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The Minneapolis Foundation Awards First Round of Racial and Economic Justice Grants

***84 organizations will receive \$3.32 million through new funding
opportunity.***

MINNEAPOLIS, Minn. — The Minneapolis Foundation today announced \$3,320,000 in grants to 84 local organizations that are doing innovative work to advance racial and economic justice.

These are the first awards made from a new annual grant opportunity that flows from the Minneapolis Foundation's strategic framework, which launched in the fall of 2020. In developing this framework, the Foundation engaged in a deep listening and co-creation process, convening more than 100 nonprofit leaders to understand how it could partner more closely with them and communities they serve.

"Today more than ever, we strive to be responsive rather than prescriptive," said Chanda Smith Baker, the Minneapolis Foundation's Chief Impact Officer and Senior Vice President. "These grants reflect our commitment to investing in community-shaped and community-driven solutions. We want to fund the approaches and strategies that community leaders see working on the ground."

Racial and Economic Justice grants support organizations and projects that:

- Advance structural and systems change through policy advocacy, organizing, and movement building.
- Invest in economic systems and practices that build wealth and stabilize communities.
- Advance narrative strategies focused on racial and economic justice.

Funded organizations were able to demonstrate how their work advances economic and racial justice. They also showed how their work is responsive and embeds the voices of those most affected by challenges in the community.

One grant will support the Planting SEADs storytelling program. “This grant will allow us to build and center new narratives that tell the full lived experiences of Southeast Asian diaspora communities,” said Chanida Phaengdara Potter, Executive Director and Community Architect at The SEAD Project. “It will ensure that our cross-racial, multi-cultural, and intergenerational cultural organizing work gives community members the resources and space to heal and empowers them to mobilize for social justice.”

Another grant will enable the City of Lakes Community Land Trust to deepen its technical support of Community Land Trust initiatives led by African American and Native American communities. “We are committed to serving households of color at rates of at least three times the community of color homeownership rates in the city of Minneapolis,” said Jeff Washburne, the organization’s Executive Director.

The grants announced today will support these organizations:

- African American Leadership Forum
- African Career Education and Resources Inc.
- African Development Center of Minnesota
- African Economic Development Solutions
- Ain Dah Yung (Our Home) Shelter, Inc.
- Al Maa-Uun
- All Square
- Alliance for Metropolitan Stability
- American Indian OIC
- Amherst H. Wilder Foundation
- Asian American Organizing Project
- Ayada Leads
- Bii Gii Wiin Community Development Loan Fund (MNI SOTA FUND)
- Black Table Arts
- Black Womens Wealth Alliance
- Bridgemakers
- Build Wealth Minnesota, Inc
- Building Dignity and Respect Standards Council
- CAPI USA
- Central Area Neighborhood Development Organization
- Centro de Trabajadores Unidos en Lucha (CTUL)
- Centro Tyrone Guzman
- Children's Defense Fund
- City of Lakes Community Land Trust
- Coalition of Asian American Leaders
- Comunidades Latinas Unidas en Servicio (CLUES)
- Comunidades Organizando el Poder y la Accion Latina
- Corcoran Neighborhood Organization
- Dream of Wild Health
- Emerge Community Development
- Family Housing Fund
- Friends of Global Market

- Green Card Voices
- Harrison Neighborhood Association
- Hennepin Theatre Trust
- Hope Community
- Immigrant Law Center of Minnesota
- Inquilixs Unidxs Por Justicia
- ISALAH
- Islamic Civic Society of America
- KFAI, Fresh Air Radio, Inc.
- Lake Street Latino Business Association
- Latino Economic Development Center
- LatinoLEAD
- Legal Rights Center
- Local Initiatives Support Corporation
- Market Entry Fund
- Metropolitan Consortium of Community Developers
- Metropolitan Economic Development Association
- Midwest Mixed
- Minneapolis American Indian Center
- Minnesota Council of Nonprofits
- Minnesota Education Equity Partnership
- Minnesota Indian Women's Sexual Assault Coalition
- Minnesota Interfaith Power & Light
- Minnesota Second Chance Coalition
- MN NORML
- MN350
- National Lawyers' Guild Minnesota
- Native American Community Development Institute
- Navigate MN
- Neighborhood Development Center
- New American Development Center
- New Native Theatre
- North American Traditional Indigenous Food Systems
- Northside Economic Opportunity Network
- Open Access Connections
- Pangea World Theater
- Powderhorn Residents Group, Inc.
- Public Functionary
- Release MN 8
- Reviving Islamic Sisterhood for Empowerment
- Sakan Community Resources Inc
- Seward Redesign, Inc.
- The Riverside Plaza Tenants Association
- The SEAD Project
- Twin Cities Innovation Alliance
- Twin Cities Media Alliance
- Twin Cities Public Television
- Urban Homeworks

- Voices for Racial Justice
- West Bank Business Association
- Whittier Alliance
- WomenVenture

For a description of each project funded in this grant round, go to <https://www.minneapolisfoundation.org/stories/racial-and-economic-justice/first-round-of-racial-and-economic-justice-grants-awarded/>.

To receive updates about future Racial and Economic Justice grant rounds and other funding opportunities at the Minneapolis Foundation, sign up for email updates at <https://www.minneapolisfoundation.org/funding-opportunities/>.

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