop>;
<https://www.instagram.com/pfccoop/>; @pfccoop

Important Information

Deadlines: June 30, 2020 at 5 p.m.

Description of Funding Available

The People's Food Co-op Community Fund (PFCCF) was established by the People's Food Cooperative in 2003 with the specific mission of providing supplemental or project-specific funding to local non-profit organizations that have missions that are consistent with the goals of the People's Food Cooperative in Rochester, MN and La Crosse, WI.

Priority will be given to grant requests for educational projects, developmental projects, and events that have a focus on, but are not necessarily limited to:

- Food and Food Systems
- Nutrition
- Health and Well Being
- Sustainable Agriculture
- Cooperative Education
- Social Change

People of color, women, and members of other protected groups are strongly encouraged to apply.

The Process for Applying for Funds

The application can be found: <https://www.pfc.coop/peoples-food-coop-community-fund>. Applications must be received via email to Lizzy Haywood by June 30 of the current year at 5 p.m. Grants will be announced on August 31; applicants will receive a written decision at that time.

Other ways the Foundation is Responding to the impacts of COVID-19

Not provided

Key Personnel

Name: Lizzy Haywood
Title: People's Food Co-op CEO
Contact Email: liz.haywood@pfc.coop
Contact Phone: 608-784-5798 x1000

Financial Summary

Amount of Total Funding Available: One \$1700 award for a La Crosse, WI nonprofit; and one \$1700 award for a Rochester, MN nonprofit.

Geographic Focus

La Crosse, WI and Rochester, MN

How nonprofits should share information about what they are experiencing in their organizations and communities:

Questions about the grant process can be directed to Lizzy Haywood, People's Food Co-op CEO, via email or phone.

Jay and Rose Phillips Family Foundation of Minnesota

615 1st Ave. NE, Ste. 330
Minneapolis, MN 55413
Phone: 612-623-1654

Website: www.phillipsfamilymn.org
Email: info@phillipsfamilymn.org
Social: [@JayRosePhillips](#)

Important Information

Deadlines: Not provided

Description of Funding Available

Nothing has changed yet; the Foundation is monitoring the situation, and will let grantseekers know any updates.

The Process for Applying for Funds

Not provided

Other ways the Foundation is Responding to the impacts of COVID-19

Not provided

Key Personnel

Name: Patrick Troska
Title: President
Contact Email: ptroska@phillipsfamilymn.org
Contact Phone: 612-623-1655

Financial Summary

Amount of Total Funding Available: Not provided

Geographic Focus

North Minneapolis

How nonprofits should share information about what they are experiencing in their organizations and communities:

Contact:

- Patrick Troska, President, 612-623-1655, ptroska@phillipsfamilymn.org
- Joel Luedtke, Program Director, 612-623-1651, jluedtke@phillipsfamilymn.org
- Tracy Lamparty, Grants & Operations Manager, 612-623-1656, tlamparty@phillipsfamilymn.org
- E. Coco, Program Officer, 612-623-1652, ecoco@phillipsfamilymn.org

PrairieCare Child & Family Fund

5500 94th Ave N
Brooklyn Park, MN 55443
Phone: 763-762-8881

Website: <https://www.prairiecarefund.org>
Email: fund@prairiecarefund.org
Social: <https://www.facebook.com/prairiecarefund/>;
[@prairiecarefund](#)

Important Information

Deadlines: Not provided

Description of Funding Available

This is being determined. Board leadership is also seeking input from youth mental health leaders to best make the decision on making grant funding available to nonprofits or not.

The Process for Applying for Funds

Not provided

Other ways the Foundation is Responding to the impacts of COVID-19

The staff is adjusting their grant review process and will seek updates from their applicants as necessary. They are also extending final report deadlines for current grant recipients.

Key Personnel

Name: Nancy Burton
Title: Executive Director
Contact Email: nburton@prairiecarefund.org and
klarson@prairiecarefund.org
Contact Phone: Not provided

Financial Summary

Amount of Total Funding Available: Not provided

Geographic Focus

Not provided

How nonprofits should share information about what they area experiencing in their organizations and communities:

Staff, email, social media

Rochester Area Foundation

12 Elton Hills Drive NW
Rochester, MN 55901
Phone: 507-282-0203

Website: www.rochesterarea.org
Email: giving@rochesterarea.org
Social: [@rochesterarea](https://www.facebook.com/rochesterarea)

Important Information

Deadlines: Together Fund Grants will be evaluated on a rolling basis with the following priority deadline: April 24, 5 p.m. CT. Additional deadlines may be announced based on funding availability.

