



MINNESOTA COUNCIL
ON FOUNDATIONS

*Minnesota's
vibrant philanthropic
community working
collectively to advance
prosperity and equity.*

Philanthropy and charitable giving are Minnesota priorities. MCF is a vibrant philanthropic community connecting, strengthening and mobilizing the power of philanthropy to advance prosperity and equity. MCF is the membership association for roughly 150 institutional grantmakers in Minnesota, including community foundations, family foundations, private independent foundations, grantmaking public charities, and corporate foundations and giving programs.

MCF's 2023 ADVOCACY AGENDA

Promote Charitable Giving and a Strong Charitable Sector

- Provide leadership in introducing new legislators and legislative leaders to Minnesota's nonprofit and philanthropic sector
- Monitor the release of the Office of the Legislative Auditor's report on state grants to nonprofit organizations. Advocate that state agency oversight of public funds going to nonprofit and foundation grantees and intermediaries supports equity, efficiency, accountability, and sufficient administrative cost allowances while not harming or placing unnecessary burdens on state grantees and intermediaries. Support increased tools and resources for state oversight as needed.
- Support the inclusion of sector voices and priorities in relevant public policies and decisions, such as through the Nonprofit Sector Strength and Partnership Act
- Participate thoughtfully in state and federal philanthropy reform discussions
- Support tax law changes that would expand access to charitable giving incentives

Strengthen Democratic Systems and Civic Participation

- Provide leadership by advocating for state investment to support data informed decision-making and community engagement around Census and ACS data and policy improvements to prepare Minnesota for a full 2030 Census count
- Promote expansion and protection of voting rights and voting access, with a focus on making our democracy more inclusive
- Support efforts to ensure the Census Bureau has adequate funding and can make well-researched improvements for the decennial Census and the annual American Community Survey to provide reliable data that reflects communities and supports community engagement, planning, and economic development

Support Equitable Economic and Disaster Recovery

- Support efforts to ensure incoming federal and state dollars work to build a more equitable and inclusive state
- Support adequately funding Minnesota's Disaster Assistance Contingency Account

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