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
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 second version of the Special Edition Grants Directory (March 31, 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](http://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](http://www.grantadvisor.org).

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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, and will be sending out an invitation to participate in a survey, as well as a virtual focus group, soon to learn how to best support their community.

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

Email: grants@annbancroftfoundation.org
Benevity
Multiple locations

Important Information
Deadlines: Not provided

Description of Funding Available
Benevity has launched a public 1:1 matching campaign, up to $300,000.

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: $300,000

Geographic Focus
Nationwide

How nonprofits should share information about what they are experiencing in their organizations and communities:
Not provided
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 are experiencing in their organizations and communities:
Email
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). Applications for the Minnesota Disaster Recovery Fund are due every Wednesday, with the goal of getting funds out the door on Fridays. 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.

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.
**Description of Funding Available**

Asset Wealth Fund-Financial Capital. 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. Twenty five percent of BWWA’s efforts consist of grantmaking which a majority is granted to entrepreneurs.

**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

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 Relief 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

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: That 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
  smmerrild@blandinfoundation.org
• Kyle Erickson, Program Officer
  kherickson@blandinfoundation.org
• Linda Gibeau, Program Officer
  lmgibeau@blandinfoundation.org
• LuAnn Robinson, Grants Assistant
  lrobinson@blandinfoundation.org
**Important Information**  
Deadlines: April 23 at 1 p.m. CT  

**Description of Funding Available**  
The Blue Cross and Blue Shield of Minnesota Foundation has updated their Healthy Start funding deadline and guidelines in response to the COVID-19 situation. The funding opportunity will still primarily focus on access to quality early childhood care and education, but has shifted slightly to prioritize work that addresses the unique needs of the community as a result of COVID-19.

Other major changes include: the application deadline being extended by three weeks to April 23rd, and grants changed from a 2-year cycle to a one-year cycle.

Learn more here: https://www.bluecrossmnfoundation.org/healthy-start-2020-funding/.

**The Process for Applying for Funds**  
Online

**Other ways the Foundation is Responding to the impacts of COVID-19**  
Not provided

**Key Personnel**
Name: Allison Corrado  
Title: Sr. Program Officer  
Contact Email: Allison.Corrado@bluecrossmnfoundation.org  
Contact Phone: 651-662-4613

**Financial Summary**
Amount of Total Funding Available: The Foundation will award $550,000 total in 2020 for one-year grants. The maximum grant amount that can be awarded is $100,000.

**Geographic Focus**
Statewide

**How nonprofits should share information about what they area experiencing in their organizations and communities:**
Contact:
- Sr. Program Officer Allison Corrado, or  
- Operations Manager Janet Jablonske, Janet.Jablonske@bluecrossmnfoundation.org, (651) 662-7417
Otto Bremer Trust
30 E 7th St., Ste. 2900
St. Paul, MN 55101
Phone: 651-227-8036

Important Information
Deadlines: March 31, 2020 is the cut-off for the regular grantmaking schedule. 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

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.
Important Information
Deadlines: May 1st

Description of Funding Available
The Patrick and Aimee Butler Family Foundation has extended the due date for applications to their Community Grants Program from April 1st to May 1st. They are also considering other changes, too.

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: Robert Hybben
Title: Director of Program Operations
Contact Email: roberth@butlerfamilyfoundation.org
Contact Phone: 651-222-2565 (ext. 110)

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 are experiencing in their organizations and communities:
Reach out to staff, email
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. 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.

How nonprofits should share information about what they are 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.

Key Personnel
Name: Duchesne Drew
Title: Community Network VP
Contact Email: ddrew@bushfoundation.org
Contact Phone: 651-379-2239

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.
Important Information
Deadlines: None at this time, but potentially in the future

Description of Funding Available
Check www.centerpointenergy.com/CNPGives for the most up-to-date information on grant applications. Currently they are not accepting new requests for 2020 funding. The website will provide updates if this changes.