Description of Funding Available

The Rochester Area Foundation, in partnership with Community Partners, has launched the Together Fund to support Rochester area nonprofits who are experiencing unforeseen challenges due to the ongoing pandemic and serve their region’s most vulnerable communities. Local nonprofits may submit funding requests to support project-based opportunities, direct services, or general operating support. Minimum Together Fund grants are \$200, and the maximum award is \$100,000.

A list of recent Together grantees and more information about the Fund itself can be found here: <https://rochesterarea.org/together/>.

The Process for Applying for Funds

Apply online here: <https://rochesterarea.org/together/>

Other ways the Foundation is Responding to the impacts of COVID-19

Not provided

Key Personnel

Name: Jeremy Emmi
Title: Community Impact Officer
Contact Email: jeremy@rochesterarea.org
Contact Phone: 507-424-2417

Financial Summary

Amount of Total Funding Available: \$500,000

Geographic Focus

Greater Rochester, MN area

How nonprofits should share information about what they area experiencing in their organizations and communities:

Not provided

Saint Paul & Minnesota Foundation

101 5th St. E, Ste. 2400
St. Paul, MN 55101
Phone: 651-224-5463

Website: www.spmcf.org
Email: info@spmcf.org
Social: <https://www.facebook.com/spmcfoundations/>;
[@spmcfoundations](https://www.facebook.com/spmcfoundations/)

Important Information

Deadlines: The Saint Paul & Minnesota Foundation continues to host and provide support for the Minnesota Disaster Recovery Fund (designed for intermediary organizations who will then re-grant funds to nonprofits), of which they contributed \$250,000. The next round of applications for the Minnesota Disaster Recovery Fund will be accepted until May 22, 2020. The Saint Paul & Minnesota Foundation's next round of usual grantmaking opens May 12 and closes July 7.

Description of Funding Available

For more information on the Minnesota Disaster Recovery Fund visit <https://mcf.org/minnesota-disaster-recovery-fund-coronavirus>.

For more information on the Saint Paul & Minnesota Foundation's usual grantmaking program visit <https://www.spmcf.org/nonprofits/grant-resources>.

The Process for Applying for Funds

See "Description of Funding Available"

Other ways the Foundation is Responding to the impacts of COVID-19

Organizations with a current grant from the Saint Paul & Minnesota Foundation may use current grant funds to address challenges that have arisen because of the COVID-19 community crisis. Current grant applicants may amend their grant applications to address challenges and urgent needs that have arisen because of the COVID-19 community crisis. If you are interested in making any changes to your current grant or application, please email your program officer. The Foundation is reviewing future grantmaking for 2020 and beyond to ensure it continues to be responsive to community need.

Key Personnel

Name: Visit the following website to learn which Program Officer is the best person for you to connect with: <https://www.spmcf.org/nonprofits/grants-for-nonprofits/program-officers>.

Financial Summary

Amount of Total Funding Available: \$11 million for Minnesota Disaster Recovery Fund

Geographic Focus

East Metro Focus; Some Statewide Grantmaking

How nonprofits should share information about what they area experiencing in their organizations and communities:

For the Minnesota Disaster Recovery Fund, get in touch with your local community foundation, Minnesota Initiative Foundations (MIFs), and other intermediaries.

For nonprofits pursuing the Saint Paul & Minnesota Foundation's usual grantmaking program, get in contact with a Foundation program officer.

Richard M. Schulze Family Foundation*

6600 France Ave., Suite 550
Minneapolis, MN 55435
Phone: 952-324-8910

Website: www.schulzefamilyfoundation.org
Email: info@schulzefamilyfoundation.org
Social: Not applicable

Important Information

Deadlines: Not provided

Description of Funding Available

Regular grants will be distributed on the Foundation’s grantmaking schedule, which can be found on the website: www.schulzefamilyfoundation.org.

When emergency funding is available and announced, grantees in good standing may make requests from the Foundation.

The Process for Applying for Funds

Once emergency funding is announced, grantees in good standing should contact their program officers initially by telephone.

Other ways the Foundation is Responding to the impacts of COVID-19

The Foundation has provided through mid-May \$16 million in COVID-19 crisis assistance and support funds, accelerated \$8 million in new and continuing grant awards to over 200 nonprofits in the Foundation’s portfolio located in Florida and Minnesota, and added flexibility in the midst of COVID-19 by allowing appropriate program grants to be shifted to general operating funds.

