



MINNESOTA COUNCIL
ON FOUNDATIONS

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

Philanthropy and charitable giving are Minnesota priorities. The Minnesota Council on Foundations (MCF) connects, strengthens, and mobilizes our state's vibrant philanthropic community 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 2024 ADVOCACY AGENDA

Promote Charitable Giving and a Strong Charitable Sector

- Advocate for the expansion of access to charitable giving incentives at the state and federal level
- Monitor the implementation of the expansion of the Office of Grants Management and changes to state grant review practices. 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 the inclusion of sector voices and priorities in relevant public policies and decisions, such as through the Nonprofit 'Stakeholders Engaging and Advancing Together' (SEAT) Act
- Provide leadership in connecting elected officials to Minnesota's philanthropic sector

Strengthen Democratic Systems and Civic Participation

- Provide leadership in preparing Minnesota for a full and accurate 2030 Census count through community engagement, advocacy, and strategic planning
- 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
- Promote the expansion and protection of voting rights and voting access, with a focus on the successful implementation of Minnesota's recently passed democracy reforms expansion
- Advocate for redistricting reforms that create a more community-focused, nonpartisan, and transparent process

Support Disaster Recovery, Community Resilience, and Climate Action

- Support adequately funding Minnesota's Disaster Assistance Contingency Account
- Support efforts to better resource local emergency managers and Minnesota VOAD, the coordinating table of voluntary organizations active in disaster
- Strengthen cross-sector connections and actions in support of Minnesota's Climate Action Framework

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