The Process for Applying for Funds
Not provided

Other ways the Foundation is Responding to the impacts of COVID-19
Along with other utilities, suspending 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: Not provided

Geographic Focus
Not provided

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

Important Information
Deadlines: Not provided

Description of Funding Available
CommunityGiving has activated Response Funds in all of its served communities. These funds are to support local relief efforts to those impacted by COVID-19.

The Process for Applying for Funds
https://www.communitygiving.org/COVID-19

Other ways the Foundation is Responding to the impacts of COVID-19
Not provided

Key Personnel
Name: Kathy Grochow
Title: Director of Community Programs
Contact Email: Not provided
Contact Phone: 320-253-4380

Financial Summary
Amount of Total Funding Available: Not provided

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
Important Information
Deadlines: March 31, 2020. 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
The Northeast Minnesota Response Fund was launched by five Duluth-based funding organizations to help local nonprofits on the front lines of the battle against coronavirus and the COVID-19 disease it causes. Funders include the Ordean Foundation, the Northland Foundation, the Head of the Lakes United Way, and the Lloyd K. Johnson Foundation. The Foundation, in partnership with the Head of the Lakes United Way, also recently launched a Northwest Wisconsin Response Fund, which is doing similar work in Northwest Wisconsin.
Dunkin' Joy in Childhood Foundation
130 Royall St.
Canton, MA 02021

Important Information
Deadlines: Rolling application

Description of Funding Available
The Dunkin’ Joy in Childhood Foundation has activated $1.25 million in emergency funding to support 501(c3)s who are working in the health or hunger relief space providing essential services to people impacted by COVID-19. Learn more at: https://www.joyinchildhoodfoundation.org/covid-19-emergency-grants-faq/.

The Process for Applying for Funds
Online

Other ways the Foundation is Responding to the impacts of COVID-19
Not provided

Financial Summary
Amount of Total Funding Available: Typically $5,000-$25,000 per grant

Geographic Focus
Nationwide

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

How nonprofits should share information about what they area experiencing in their organizations and communities:
Email: foundation@dunkinbrands.com
Greater Twin Cities United Way

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

Important Information
Deadlines: Not applicable

Description of Funding Available
Greater Twin Cities United Way is actively fundraising with the intent to distribute additional funds to existing agency partners. The staff is committed to addressing needs for flexibility as they arise.

The Process for Applying for Funds
Not provided

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.

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

Financial Summary
Amount of Total Funding Available: Not provided

Geographic Focus
Twin Cities Metro Area

How nonprofits should share information about what they are 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

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 isResponding 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.

Website: https://www.handsontwincities.org
Email: info@handsontwincities.org
Social: https://www.facebook.com/HandsOnTC;
https://www.instagram.com/handsontwincities/;
@HOTC

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 area 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

**Important Information**
Deadlines: Not provided

**Description of Funding Available**
Communities First Fund - https://headwatersfoundation.org/give/communities-first-fund.

**The Process for Applying for Funds**
More information coming soon.

**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: $1,000,000

**Geographic Focus**
Statewide

**How nonprofits should share information about what they are experiencing in their organizations and communities:**
Not provided
Initiative Foundation

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

Important Information
Deadlines: For the Emergency Child Care Grants Program, applications will be accepted on a rolling basis, with the goal of providing a response and funding within two weeks for qualifying applicants.

Description of Funding Available
The Initiative Foundation, in partnership with its five Minnesota Initiative Foundation partners, has recently announced the launch of the Emergency Child Care Grant program to provide immediate financial support to licensed family and center-based child care providers in Greater Minnesota. Grants of $500 to $3,000 will be provided on a rolling basis.

The Process for Applying for Funds
Online at https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/CBLPCGD.

How nonprofits should share information about what they are experiencing in their organizations and communities:
Contact staff: https://www.ifound.org/about-us/staff-board/staff-2/. For more information about the Initiative Foundation’s Emergency Child Care Grant Program, contact Don Hickman at 320-631-2043.

Other ways the Foundation is Responding to the impacts of COVID-19
No changes to current grants. Check website for updates: https://www.ifound.org/covid-19.
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; the Foundation hopes to have the fund set up within the next week with a quick turn-around response.