Emergency grants were provided to expand M Health Fairview COVID-19 care and surge capacity, to support nonprofits in FL and MN managing vital issues like food insecurity, housing, and other basic needs, and included a contribution to the MDRF and a \$5 million matching grant to the Best Buy Employee Hardship Relief Fund.

Key Personnel

Name: Barb Dunker
Title: Office & Grant Administrator
Contact Email: bjdunker@schulzefamilyfoundation.org
Contact Phone: 952-324-8910

Financial Summary

Amount of Total Funding Available: The Foundation will provide approximately \$42 million in MN and FL funding during its Spring and Fall cycles this year. They will also provide at least \$7 million in emergency COVID-19 funding this year, and perhaps more as the pandemic days progress.

Geographic Focus

Schulze’s service areas in Florida and Minnesota

How nonprofits should share information about what they area experiencing in their organizations and communities:

- Existing grantees: email their program officer
- Potential grantees: email info@schulzefamilyfoundation.org

Social Venture Partners

2751 Hennepin Avenue #152
Minneapolis, MN 55408

Website: <https://www.socialventurepartners.org/minnesota/>
Email: Not provided
Social: <https://www.facebook.com/svpminnesota/>;
@SVPMinnesota

Important Information

Deadlines: No information available yet; visit website for more information

Description of Funding Available

No changes to current grantmaking process.

The Process for Applying for Funds

Not provided

Other ways the Foundation is Responding to the impacts of COVID-19

Not provided

Key Personnel

Name: Not provided
Title: Not provided
Contact Email: Not provided
Contact Phone: Not provided

Financial Summary

Amount of Total Funding Available: 3 years of general operating support (up to \$25,000 each year)

Geographic Focus

Twin Cities Metro Area

How nonprofits should share information about what they area experiencing in their organizations and communities:

Not provided

Southern Minnesota Initiative Foundation

525 Florence Ave, P.O. Box 695
Owatonna, MN 55060
Phone: 507-455-3215

Website: www.smifoundation.org
Email: inquiry@smifoundation.org
Social: @smifound

Important Information

Deadlines: Paint the Town Grants: June 17; Community Foundation Relief Fund: Funds will be awarded on a rolling basis, first come first serve

Description of Funding Available

The Southern Minnesota Initiative Foundation (SMIF) was named an intermediary for the Minnesota Disaster Relief Fund (MDRF). They have created the Community Foundation Relief Fund to assist their 30 community foundations in being responsive to the COVID-19 pandemic. SMIF community foundations are eligible to request matching dollars for any nonprofit in their community. The Foundation plans to meet immediate needs first, then will grant to long-term impacts of COVID-19 if funds are still available.

The Process for Applying for Funds

Staff are encouraging the community foundations to utilize their own application process which is already in place.

Other ways the Foundation is Responding to the impacts of COVID-19

They have extended the deadline for their current Paint the Town grants to June 17. A full list of current grants can be found here: <https://smifoundation.org/grants/>. The Southern Minnesota Initiative Foundation has a COVID-19 response page that lists all the ways they are assisting their region: <https://smifoundation.org/covid-19/>.

SMIF, in partnership with its five Minnesota Initiative Foundation partners, also launched the Emergency Child Care Grant program to provide immediate financial support to licensed family and center-based child care providers in Greater Minnesota. First-round grant awards have depleted the available funds of \$150,000, however Foundation staff continue to seek additional resources, and will act on a second round of grants should funding be secured.

Key Personnel

Name: Alissa Oeltjenbruns
Title: Community Philanthropy Director
Contact Email: alissao@smifoundation.org
Contact Phone: 507-214-7023

Financial Summary

Amount of Total Funding Available: Community Foundation Relief Fund: the Foundation expects at least \$60,000 to be distributed, with the average grant around \$2,000

Geographic Focus

Southeast Minnesota

How nonprofits should share information about what they area experiencing in their organizations and communities:

Contact staff: <https://smifoundation.org/about-us/staff/>

Springboard for the Arts

262 University Ave West
Saint Paul, MN 55103
Phone: 651-292-4381

Website: <https://springboardforthearts.org>
Email: Not provided
Social: <https://www.facebook.com/springboardarts/>;
@SpringboardArts

Important Information

Deadlines: Springboard does not have deadlines, and artists are welcome to apply at any time.

