MINNESOTA GRANTS DIRECTORY
2020

Over 25 Minnesota and National Funding Opportunities Responding to the Impacts of COVID-19 and Disaster Relief
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 have an opportunity to rebuild systems in a way that 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 first version of the Special Edition Grants Directory (March 23, 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.

Date of version 1: March 23, 2020
Benevity has launched a public 1:1 matching campaign, up to $300,000.

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

Financial Summary

Amount of Total Funding Available: $300,000
The Best Buy Foundation has put a pause on grantmaking while they strategize on the best way to help their community. As soon as they are able, they will update their website with their new emerging strategy.
Important Information
Deadlines: March 31, 2020 is the cut-off for the regular grantmaking schedule. Staff is working to get a web page regarding the Emergency Fund. Visit ottobremer.org for more information.

Description of Funding Available
Regular grants (see grantmaking schedule) on ottobremer.org as well as Emergency Fund.

The Process for Applying for Funds
Not provided

Other ways the Foundation is Responding to the impacts of COVID-19
Emergency funding, PRI, Lines of Credit, Guarantees and other financial resources. OBT is committing $50 million to an emergency fund to be set up through its Community Benefit Financial Company (CBFC) subsidiary to provide financial support to Minnesota, Wisconsin, North Dakota, and Montana nonprofits and other community organizations. The new fund will provide emergency funding, loans, lines of credit, and other financial resources to organizations impacted by and responding to the COVID-19 outbreak.

Financial Summary
Amount of Total Funding Available: $50 million
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. 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

Not provided

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

The Foundation is 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.

Financial Summary

Amount of Total Funding Available: Not provided
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)

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

Financial Summary
Amount of Total Funding Available: Not provided
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 web 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

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

Financial Summary
Amount of Total Funding Available: Not provided
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

How nonprofits should share information about what they are experiencing in their organizations and communities:
Contact staff:
https://www.communitygiving.org/about/staff-board-directors

Financial Summary
Amount of Total Funding Available: Not provided
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

Financial Summary
Amount of Total Funding Available: Not provided
Duluth Superior Area Community Foundation
324 West Superior Street, Suite 700
Duluth, MN 55802

Important Information
Deadlines: Not provided

Description of Funding Available

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 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.

The Process for Applying for Funds

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

Not provided

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

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

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

Financial Summary
Amount of Total Funding Available: Not provided
Important Information
Deadlines: Not provided

Description of Funding Available
The Foundation 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
Providing policy advocacy and technical assistance.

Greater Twin Cities United Way
404 S 8th St.
Minneapolis, MN 55404

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

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.

Financial Summary
Amount of Total Funding Available: Not provided
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

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

Financial Summary
Amount of Total Funding Available: $1,000,000
Important Information
Declarations: Not provided

Description of Funding Available
No changes to current grants. Check website for updates: https://www.ifound.org/covid-19

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

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/

Financial Summary
Amount of Total Funding Available: Not provided
Lloyd K. Johnson Foundation
130 West Superior Street Suite 710
Duluth, MN 55802

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 continue looking at other ways they can support nonprofits during these challenging times.

How nonprofits should share information about what they are 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.

Financial Summary
Amount of Total Funding Available: Not sure at this point
**Important Information**

**Deadlines:** Not provided

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**Description of Funding Available**

They are 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 will see what the highest need is in their geographic area and respond.

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**Financial Summary**

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

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**Key Personnel**

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

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

Email, social media
Responsive grantmaking will be made through its OneMPLS Fund - https://www.minneapolisfoundation.org/actions-were-taking-to-navigate-the-coronavirus-pandemic/

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

Not provided

Amount of Total Funding Available: Not provided
In March 2020, the Minnesota Council on Foundations and Saint Paul & Minnesota Foundation convened to discuss the impact of a potential coronavirus (COVID-19) outbreak in the state of Minnesota. The outcome of the discussion led to the inception of the Minnesota Disaster Recovery Fund (MDRF) for COVID-19, created 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. More information is available at: https://mcf.org/minnesota-disaster-recovery-fund-coronavirus.

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.

