



Intermediary Grantmakers in Minnesota

Location	Intermediary Name <i>Nonprofit Subgrantees</i>	Description
Minneapolis, MN	Greater Twin Cities United Way	Greater Twin Cities United Way and Generation Next are working to improve educational outcomes for low-income children and youth at risk for academic failure. This includes addressing kindergarten readiness, third grade reading proficiency, ninth eighth grade readiness for upper-level math, four-year graduation rates, and college enrollment rates for up to 2,000 low-income youth in the first two years of SIF.
Minneapolis, MN	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>AchieveMPLS in Minneapolis, MN</i> • <i>ServeMinnesota in Minneapolis, MN</i> • <i>Way to Grow in Minneapolis, MN</i> • <i>Amherst H. Wilder Foundation in Saint Paul, MN</i> • <i>College Possible College Program in Saint Paul, MN</i> • <i>Saint Paul Public Schools Foundation in Saint Paul, MN</i> Youthprise	

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Minneapolis, MN	AchieveMPLS Greater Twin Cities United Way	STEP-UP is the City of Minneapolis jobs program for youth and young adults ages 14-21. Each year STEP-UP recruits, trains and places more than 1,600 Minneapolis youth in great jobs with over 230 top Twin Cities businesses, public agencies and nonprofits. As one of the country's premiere youth employment programs, STEP-UP serves populations that face some of the greatest barriers to employment, particularly youth from low income families, youth of color, youth from immigrant families, and youth with disabilities. STEP-UP Achieve, directed by AchieveMpls, is STEP-UP's most advanced internship option. It offers career-oriented internships for older youth who are seeking professional opportunities in private sector businesses, public agencies and nonprofits. STEP-UP interns explore diverse career interests, gain valuable on-the-job skills, make strong professional connections, and prepare for meaningful careers. Interns receive work readiness training certified by the Minneapolis Regional Chamber of Commerce that prepares them for a professional job experience. STEP-UP also offers advanced level internships and industry-specific trainings that help interns deepen and integrate their career exposure with post-secondary education and career planning. Through the Social Innovation Fund, AchieveMpls is expanding the number of youth who participate in STEP-UP, enhancing their experience with stronger and more targeted training opportunities and researching the impact of training and work experience on student outcomes in high school, in job performance and ultimately in post-secondary success.



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Minneapolis, MN	ServeMinnesota Greater Twin Cities United Way	ServeMinnesota's reading innovation center will continue its implementation of the Minnesota Assessment of Vocabulary for Reading Improvement and Comprehension (MAVRIC). MAVRIC targets vocabulary deficiency among pre-k through 1st grade children and builds on the existing Minnesota Reading Corps model of using rigorously trained tutors to deliver data-driven reading interventions to students. It stems from a growing body of research that indicates the achievement gap can be impacted with a focused effort to build vocabulary. Defined as knowledge of words and word meanings, vocabulary lays the foundation for reading and reading comprehension. In partnership with the Minneapolis Public Schools, this innovation was implemented to full scale in pre-k sites and across 19 kindergartens and 19 1st grade schools in its first two years. Over the next two years, MAVRIC will be implemented in more k-1st grade classrooms, continued across current pre-k sites, and replicated in St. Paul Public schools. MAVRIC has produced data for effectively identifying students struggling with vocabulary in pre-k, kindergarten, and 1st grade, as well as data to ensure that research-based interventions are effective for specific students. An expected 80% of students who receive MAVRIC will no longer be identified as at-risk for poor vocabulary by the end of the program, which will positively impact their kindergarten readiness and future scores on the MCA-III.
Minneapolis, MN	Way to Grow Greater Twin Cities United Way	Way to Grow is a Minneapolis school-readiness organization that works with families prenatal to age 8 to address the significant educational disparities among both low-income students and students of color. The program, Great by Eight, is facilitated through home visits, center-based programming and family support services. It includes early childhood and elementary education support, health and wellness education, parent engagement and teen parenting support. Way to Grow is using its Social Innovation Fund (SIF) subgrant to test the impact of its Great by Eight home visiting model with children ages 3 to 8, and its ability to bring the program to scale to serve more families. Way to Grow is relationship-based and uses an evidence-based curricula designed to give low-income families the knowledge and resources necessary to stabilize their homes and engage in their children's early development and educational progress. Family Educators meet with parents and children to develop a culture of learning in the home through year-round, language-to-language home visiting and ensure parents have access to groups, classes and other critical community resources. The success of Great by Eight hinges on the strong collaborations Way to Grow has developed with parents and its community partners. Key partners include: Minneapolis Public Schools, Minnesota Visiting Nurse Agency, Northside Achievement Zone, Urban Ventures, Generation Next, Jewish Family and Children's Services, MN Reading Corps, Early Head Start, Goodwill Easter Seals FATHER Project, Bridge to Benefits, University of Minnesota Extension Services, The Center for Families and Help Me Grow.