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 continue looking at other ways they can support nonprofits during these challenging times.
Mardag Foundation
101 5th St. E, Ste. 2400
St. Paul, MN 55101
Phone: 651-224-5463

**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). Applications for the Minnesota Disaster Recovery Fund are due every Wednesday, with the goal of getting funds out the door on Fridays. 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.
**Important Information**

**Deadlines:** Not provided

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**Description of Funding Available**

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

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**The Process for Applying for Funds**

Not provided

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**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.

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**Key Personnel**

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

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**Financial Summary**

**Amount of Total Funding Available:** Not provided

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**Geographic Focus**

Not provided

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

Email, social media
The Minneapolis Foundation

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

Important Information
Deadlines: Rolling basis

Description of Funding Available

The Foundation has created a OneMPLS Fund designed to be nimble and responsive to emerging needs aligned with the Foundation's mission. These grants will support local nonprofit organizations that: provide 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), and meet basic needs for vulnerable populations, particularly older adults and youth.

Grant awards will range in size, with a minimum award of $10,000. More information can be found here: https://www.minneapolisfoundation.org/covid-19/.

The Process for Applying for Funds

Online - applications will be accepted starting at 1 p.m. on March 30.

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: $500,000

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 are experiencing in their organizations and communities:

Not provided

Website: https://www.minneapolisfoundation.org/actions-were-taking-to-navigate-the-coronavirus-pandemic/
Email: e-mail@mplsfoundation.org
Social: Not provided
Minnesota Council on Foundations
800 Washington Ave North, Suite 703
Minneapolis, MN 55401
Phone: 612-338-1989

Important Information
Deadlines: Applications will be due every Wednesday, and funds will be distributed the following Friday until the money is gone.

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, individuals, and small businesses. More information is available at: https://mcf.org/minnesota-disaster-recovery-fund-coronavirus.

The Process for Applying for Funds
Download online form at https://mcf.org/minnesota-disaster-recovery-fund-coronavirus, then email to coronavirusfund@mcf.org.

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: $5 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.
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.
**Mortenson Family Foundation**

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

**Important Information**  
Deadlines: Not provided

**Description of Funding Available**

The Foundation will have a response (and is creating its plan) by April 15. In the meantime, 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. The Foundation is also planning to increase payout.

**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: TBD

**Geographic Focus**

Not provided

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

Connect to staff via email, found at:  
https://mortensonfamily.org/contact-us/.
The Nonprofit Insurance Alliance (NIA) will be accepting applications from their members for a grant up to $500 from the NIA Gilbert Fund. This grant can be used for many types of equipment and projects that will help NIA nonprofit members manage risk.

**Important Information**
Deadlines: Not provided

**Description of Funding Available**
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**The Process for Applying for Funds**
Very short online application process at: https://insurancefornonprofits.org/apply-for-gilbert-fund/.

**How nonprofits should share information about what they are experiencing in their organizations and communities:**
Not provided

**Financial Summary**
Amount of Total Funding Available: Up to $500

**Geographic Focus**
Statewide
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 staff encourages organizations working in Northeast Minnesota to reach out and discuss their needs. For the MIFS Child Care Emergency Grants, apply online here: https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/CBLPCGD.

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, has recently announced the launch of the Emergency Child Care Grant program to provide immediate financial support to licensed family and center-based child care providers in Greater Minnesota. Grants of $500 to $3,000 will be provided on a rolling basis.

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

Email
The Northwest Minnesota Foundation has opened its NMF Emergency Disaster Recovery Grant program to provide resources for those specifically impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic, including but limited to: food security, services to the elderly and most vulnerable people, and other services critical to help meet immediate needs in the community. Grant proposals up to $5,000 will be considered on an ongoing basis. Learn more here: https://www.nwmf.org/nmf-emergency-disaster-recovery-grants/.

The Process for Applying for Funds
Apply online at: https://www.nwmf.org/programs/preproposal/.

Other ways the Foundation is Responding to the impacts of COVID-19
The Northwest Minnesota Foundation is also offering an Emergency Child Care Grants to family child care providers and child care centers. Grant awards will be up to $1,000 for providers, and up to $3,000 for child care centers. The Foundation has also set up a Community Needs survey which can be found here: https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/TN2PK86.

