



MINNESOTA COUNCIL
ON FOUNDATIONS

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

Philanthropy and charitable giving is a Minnesota priority. The Minnesota Council on Foundations (MCF) connects, strengthens, and mobilizes our state's vibrant philanthropic community. MCF is the membership association for roughly 150 grantmakers in Minnesota, including community foundations, family foundations, private independent foundations, and corporate foundations and giving programs.

MCF serves as a collective voice for Minnesota philanthropy, working toward two public policy goals:

- 1) Expanding philanthropy, charitable giving, and Minnesota's community of grantmakers*
- 2) Creating a more prosperous, inclusive and equitable Minnesota by eliminating disparities*

MCF's 2021 ADVOCACY AGENDA

Promote Charitable Giving and a Strong Charitable Sector

- Advocate for inclusion of nonprofit and sector priorities in upcoming state and federal COVID packages and the continuation of policy changes that have helped the sector adapt and respond
- Support changes to federal tax laws that would increase overall charitable giving and expand who can access charitable giving incentives, recognizing that different types of giving may require different kinds of incentives
- Oppose repeal of the Johnson Amendment

Strengthen Democratic Systems and Civic Participation

- Provide leadership in advocating for a community-focused, nonpartisan, and transparent redistricting process
- Support efforts to ensure the Census Bureau can produce high quality apportionment and redistricting data that is inclusive of all people in the country
- Promote expansion and protection of voting rights and voting access, with a focus on making our democracy more inclusive

Support Equitable Economic and Disaster Recovery

- Support raising revenue to sustain the state government's ability to take the actions needed to address the pandemic and economic downturn and build a more equitable state. Oppose state budget cuts that would deepen inequities and slow the state's economic recovery.
- Support disaster relief and recovery proposals that better serve and support historically marginalized communities in Minnesota that have been disproportionately impacted by natural or manmade disasters, including COVID
- Support adequately funding Minnesota's Disaster Assistance Contingency Account.

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