

# 2016 Annual Report



Throughout 2016 the Minnesota Council on Foundations asked questions to better define its identity and build on past success in order to chart a relevant course to the future. We wondered how we could most effectively prepare members for what's ahead, strengthen grant-making skills, curate important content and best use our competitive advantages to lead the field. The framework that emerged in late 2016 is already enhancing planning, enriching decision making and elevating philanthropy's impact in Minnesota and beyond.

## Amplify and share members' activities, learning and impact.

- Trained 1,760 people — 665 unique individuals from 183 organizations — with a goal of connecting and engaging grantmakers while building their skills as 21st century leaders.
- Published Giving Forum as a visually rich magazine. Included examples of grantmakers successfully working with new communities and of foundations preparing for and reacting to local emergencies.
- Launched a new mcf.org website, allowing members to more easily connect to resources and colleagues.
- Ron McKinley Philanthropy Fellowship featured in D5 Coalition's final five-year report on efforts to advance diversity, equity and inclusion in philanthropy.

## Anticipate future trends.

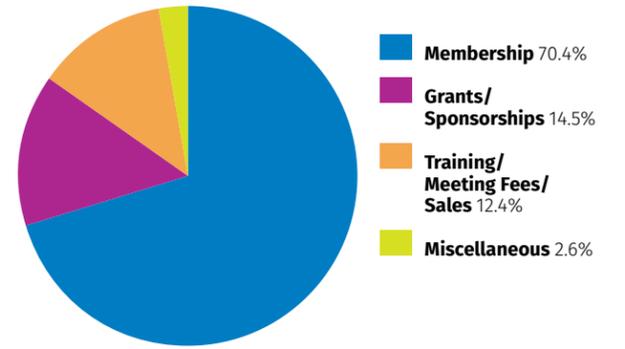
- Focused on teaching the philanthropic community to prepare for and shape the future using scenario planning and other forward-looking tools as part of President Trista Harris' Bush Fellowship.
- Welcomed Susan Hammel as MCF's first executive in residence. Susan shared her knowledge of impact investing and led an effort to put more of members' assets to work for good.
- Joined Philanthropic Preparedness, Resilience and Emergency Partnership (PPREP) to learn how communities can withstand and recover from natural and civic disasters.
- Celebrated our third cohort of eight Ron McKinley Philanthropy Fellows, extending the program's reach into rural and corporate Minnesota and equipping diverse individuals to lead the field into the future.

## Deepen relationships among members.

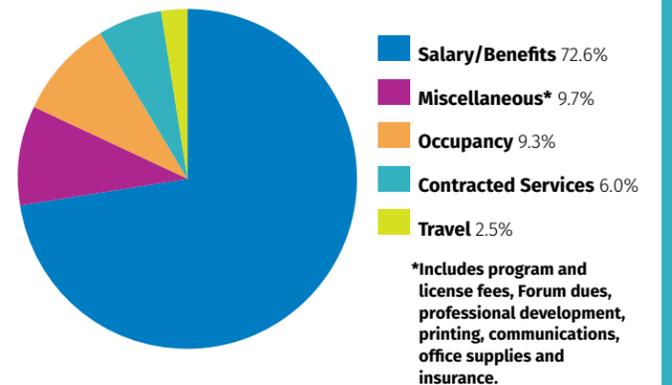
- Evolved peer networks by expanding membership in corporate and family networks and ensuring that all working in family and corporate giving feel welcome to contribute.
- Appointed specific staff people to answer questions from members of each foundation type, helping them more readily connect to the right people, information and tools.
- Convened our first public policy retreat, deepening understanding of what it means for Minnesota philanthropy to play a role in strengthening democracy.
- Co-hosted three national conferences in the Twin Cities: Funders' Committee for Civic Participation (FCCP); Funders for LGBTQ Issues: Funding Forward; and Grantmakers for Effective Organizations (GEO).

## 2016 MCF Core Budget

Revenue: \$1,573,627



Expense: \$1,512,164



MCF is a vibrant philanthropic community collectively advancing prosperity and equity.