Financial Summary
Amount of Total Funding Available: $4.4 million
Nonprofit Insurance Alliance

300 Panetta Avenue
Santa Cruz, CA 95060

**Important Information**

**Deadlines:**

**Description of Funding Available**

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.

**The Process for Applying for Funds**

Very short online application process at: https://insurancefornonprofits.org/apply-for-gilbert-fund/

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

**Financial Summary**

Amount of Total Funding Available: Up to $500

Phone: -
Website: https://insurancefornonprofits.org/apply-for-gilbert-fund/
Email: 
Important Information
Deadlines: April 1, July 1, October 1, January 1. As the situation develops, the Foundation may change in ways such as extending deadlines, narrowing their focus, etc., but as of right now the Foundation has decided they simply don’t have enough information to make an informed choice to change things.

Description of Funding Available
The Foundation has converted almost all their current grants to general operating. There are some organizations that can't due to restrictions on their grant funds, as well as the Foundation’s wish to make sure that funds remain restricted to NE Minnesota for organizations that have a broader footprint than their region. 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
For the moment the Northland Foundation is continuing with their standard grantmaking practice, however they anticipate that this will likely change in the future. 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
Nothing decided at the moment; 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.

Financial Summary
Amount of Total Funding Available:
Description of Funding Available

The Foundation is committing $100,000 for their region-wide response. This fund has been set up to support charitable, educational, and public purpose activities, projects, and support to nonprofit, public organizations, and businesses meeting the needs of people and communities in the 12-county and 2 tribal nation region. More information and other resources can be found on the Foundation’s website here: https://www.nwmf.org/covid-19-updates-and-resources/

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: $100,000

Key Personnel

Name: Nate Dorr
Title: VP for Advocacy
Contact Email: nated@nwmf.org
Contact Phone:

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

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

Amount of Total Funding Available: Grants: up to $100,000; Loans: $50,000-up to $1 million depending on annual organization revenue and purpose
Open Your Heart to the Hungry and Homeless
122 Franklin Avenue West, Suite 610
Minneapolis, MN 55404

**Important Information**
Deadlines: 11:59 PM on March 27, 2020. (Other grant deadlines remain the same.)

**Description of Funding Available**

**The Process for Applying for Funds**
Email completed COVID-19 proposal to grantapplication@oyh.org

**Other ways the Foundation is Responding to the impacts of COVID-19**
Regular grant deadlines remain the same.

**Financial Summary**
Amount of Total Funding Available: Up to $3,000

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

**How nonprofits should share information about what they area experiencing in their organizations and communities:**
Email: mail@oyh.org
Important Information

Deadlines: Not provided

Description of Funding Available

Nothing has changed yet; The Foundation is monitoring the situation and will let grantseekers know about 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

Questions/concerns, 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

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

Financial Summary

Amount of Total Funding Available: 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.

Financial Summary

Amount of Total Funding Available: Not provided
Important Information
Deadlines: No information available yet; visit website for more information

Description of Funding Available
No changes

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: 3 years of general operating support (up to $25,000 each year)
Important Information
Deadlines: Paint the Town Grants: May 18; Early Literacy Grants: April 6

Description of Funding Available
No changes to current grants. Check website for updates: 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
Not provided

Financial Summary
Amount of Total Funding Available: Not provided
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. More information can be found here: https://springboardforthearts.org/coronavirus/.

Updated emergency resources can be found on their website: https://springboardforthearts.org/coronavirus/.

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

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

Financial Summary
Amount of Total Funding Available: Not provided
**Important Information**
Deadlines: The grant deadline remains May 6.

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**Description of Funding Available**

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

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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**

Technical Assistance

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**Financial Summary**

Amount of Total Funding Available: Not provided

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**Key Personnel**

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

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

Email
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:

Important Information
Deadlines: Not provided

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

The Process for Applying for Funds
Not provided

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

Key Personnel
Name: Elisa Rasmussen
Title: Minnesota Giving Representative
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Contact Phone:

How nonprofits should share information about what they are experiencing in their organizations and communities:
Reach out to staff via email

Financial Summary
Amount of Total Funding Available: Not provided