



## CARES Act Relief Funds

Through the Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security (CARES) Act, MHC provided grants to Tribal Nations and 501(c)(3) nonprofit organizations in Minnesota with a demonstrated commitment to humanities programming and are experiencing financial distress due to COVID-19. These funds will support the general operating and/or humanities programming for these organizations.

\$500,000 has been awarded to 81 organizations in 25 cities (representing 18 counties) across Minnesota.

Awardee	Website	Award Amount	Location (City)
826 MSP	<a href="https://www.826msp.org/">https://www.826msp.org/</a>	\$10,000	Minneapolis
African American Registry	<a href="https://aaregistry.org/">https://aaregistry.org/</a>	\$7,500	Minneapolis
Afro-American Development Association	<a href="http://www.aadevassoc.org">www.aadevassoc.org</a>	\$2,500	Moorhead
Alliance Francaise of the Twin Cities	<a href="http://www.afmsp.org">www.afmsp.org</a>	\$2,500	Minneapolis
American Indian Community Housing Organization	<a href="http://www.aicho.org">www.aicho.org</a>	\$15,000	Duluth
AMPERS	<a href="http://www.ampers.org">www.ampers.org</a>	\$5,000	St. Paul
Arcata Press	<a href="https://saintpaulalmanac.org/">https://saintpaulalmanac.org/</a>	\$10,000	St. Paul
ARTS-US	<a href="https://www.arts-us.org/">https://www.arts-us.org/</a>	\$5,000	St. Paul
Asian Media Access	<a href="http://www.amamedia.org">www.amamedia.org</a>	\$7,500	Minneapolis
Black Storytellers Alliance	<a href="http://www.blackstorytellers.com">www.blackstorytellers.com</a>	\$7,500	Minneapolis
Center for Hmong Arts and Talent	<a href="http://www.aboutchat.org">www.aboutchat.org</a>	\$5,000	St. Paul
Comunidades Latinas Unidas En Servicio (CLUES)	<a href="http://www.clues.org">www.clues.org</a>	\$5,000	St. Paul
Cow Tipping Press	<a href="http://cowtippingpress.org/">http://cowtippingpress.org/</a>	\$10,000	Minneapolis
Coffee House Press	<a href="http://www.coffeehousepress.org">www.coffeehousepress.org</a>	\$5,000	Minneapolis
Dakota Iapi Okhodakichiye	<a href="http://www.dakota.org">www.dakota.org</a>	\$10,000	Osseo
Dakota County Historical Society	<a href="http://www.dakotahistory.org">www.dakotahistory.org</a>	\$5,000	South St. Paul
Dakota Wicohan	<a href="https://dakotawicohan.org/">https://dakotawicohan.org/</a>	\$10,000	Morton
Diversity Council	<a href="http://www.diversitycouncil.org">www.diversitycouncil.org</a>	\$15,000	Rochester
East Side Freedom Library	<a href="https://eastsidefreedomlibrary.org/">https://eastsidefreedomlibrary.org/</a>	\$10,000	St. Paul
Every Third Saturday	<a href="http://www.everythirdsaturday.com">www.everythirdsaturday.com</a>	\$5,000	Minneapolis
Faribault Diversity Coalition	<a href="http://www.faribaultdiversitycoalition.org">www.faribaultdiversitycoalition.org</a>	\$7,500	Faribault
Giants of The Earth Heritage Center	<a href="https://springgrovemnheritagecenter.org/">https://springgrovemnheritagecenter.org/</a>	\$2,000	Spring Grove
Goodhue County Historical Society	<a href="https://goodhuecountyhistory.org/">https://goodhuecountyhistory.org/</a>	\$1,500	Red Wing
Grassroots Indigenous Multimedia	<a href="http://gim-ojibwe.org/">http://gim-ojibwe.org/</a>	\$15,000	Minneapolis
GREAT Theatre	<a href="http://www.GreatTheatre.org">www.GreatTheatre.org</a>	\$7,500	Waite Park
Green Card Voices	<a href="http://www.greencardvoices.org">www.greencardvoices.org</a>	\$10,000	Minneapolis
Hispanic Advocacy and Community Empowerment through Research (HACER)	<a href="http://www.hacer-mn.org">www.hacer-mn.org</a>	\$5,000	St. Paul
Hmong Cultural Center	<a href="http://www.hmongcc.org/">www.hmongcc.org/</a>	\$5,000	St. Paul
Hmong Museum of Minnesota	<a href="https://hmongmuseummn.org/">https://hmongmuseummn.org/</a>	\$5,000	St. Paul
Hnub Tshiab Hmong Women Achieving Together	<a href="https://hmongwomen.org/">https://hmongwomen.org/</a>	\$2,500	St. Paul
Hopewell Music Cooperative North	<a href="https://www.hopewellmusic.com/">https://www.hopewellmusic.com/</a>	\$5,000	Minneapolis
In Black Ink	<a href="https://inblackink.org/">https://inblackink.org/</a>	\$10,000	St. Paul



