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The Minneapolis Foundation Awards \$452,330 in OneMPLS Grants to Support Pandemic Response

*Grants will support business and essential program continuity for local nonprofits;
additional public contributions to the OneMPLS Fund will enable more
grantmaking*

MINNEAPOLIS, Minn. — The Minneapolis Foundation today announced that it has awarded \$452,330 in grants from its OneMPLS Fund in support of regional efforts to address the economic impact of COVID-19.

These OneMPLS grants provide flexible resources to support business and essential program continuity for local organizations that serve communities disproportionately affected by the pandemic. The grants announced today will support the work of 27 nonprofit organizations, with an average award of just over \$16,750. Grant recipients will use funding to address needs such as home delivery of food and supplies to seniors, services for homeless youth, rent and utility payments for vulnerable populations, and support for artists and gig workers who have lost work during the pandemic.

The Foundation is accepting applications for this funding opportunity on a rolling basis and expects to award a second round of OneMPLS grants in the next week.

The Foundation began accepting applications for these pandemic response grants on March 30 and made the first round of funding decisions just four days later, an unusually quick turnaround that reflects both the urgent challenges posed by the pandemic and the nimbleness of the OneMPLS Fund, which is designed to respond to emerging community needs. Since March 30, nearly 150 organizations have requested more than \$7.4 million—more than seven times the amount currently available in the OneMPLS Fund, including the awards announced today. Applications continue to come in.

“The need is great, and we are grateful to the many individuals and businesses who have made these grants possible by supporting the OneMPLS Fund,” said Chanda Smith Baker, Senior Vice President of Impact at The Minneapolis Foundation. “These nonprofit organizations are essential to the fabric of our community, and we must all work together to help them continue providing services at this critical time.”

Businesses and members of the public are encouraged to contribute to the OneMPLS Fund, a collective impact fund that was launched in 2018 and seeded with funding from The Minneapolis Foundation and public contributions. Contributions are welcome in any amount and can be made online at <https://www.minneapolisfoundation.org/onempls-fund/>.

In addition to the OneMPLS Fund, The Minneapolis Foundation administers more than 1,400 charitable funds established by generous individuals, families and businesses—many of whom have increased their giving in response to the pandemic. In March, grant dollars from Donor Advised Funds at the Foundation increased by 104% as compared to the same time period last year, putting \$11.6 million out into the community.

The complete list of organizations that will receive the OneMPLS grants announced today is as follows:

- All Square
- American Indian Housing Corporation
- At Home Group Inc - Small Sums
- Avenues for Homeless Youth
- Basic Needs Inc. of South Washington County dba Stone Soup Thrift Shop
- Centro Tyrone Guzman
- Community Emergency Assistance Program
- Comunidades Latinas Unidas en Servicio
- Dar-Us-Salaam Cultural Center
- Good in the 'Hood
- Help At Your Door
- House of Charity, Inc.
- Launch Ministry
- Loaves and Fishes Too

- Minnesota Dawah Institute
- Network for Better Futures
- Pillsbury United Communities
- Prince of Peace Lutheran Church - Mission Outpost
- Ragamala Music and Dance Theater
- Resources, Justice & Management
- Soo Visual Arts Center
- Southeast Seniors, A Living at Home Block Nursing Program
- St. Stephen's Human Services
- The Dwelling Place
- The Neighborhood Hub
- Urban Ventures Leadership Foundation
- WomenVenture

To apply for a grant or make a tax-deductible online donation to the OneMPLS Fund, go to <https://www.minneapolisfoundation.org/onempls-fund/>

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