Important Information
Deadlines: Rolling application

Description of Funding Available

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 Grant program: $5000; Child Care Grants: up to $1,000 for providers, and up to $3,000 for child care centers.

Geographic Focus
Funds will be available to the 12-county and two tribal nation region. The two tribal nations are Red Lake and White Earth. The 12 counties are: Beltrami, Clearwater, Hubbard, Kittson, Lake of the Woods, Mahnomen, Marshall, Norman, Pennington, Polk, Red Lake, and Roseau.

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/.
Open Road Alliance
Fully remote organization
Phone: Not applicable

**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/

**How nonprofits should share information about what they are experiencing in their organizations and communities:**
Contact staff: https://openroadalliance.org/about/

**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.

**Key Personnel**
Name: Not provided
Title: Not provided
Contact Email: Not provided
Contact Phone: Not provided

**Other ways the Foundation is Responding to the impacts of COVID-19**
Not provided
Open Your Heart to the Hungry and Homeless

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

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. The Foundation makes grants in the following programs:

- 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 available and will require suspending services without immediate assistance.

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

Open Your Heart has also 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 are experiencing in their organizations and communities:

Email: mail@oyh.org
The Ordean Foundation is working with their existing nonprofit 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. They are also converting all grants to general operating, and allowing for immediate grant payments by request.

**Important Information**

Deadlines: Not applicable

**Description of Funding Available**

The Ordean Foundation is working with their existing nonprofit 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. They are 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

**Financial Summary**

Amount of Total Funding Available: $150,000

**Geographic Focus**

Duluth

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

Online request form at ordean.org - although the Foundation is restricted to only organizations working in Duluth.
Jay and Rose Phillips Family Foundation of Minnesota
615 1st Ave. NE, Ste. 330
Minneapolis, MN 55413
Phone: 612-623-1654

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

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

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

Other ways the Foundation is Responding to the impacts of COVID-19
Not provided
**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
**Important Information**
Deadlines: The first round of grants will be due early to mid-April. Funding requests will be approved on a rolling basis.

**Description of Funding Available**

The Rochester Area Foundation, in partnership with Mayo Clinic and United Way of Olmsted County, 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. More information can be found here: https://rochesterarea.org/together/.

**The Process for Applying for Funds**

TOGETHER funders are working diligently to have a grant application available by the first week of April. Check the website for updates.

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

Not provided

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

Not provided
**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. Applications for the Minnesota Disaster Recovery Fund are due every Wednesday, with the goal of getting funds out the door on Fridays. 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: $5 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.
Social Venture Partners
2751 Hennepin Avenue #152
Minneapolis, MN 55408

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

Description of Funding Available
No changes to current grantmaking process.

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

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

Geographic Focus
Twin Cities Metro Area

The Process for Applying for Funds
Not provided

How nonprofits should share information about what they are experiencing in their organizations and communities:
Not provided

Other ways the Foundation is Responding to the impacts of COVID-19
Not provided
**Southern Minnesota Initiative Foundation**
525 Florence Ave, P.O. Box 695
Owatonna, MN 55060
Phone: 507-455-3215

**Important Information**
**Deadlines:** Paint the Town Grants: May 18; Early Literacy Grants: April 6; Emergency Child Care Grants Program: Rolling basis, with the goal of providing a response and funding within two weeks for qualifying applicants.

**Description of Funding Available**
No changes to current grants. Check website for updates: [https://smifoundation.org/blog/2020/03/a-message-from-tim-penny/](https://smifoundation.org/blog/2020/03/a-message-from-tim-penny/).

**The Process for Applying for Funds**
Not provided

**Other ways the Foundation is Responding to the impacts of COVID-19**
The Southern Minnesota Initiative Foundation, in partnership with its five Minnesota Initiative Foundation partners, has recently announced the launch of the Emergency Child Care Grant program to provide immediate financial support to licensed family and center-based child care providers in Greater Minnesota. Grants of $500 to $3,000 will be provided on a rolling basis.

