



MINNESOTA COUNCIL
ON FOUNDATIONS

2019 ANNUAL REPORT





BUILDING

A MESSAGE FROM MCF PRESIDENT, SUSIE BROWN

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.

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REVENUE

\$1,345,069

84% of MCF’s Revenue Came From Members Like You

Supporting our collective work to advance prosperity and equity.

Your support also helped to:

- Connect philanthropy in Minnesota through 11 issue-based peer-focused networks.
- Strengthen philanthropy through 46 learning opportunities and educational programs.
- Mobilize philanthropy to advance public policy change and strengthen democracy.

10% of MCF’s Revenue Came from Grants and Sponsorships

Enabling members like you to connect to audiences at events and programs.

6% of MCF’s Revenue Helped Members Grow

Through training and professional development opportunities.

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 also raised and distributed significant statewide resources on special projects including the Census Mobilization Partnership.



IMPACT

2019 YEAR-END HIGHLIGHTS



Convened and Led the Minnesota Census Mobilization Partnership

In its efforts to achieve a fully inclusive, nonpartisan, accurate 2020 Census count.

Diversity, Equity and Inclusion

Led the way at MCF—developing internal board strategies, member programming 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.

THANK YOU!

19 Fellows Participated

In the Ron McKinley fellowship, hosted by Blandin Foundation, Bush Foundation, Greater Twin Cities United Way, Headwaters Foundation for Justice, Medtronic Communities Foundation, Minnesota Philanthropy Partners and the Minneapolis Foundation.

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.

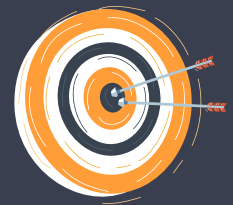
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Members Participated in Organizational Leadership and Governance

Addressing the work of MCF’s strategic plan. These included MCF’s Board of Directors, and committees including: Diversity, Equity and Inclusion; Finance; Government Relations and Public Policy; Governance; Membership; and Program and Annual Conference.

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 legislature to support Minnesota’s preparation for the 2020 Census.



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ABOUT US

The Minnesota Council on Foundations (MCF) is an association of grant makers working to advance prosperity and equity through connecting, strengthening and mobilizing the field of philanthropy in Minnesota.

The organization's 141 members represent grant-making throughout the state, providing millions of dollars and non-financial resources to nonprofits annually. Members include family and private independent foundations, community and other public foundations, and corporate foundations and giving programs.

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