Description of Funding Available

Springboard for the Arts has created a Personal Emergency Relief Fund dedicated to supporting MN artists who experience career-threatening emergencies or unanticipated, emergency expenses. Artists can request up to \$500 of immediate relief funding to compensate for cancelled work that was scheduled and lost. Funds will be distributed via check or Paypal. Because this is an economic as well as a health crisis, and thus exacerbates existing systemic disparities, Springboard for the Arts is prioritizing artists who identify as Black, Indigenous, or People of Color (BIPOC), Native, LGBTQIA+, from the disability community as well as those who are immuno-compromised, and artists from rural communities. At this time, the fund is not available to compensate for future gigs or potential loss of business. More information can be found here: <https://springboardforthearts.org/coronavirus/>.

The Process for Applying for Funds

Minnesota artists may apply by filling out a form via the website: <https://springboardforthearts.org/additional-resources/personal-emergency-relief-fund/>

Other ways the Foundation is Responding to the impacts of COVID-19

They are hosting biweekly online convenings for organizations across North America who have started emergency funds, providing space for connection, brainstorming, and sharing resources. Artists are also telling staff they need immediate, emergency help with business strategies, answering legal and financial questions, and processing what this moment means for their livelihood and work. To that end, Springboard for the Arts has launched:

1. One-on-one career counseling and support for artists and artist-led businesses and projects, conducted via phone or online through Springboard's roster of professional career coaches, who are all practicing artists themselves while referrals will be made to relevant legal, accounting and other experts.
2. Online technical assistance sessions: Q&As, workshops, group calls on topics relevant to creative businesses dealing with the COVID-19 crisis, including legal resources on topics like unemployment insurance, e-commerce, and financial planning. Staff are continuing to develop responsive, strategic programming with the aims of keeping artists working and providing space for community to come together, gain necessary skills and tools, and experience art.

Other updated emergency resources can be found on the website: <https://springboardforthearts.org/coronavirus/>.

Key Personnel

Name: Nikki Hunt
Title: Program Director - Health
Contact Email: nikki@springboardforthearts.org
Contact Phone: Not provided

Financial Summary

Amount of Total Funding Available: Since March 12, Springboard for the Arts has received over 1,200 applications and paid out over \$350,000.

Geographic Focus

Statewide

How nonprofits should share information about what they area experiencing in their organizations and communities:

Not provided

St. Croix Valley Foundation ○

516 2nd St., Ste. 214
Hudson, WI 54016
Phone: 715-386-9490

Website: www.scvfoundation.org
Email: info@scvfoundation.org
Social: Not provided

Important Information

Deadlines: Applications for the Response Fund have closed.

Description of Funding Available

The St. Croix Valley Foundation, United Way St. Croix Valley, and United Way Washington County East have partnered to establish a COVID-19 Response Fund for the St. Croix Valley. The Fund's initial focus was on local organizations working to meet the basic needs of those in their region most significantly impacted by the crisis. The St. Croix Valley Foundation waived all administrative fees for this fund. This means that (with the exception of fees charged by credit card companies) all gifts to this fund were used to help respond to COVID-19 related needs in their region.

The Fund has already granted \$525,000 to 98 organizations responding to basic needs. The Advisory Committee for the Response Fund has now paused its grantmaking in order to assess the longer-term needs related to the pandemic. The COVID-19 Response Fund has received additional contributions in support of a second wave of basic needs grantmaking. The focus and timeline for those grants will be announced this summer. In the meantime, donations continue to be accepted and are greatly appreciated.

The Process for Applying for Funds

Applications have closed for now.

Other ways the Foundation is Responding to the impacts of COVID-19

Not provided

Key Personnel

Visit the website: <https://www.scvfoundation.org/board-staff>.

Financial Summary

Amount of Total Funding Available: \$525,000

Geographic Focus

Chisago and Washington counties (in Minnesota), and Burnett, Pierce, Polk, and St. Croix counties (in Wisconsin)

How nonprofits should share information about what they area experiencing in their organizations and communities:

Call or email the foundation

Tennant Foundation

701 North Lilac Dr
Minneapolis, MN 55422
Phone: 763-540-1200

Website: www.tennantco.com/en_us/about-us/corporate-citizenship/tennant-foundation-grants.html
Email: tennant.foundation@tennantco.com
Social: Not provided

Important Information

Deadlines: Not provided

Description of Funding Available

At this time, Tennant is focused on the safety of its employees and global operations. The Tennant Foundation has received additional requests from nonprofits for assistance, but has not made any changes to the Foundation's programs or processes at this time.

