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The Minneapolis Foundation Awards Third Round of OneMPLS Pandemic Response Grants

106 organizations have received more than \$1.5 million in OneMPLS grants this month; Foundation will now pause to plan next phase of community investment.

MINNEAPOLIS, Minn. — The Minneapolis Foundation today concluded the initial phase of grantmaking from its OneMPLS Fund in response to the COVID-19 crisis, distributing an additional \$570,000 to 44 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 operate shelters for people experiencing homelessness or domestic violence, assist vulnerable small-business owners, support artists and restaurant employees who have lost work, and much more.

In the past three weeks, including today's awards, the Foundation has distributed more than \$1.5 million in OneMPLS grants to 106 organizations.

Since the Foundation began accepting applications for this funding opportunity on March 30, roughly 300 organizations have requested nearly \$13 million in support.

“The needs in our community are high and rising,” said Chanda Smith Baker, Senior Vice President of Impact at The Minneapolis Foundation. “Our entire team is working hard to muster

financial resources and develop plans that will enable us to continue supporting our community with strategy and intention.”

With that in mind, The Minneapolis Foundation is pausing the application process for OneMPLS grants to plan its next phase of community investment. The Foundation’s online portal for this funding opportunity will be closed at 4:30 p.m. on Tuesday, April 21. Organizations that submitted applications in time for consideration during the first three rounds of pandemic response grantmaking have been notified of decisions. Any applications that remain when the portal closes will be reviewed at a slower rate; those organizations will be notified of grantmaking decisions in the coming weeks.

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/>.

“As the pandemic persists, the racial, social, and economic disparities in our community deepen by the day. It is going to take acts of generosity as unprecedented as the pandemic itself to support our nonprofit ecosystem and ensure essential program and service continuity,” said Smith Baker.

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

- 360 Communities
- Aeon
- African Career Education and Resources, Inc.
- African Immigrants Community Services
- Alliance Housing, Inc.
- American National Red Cross
- Appetite for Change Minnesota
- Big Brothers Big Sisters of the Greater Twin Cities
- Black Womens Wealth Alliance
- Boys and Girls Clubs of the Twin Cities
- Casa de Esperanza
- Catholic Charities of St. Paul and Minneapolis
- Coalition of Asian American Leaders
- Community Emergency Service
- Ecumen
- Friends of Global Market
- Greater Minneapolis Community Connections
- Hennepin Theatre Trust

- HIRED, Inc.
- Inquilinx Unidxs Por Justicia
- International Institute of Minnesota
- Involve MN
- Jungle Theater
- JustUs Health
- Ka Joog
- Lake Street Council
- Lutheran Social Services
- Metro Meals on Wheels
- Minnesota Multicultural Media Consortium
- MOVO SPACE
- Neighborhood Development Center
- Northside Economic Opportunity Network
- Presbyterian Homes Foundation
- PRISM
- Rum River Art Center, Inc.
- Safa Marwa Relief and Development Organization
- Second Harvest Heartland
- Sholom Foundation
- Simpson Housing Services, Inc.
- TaikoArts Midwest
- The Aliveness Project
- The Link
- Urban Boatbuilders, Inc.
- Youth and Family Circle

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