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Saint Paul, MN	Amherst H. Wilder Foundation Greater Twin Cities United Way	<p>Saint Paul Promise Neighborhood (SPPN), which is fiscally sponsored by the Amherst A. Wilder Foundation, is partnering with the Network for the Development of Children of Africa Descent (NdCAD) to increase the availability and impact of the Sankofa literacy program and Parent Power Literacy and Advocacy Workshop to children and families living in the neighborhood. Sankofa is a culturally-based literacy tutoring program that provides intensive after-school tutoring that includes strong reading, cultural, and parent engagement components. This programming targets children of African descent enrolled in kindergarten through third grade residing in the Saint Paul Promise Neighborhood. Parent Power is a parent training program that helps parents help their children improve their reading. Parents build a strong literacy foundation at home and equip them with the necessary tools to advocate for children at school. The specific goals of Sankofa are to increase reading skills, increase independent guided reading levels, and improve academic performance. An overarching goal of the program is to help students develop and build literacy skills within the context of their cultural heritage, thus giving them a firm foundation for academic achievement and life-long learning. A unique feature of the Sankofa program design is the integration of culturally-responsive and culturally-specific practices to holistically address students' learning needs and engage the learners in their own learning. To this end, the program employs a variety of cultural learning strategies to help students make critical connections between what they know about their cultural selves, their cognitive and skill development, and their academic achievement. Ultimately, the program aims to intrinsically motivate students to master reading and become successful learners in school and throughout their lives.</p>
Saint Paul, MN	College Possible College Program Greater Twin Cities United Way	<p>College Possible Twin Cities is using SIF funding to help low-income students from Minneapolis and Saint Paul earn college admission and ultimately complete their college degrees. Through this partnership, College Possible will add new high school partnerships, expand at current high schools and support more students from Minneapolis and Saint Paul enrolled in college. The program helps to achieve Generation Next's goals of increasing high school graduation and six-year college degree completion rates in Minneapolis and Saint Paul. College Possible is dedicated to making college admission and success possible for low-income students through an intensive curriculum of coaching and support. They work with students from their junior year in high school through college graduation, providing coaching and guidance to help them prepare for and earn college admission, stay in college, and graduate ready for the workforce. They collaborate with high schools, colleges and other education organizations to maximize their program's impact. They are proud to work wi</p>



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Duluth, MN	Community Action Duluth Local Initiatives Support Corporation (2010)	Community Action Duluth is establishing a Financial Opportunity Center that will provide low-income participants with an array of on-site services in addition to career and financial coaching and income support.
Minneapolis, MN	EMERGE Local Initiatives Support Corporation (2010)	EMERGE is creating a new Financial Opportunity Center located and focused in North Minneapolis that expands the availability of financial counseling, coaching and income support access services to engage underemployed residents.
Minneapolis, MN	Project for Pride in Living Local Initiatives Support Corporation (2010)	Project for Pride in Living is increasing the scale and improving the quality of services that help low-income families increase their earnings and income, reduce their financial transaction costs, and generate new wealth for themselves and their communities through personalized goal plans.
Saint Paul, MN	CommonBond Communities Local Initiatives Support Corporation (2010)	CommonBond is expanding the capacity of Communities Career Advantage Services to serve residents of many CommonBond housing communities with the combination of employment, financial, and income supports.
Saint Paul, MN	Comunidades Latinas Unidas En Servicio Local Initiatives Support Corporation (2010)	Comunidades Latinas Unidas en Servicio provides integrated services, income support assistance, and referrals for financially-isolated low- and moderate-income Latino families and new immigrants.
Saint Paul, MN	Lutheran Social Service of Minnesota Local Initiatives Support Corporation (2010)	Lutheran Social Services is expanding capacity at the Eastside Financial Opportunity Center to assist additional working families in the receipt of bundled services including financial coaching, employment retention and advancement, and public benefits screening.