**Key Personnel**
**Name:** Jennifer Heien
**Title:** Grants Coordinator
**Contact Email:** Not provided
**Contact Phone:** Not provided

**Financial Summary**
**Amount of Total Funding Available:** Child Care Grants: up to $1,000 for providers, and up to $3,000 for child care centers.

**Geographic Focus**
Southeast Minnesota

**Website:** [www.smifoundation.org](http://www.smifoundation.org)
**Email:** inquiry@smifoundation.org
**Social:** @smifound

**How nonprofits should share information about what they are experiencing in their organizations and communities:**
Contact staff: [https://smifoundation.org/about-us/staff/](https://smifoundation.org/about-us/staff/)
Description of Funding Available

The 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 to compensate for cancelled work that was scheduled and lost. 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

Online

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

Updated emergency resources can be found on their website: https://springboardforthearts.org/coronavirus/.
The Tegan and Sara Foundation is accepting applications for Community Grants of $500 - $2,000. With $20k total in funding, the Foundation seeks to support small nonprofits, projects, youth leaders, and others that are committed to assisting the LGBTQ+ community through the pandemic. Recipients will receive funding quickly, to begin creating impact as soon as possible. Learn more at: https://www.teganandsarafoundation.org/communitygrants.

The Process for Applying for Funds

Online; send application to info@teganandsarafoundation.org

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

Not provided

Website: https://www.teganandsarafoundation.org
Email: Not provided
Social: https://www.facebook.com/teganandsarafoundation/;
https://www.instagram.com/teganandsarafoundation/;
@teganandsarafdn

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

Financial Summary
Amount of Total Funding Available: $20,000

Geographic Focus
Nationwide

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

Not provided
Tennant Foundation
701 North Lilac Dr
Minneapolis, MN 55422
Phone: 763-540-1200

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
Important Information
Deadlines: The grant deadline remains May 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@tiwahefoundation.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 are experiencing in their organizations and communities:
Email
West Central Initiative
P.O. Box 318
Fergus Falls, MN 56538
Phone: 218-739-2239

Important Information
Deadlines: 2020 Resiliency Fund: TBD; Child Care Emergency Grant Program: Rolling Application

Description of Funding Available
The Foundation has established the 2020 Resiliency Fund to respond to the immediate COVID-19-related needs of its region and the long-term recovery of west central Minnesota. They have provided an initial $25,000 into the fund, and will distribute funds to organizations providing: food and shelter to those in crisis, care and education to children, a helping hand to those needing specific resources. The application is coming soon - check back here for updates: 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
The West Central Initiative Foundation (WCI) has opened a Child Care Emergency Grant Program to provide grants to licensed child-care providers in Greater Minnesota. Providers must be caring for the children (ages birth - 5) of parents or guardians who are working in government-identified critical sectors that are exempt from the stay-at-home order. Grants will be awarded on a rolling basis. To learn more about this opportunity, visit the website: https://www.wcif.org/emergency-fund-for-licensed-child-care-programs-application/emergencyccfundsapp.html.

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: Child Care Emergency Grant: $1,000 to family-based providers; $3,000 to center-based providers

Geographic Focus
WCI's west central Minnesota service area that includes: Becker, Clay, Douglas, Grant, Otter Tail, Pope, Stevens, Traverse, and Wilkin counties, and White Earth Nation.

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

Website: www.wcif.org
Email: grants@wcif.org
Social: https://www.facebook.com/westcentralinitiative; https://www.linkedin.com/company/west-central-initiative; @WCIMinn
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. They are currently looking at the possibility of deploying their disaster relief funds.

Reach out to staff via email

Amount of Total Funding Available: Not provided

Statewide

Key Personnel
Name: Elisa Rasmussen
Title: Minnesota Giving Representative
Contact Email: elisa.rasmussen@xcelenergy.com
Contact Phone: Not provided

Financial Summary

Geographic Focus

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

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

The Process for Applying for Funds
Not provided

Important Information
Deadlines: Not provided

Description of Funding Available