The Process for Applying for Funds

Not provided

Other ways the Foundation is Responding to the impacts of COVID-19

Not provided

Key Personnel

Name: Gretchen Olson
Title: Foundation Administrator
Contact Email: tennant.foundation@tennantco.com
Contact Phone: 763-540-1220

Financial Summary

Amount of Total Funding Available: Not provided

Geographic Focus

Targeted to organizations serving the Minneapolis community around Tennant's headquarters

How nonprofits should share information about what they area experiencing in their organizations and communities:

Not provided

Tiwahe Foundation

2801 21st Ave S, Ste. 132F
Minneapolis, MN 55407
Phone: 612-722-0999

Website: tiwahfoundation.org
Email: program@tiwahfoundation.org
Social: <https://www.facebook.com/tiwahfoundation;>
[@TiwaheMN](#)

Important Information

Deadlines: The grant deadline remains September 6.

Description of Funding Available

The Tiwahe Foundation is keeping its grantmaking process the same at this time.

The Process for Applying for Funds

Not provided

Other ways the Foundation is Responding to the impacts of COVID-19

Technical Assistance

Key Personnel

Name: Shirley Sneve
Title: President & CEO
Contact Email: director@tiwahfoundation.org
Contact Phone: 402-304-0883

Financial Summary

Amount of Total Funding Available: Not provided

Geographic Focus

Statewide

How nonprofits should share information about what they area experiencing in their organizations and communities:

Email

West Central Initiative ○

P.O. Box 318
Fergus Falls, MN 56538
Phone: 218-739-2239

Website: www.wcif.org
Email: grants@wcif.org
Social: [@WCIMinn](https://www.facebook.com/westcentralinitiative)

Important Information

Deadlines: West Central Initiative (WCI) will accept and review applications on a rolling basis through May 31, 2020, when they'll evaluate the availability of funds and the evolving need.

Description of Funding Available

WCI's 2020 Resiliency Fund Grant Application is open to community organizations seeking to respond to societal needs caused by the virus. They will accept and evaluate applications on a rolling basis through May 31, 2020, when they'll assess the availability of funds and the evolving need.

Before applying, please:

- Read the full Resiliency Fund Grant Guidelines: <https://www.wcif.org/resiliency-fund-grant-guidelines/resiliency-fund-grant-guidelines.html>.
- Review an example of our Grant Application: <https://bit.ly/3fNrRja>.

The application can be found here: <https://www.wcif.org/give/funds/resiliency.html>.

The Process for Applying for Funds

Online

Other ways the Foundation is Responding to the impacts of COVID-19

West Central Initiative, in partnership with its five Minnesota Initiative Foundation partners, launched the Emergency Child Care Grant program to provide immediate financial support to licensed family and center-based child care providers in Greater Minnesota. Grants totaling over \$300,000 have been awarded. Foundation staff continues to seek additional resources and is distributing dollars to applicants as funding is secured.

Key Personnel

Name: Wendy Merrick
Title: Director of Programs
Contact Email: Not provided
Contact Phone: 218-998-1622 or 800-735-2239

Financial Summary

Amount of Total Funding Available: Not provided

Geographic Focus

WCI's west central Minnesota service area that includes: Becker, Clay, Douglas, Grant, Otter Tail, Pope, Stevens, Traverse and Wilkin counties, and the portion of the White Earth Nation that lies within Becker County.

How nonprofits should share information about what they are experiencing in their organizations and communities:

Call Wendy Merrick at 218-998-1622 or 800-735-2239

Winona Community Foundation

111 Riverfront, Suite 2 East Annex
Winona, MN 55987
Phone: 507-454-6511

Website: www.winonacf.org
Email: wcf@winonacf.org
Social: <https://www.facebook.com/WinonaCF/>

Important Information

Deadlines: Not provided

Description of Funding Available

The Winona Community Foundation has activated an emergency COVID-19 Relief Fund for nonprofits. Funds donated here will go out through partner agencies and a grant process. The goal is to be flexible and timely to get money out to nonprofits who are serving clients in need directly. The COVID-19 Relief Fund will fund key areas such homelessness during the pandemic. Any remaining funds will be distributed to nonprofit organizations working to reestablish operations post-COVID-19.

