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The Minneapolis Foundation Awards an Additional \$500,000 in OneMPLS Pandemic Response Grants

35 nonprofits receive support in second grant round; additional public contributions to the OneMPLS Fund will enable more grantmaking

MINNEAPOLIS, Minn. — The Minneapolis Foundation today announced that it has awarded a second round of pandemic response grants from its OneMPLS Fund, distributing an additional \$500,000 to 35 nonprofit organizations.

These OneMPLS grants support regional efforts to address the economic impact of COVID-19, providing flexible resources to local organizations that serve communities disproportionately affected by the pandemic. The organizations funded in this round will use their grants to deliver groceries and other supplies to seniors, set up new food shelves, help small-business owners access state and federal assistance, support artists and restaurant employees who have lost work, and much more.

The Foundation is accepting applications for this funding opportunity on a rolling basis and expects to award a third round of OneMPLS grants. To date, the Foundation has distributed more than \$950,000 from the OneMPLS Fund to 62 organizations, with an average award of just over \$15,300.

Since the Foundation began accepting applications for this funding opportunity on March 30, 240 organizations have requested more than \$11 million in support.

“The needs are tremendous, and while these grants will enable many nonprofits to continue providing critical services in the coming weeks, the road to recovery is going to be very long,” said Chanda Smith Baker, Senior Vice President of Impact at The Minneapolis Foundation. “As a community foundation, we are committed to creating pathways for people to come together and pitch in on pandemic response efforts, both now and in the months to come. The OneMPLS Fund is one such pathway, and we are deeply grateful to all the individuals and businesses that are supporting our community through this fund.”

Businesses and members of the public are encouraged to contribute to the OneMPLS Fund, a collective impact fund that was launched in 2018 to expand The Minneapolis Foundation’s capacity to respond to emerging community needs. Contributions are welcome in any amount and can be made online at <https://www.minneapolisfoundation.org/onempls-fund/>.

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

- 180 Degrees, Inc.
- African Development Center of Minnesota
- African Economic Development Solutions
- Babys Space - A Place to Grow
- Beacon Interfaith Housing Collaborative
- Christians Reaching Out in Social Service
- CommonBond Communities
- Cookie Cart
- Cowles Center for Dance and the Performing Arts
- East Side Neighborhood Services
- Elpis Enterprises
- Exodus Financial Services
- Gethsemane Lutheran Church
- Hope Community
- HousingLink
- Interfaith Action of Greater St. Paul
- Juxtaposition Arts
- Keystone Community Services
- Korean Service Center
- Latino Economic Development Center
- Main Street Project
- Matter
- Metropolitan Consortium of Community Developers
- MoveFwd, Inc.
- Native American Community Development Institute

- New American Development Center
- People Serving People
- Project for Pride in Living, Inc.
- Red Eye Collaboration
- Restaurant Opportunities Centers ROC United, Inc.
- Springboard for the Arts
- Upstream Arts, Inc.
- Way to Grow
- YMCA of the Greater Twin Cities
- Zenon Dance Company and School

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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