In 2019, the direction was clear. It was time to focus on building the organization that philanthropy needs now to carry out our purpose—to collectively advance prosperity and equity. The updated MCF structure places emphasis on building capacity through: member services; diversity, equity and inclusion; and public policy. It is built of people who bring the skills and experience to do the work, the temperament to develop authentic partnerships with foundations and the community, and the enthusiasm to connect, strengthen and mobilize philanthropy. We built an organization equipped to serve and to lead, and, we have since learned, to navigate the turbulent times ahead.

We were fortunate to build on a strong foundation, including 141 members, dedicated board and committee members, and some long-time staff whose knowledge, relationships and historical perspective helped us move forward effectively. As the first year in my MCF tenure, it was a time of building relationships with you—Minnesota’s philanthropic community. And now, we are equipped to build a better future together, for all.
2019 YEAR-END HIGHLIGHTS

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We thank both participants and partners for your
dedication and support from 2014-2019;
and are committed to evolve programming in a
new way that honors the spirit and intent of the
fellowship in 2021 and beyond.

Most Requested Data
and Research Topics
Included housing,
homelessness, art and
culture, public policy, staff
and board compensation.

Led the Advocacy
Effort to Successfully
Secure a $1.6 Million
Appropriation
From the Minnesota state
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Minnesota’s preparation for
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Members Participated in Organizational Leadership and Governance
Addressing the work of MCF’s strategic plan. These included MCF’s Board of Directors,
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and creating D.E.I. vision and
values designed to move our
organization forward with purpose.

781 Attended MCF-hosted
events in 2019—With 46
programs held and 39 programs
curated specifically by and for
MCF members.

EXPENSE
$1,421,875

44% Member Services
Offering an excellent member experience
through networking, learning opportunities
and a focus on Diversity, Equity and Inclusion.

30% Management and Fundraising
Building a basis for long-term organizational
sustainability and financial health.

19% Advocacy and Public
Awareness
Amplifying philanthropy’s voice
and engaging state and federal
legislators.

7% Research and
Communication
Spreading the word about
philanthropy’s role in Minnesota.

Special Projects
MCF was funded and distributed
significant statewide resources
on special projects including the
Census Mobilization Partnership.

8% of MCF’s Revenue
Supported our collective work
to advance prosperity and equity.

Your support also helped to:

• Connect philanthropy in
Minnesota through 11 issue-based
focussed networks.

• Strengthen philanthropy through
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• Mobilize philanthropy to
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