Read more about this Fund at: <https://www.winonacf.org/100000-reach-for-covid-19-relief-fund/>.

The Process for Applying for Funds

Not provided

Other ways the Foundation is Responding to the impacts of COVID-19

The Foundation is also considering moving their next grant cycle (set to start in August) up sooner. They are also considering trying to shift focus to operations for the next grant cycle, but no definite decisions have been made.

Key Personnel

Name: Nancy M. Brown
Title: CFRE President/CEO
Contact Email: nbrown@winonacf.org
Contact Phone: 507-429-6511

Financial Summary

Amount of Total Funding Available: \$120,000

Geographic Focus

Winona, Minnesota; Southeast Minnesota

How nonprofits should share information about what they area experiencing in their organizations and communities:

Contact Nancy Brown via email

Women's Foundation of Minnesota

105 5th Ave. S, Ste. 300
Minneapolis, MN 55401
Phone: 612-337-5010

Website: <https://www.wfmn.org>
Email: contactus@wfmn.org
Social: <https://www.facebook.com/WomensFndnMN/>;
<https://www.instagram.com/womensfndnmn/>;
[@WomensFndnMN](#)

Important Information

Deadlines: Applications will be accepted by June 12, and on a rolling basis through 2021.

Description of Funding Available

The Women's Foundation of Minnesota (WFMN) has launched the COVID-19 Women and Girls Response Fund in response to the global pandemic. WFMN invites Minnesota organizations and initiatives serving women and girls experiencing gender-based violence, older women, women and girls who need short-term financial support for everyday needs due to the effects of COVID-19 (childcare, eldercare, food, housing, transportation, health, and wellness) to apply for emergency grants of up to \$10,000. All grants will be directed to general operating. Grants will be distributed one week following the close of each application submission deadline.

Learn more here: <https://www.wfmn.org/new-response-fund-invests-in-women-girls-impacted-by-covid-19/>.

The Process for Applying for Funds

Online

Other ways the Foundation is Responding to the impacts of COVID-19

WFMN has also created the WFMN Resource List for Women & Girls Impacted by COVID-19, found here: <https://bit.ly/3acZNSa>, for nonprofits directly working with women and girls and communities deeply impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic in Minnesota.

Key Personnel

Name: Saanii Hernandez
Title: Vice President
Contact Email: saanii@wfmn.org
Contact Phone: 612-337-5010

Financial Summary

Amount of Total Funding Available: A half-million dollars

Geographic Focus

Statewide

How nonprofits should share information about what they area experiencing in their organizations and communities:

Not provided

Xcel Energy Foundation

414 Nicollet Mall
Minneapolis, MN 55401
Phone: 612-215-5310

Website: https://www.xcelenergy.com/community/focus_area_grants
Email: foundation@xcelenergy.com
Social: Not provided

Important Information

Deadlines: Not provided

Description of Funding Available

The Foundation is allowing nonprofits to apply for general operating, and making special arrangements for those needing additional time to extend deadlines for both their impact and grant due dates.

The Process for Applying for Funds

Not provided

Other ways the Foundation is Responding to the impacts of COVID-19

They are currently looking at the possibility of deploying their disaster relief funds.

Key Personnel

Name: Elisa Rasmussen
Title: Minnesota Giving Representative
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Financial Summary

Amount of Total Funding Available: Not provided

Geographic Focus

Statewide

How nonprofits should share information about what they area experiencing in their organizations and communities:

Reach out to staff via email

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Important Information

Deadlines: Not applicable

Description of Funding Available

Youthprise was named an intermediary for the Minnesota Disaster Recovery Fund (MDRF). They have distributed all available funds, but are offering other support.

The Process for Applying for Funds

Not applicable

Other ways the Foundation is Responding to the impacts of COVID-19

Youthprise is offering support through two main programs:

- Health and Nutrition Support: The snacks and meals provided via after-school programs or school serve as many young people’s primary sources of nutrition. Youthprise is offering support through facilitating access to nutrition sites for young people during widespread school closures. Families with children 18 and under can receive a week’s worth of food at a time.
- Distance Learning and Education Support: Youthprise is facilitating sending laptops and other distance learning supports directly to families who are preparing for distance learning and may not have access to a laptop at home.

More information can be found on their website: <https://youthprise.org>.

Key Personnel

Name: Visit the website to find which staff member is the best person for you to connect with: <https://youthprise.org/staff-board/>.

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