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MINNESOTA COUNCIL ON FOUNDATIONS RELEASES 2020 GIVING IN MINNESOTA REPORT

MINNEAPOLIS, MN – (December 8, 2020) – The Minnesota Council on Foundations (MCF) has released the highly anticipated 2020 Giving in Minnesota report after a six-year hiatus. The Giving in Minnesota Report provides information and insights about private, community and corporate foundations, corporate giving programs, and other grantmaking institutions (both MCF members and non-members) based on publicly available and self-reported data from 2018. The report is made possible from a partnership between MCF and Candid, the organization created through the merger of Foundation Center and GuideStar.

The Minnesota Council on Foundations produced the first Giving in Minnesota report in 1978, recognizing the importance of transparency in the field of philanthropy, and public interest in understanding the landscape of foundation giving in Minnesota. Through this report, readers will gain insights into the scale and scope of grants recently made by Minnesota institutions, and into Minnesota from institutions outside of the state. Readers can anticipate data related to overall grants given in 2018, plus details such as giving amounts by organization type, by region of the state (congressional district), from out-of-state funders, by subject area, and more. This year, in addition, readers will find up-to-date data on the grantmaking practices of MCF members in response to many challenges, and significant needs, unique to 2020.

“Data is critical for the public to understand the priorities, activities and trends of philanthropy, and how philanthropic resources are used to address community needs. The Minnesota Council on Foundations is well-positioned to provide the public with important data about philanthropic giving and trends in the field. We are pleased to offer the return of this important tool and are committed to being an on-going source of grantmaking data for community stakeholders and the interested public.” Said MCF President, Susie Brown.

For the retrospective 2018 data, MCF gathered information from Candid, IRS forms 990, IRS statistics and tax data, Giving USA, and self-reporting by MCF members. For the data about 2020 and 2021 giving and grantmaking practices and intentions, MCF administered the *2020 Grantmaking and Practices Survey* of MCF members in July, 2020 (with response from 84 members of all foundation types, throughout the state).

To learn more about the 2020 Giving in Minnesota report, please visit the Minnesota Council on Foundations website at www.mcf.org.

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About the Minnesota Council on Foundations

MCF exists to collectively advance prosperity and equity in the state of Minnesota. MCF currently connects, mobilizes and strengthens over 150 philanthropic partners within the sector, serving grantmaking organizations for 50 years. Members of MCF include family and independent foundations, community and other public foundations, corporate foundations and giving programs. Learn more at www.mcf.org. #WeAreMCF