Iraqi and American Reconciliation Project	<a href="https://reconciliationproject.org/">https://reconciliationproject.org/</a>	\$2,500	Minneapolis
Japan America Society of Minnesota	<a href="https://mn-japan.org/">https://mn-japan.org/</a>	\$5,000	Minneapolis
Ka Joog	<a href="http://www.kajoog.org">www.kajoog.org</a>	\$5,000	Minneapolis
Kaddatz Galleries, LTD.	<a href="http://www.kaddatzgalleries.org">www.kaddatzgalleries.org</a>	\$2,500	Fergus Falls
Kamau Kambui Circle for Cultural Learning	<a href="http://www.kamau.org/">http://www.kamau.org/</a>	\$2,500	St. Paul
Language Attitude		\$5,000	Minneapolis
Lower Phalen Creek Project	<a href="https://www.lowerphalencreek.org/">https://www.lowerphalencreek.org/</a>	\$7,500	St. Paul
MidWest Mixed	<a href="https://www.midwestmixed.com/">https://www.midwestmixed.com/</a>	\$5,000	Minneapolis
Military Historical Society of Minnesota, Inc.	<a href="https://www.mnmilitarymuseum.org">https://www.mnmilitarymuseum.org</a>	\$5,000	Little Falls
Minnesota African American Heritage Museum and Gallery	<a href="http://www.maahmg.org">www.maahmg.org</a>	\$7,500	Minneapolis
Minnesota Transportation Museum	<a href="http://www.transportationmuseum.org">www.transportationmuseum.org</a>	\$5,000	St. Paul
Minors	<a href="https://www.minorsasia.org/">https://www.minorsasia.org/</a>	\$2,500	St. Paul
Multicultural Resource Center		\$2,000	Pelican Rapids
Native Governance Center	<a href="http://www.nativegov.org">www.nativegov.org</a>	\$7,500	St. Paul
New Arab American Theater Works	<a href="https://www.newarabamericantheaterworks.org/">https://www.newarabamericantheaterworks.org/</a>	\$10,000	Minneapolis
North American Traditional Indigenous Food Systems (NATIFS)	<a href="http://www.natifs.org">http://www.natifs.org</a>	\$7,500	Minneapolis
Northfield Historical Society	<a href="http://www.northfieldhistory.org">www.northfieldhistory.org</a>	\$5,000	Northfield
Oldenburg Arts and Cultural Community	<a href="https://oacc.us/">https://oacc.us/</a>	\$2,500	Carlton
Oyate Hotanin (Voice of the People)	<a href="http://www.oyatehotanin.org">www.oyatehotanin.org</a>	\$5,000	St. Paul
Philando Castile Peace Garden, a project of The Saint Paul & Minnesota Foundation	<a href="https://www.givemn.org/story/Tqyydg">https://www.givemn.org/story/Tqyydg</a>	\$5,000	St. Paul
Phumulani Minnesota African Women Against Violence	<a href="https://phumulani.org/">https://phumulani.org/</a>	\$2,000	Minneapolis
Planting People Growing Justice Leadership Institute	<a href="http://www.ppgjli.org">www.ppgjli.org</a>	\$7,500	St. Paul
Ramsey County Historical Society	<a href="https://www.rchs.com/">https://www.rchs.com/</a>	\$5,000	St. Paul
Recovery Community Network	<a href="https://recoverycommunitynetwork.com/">https://recoverycommunitynetwork.com/</a>	\$5,000	St. Cloud
Reviving the Islamic Sisterhood for Empowerment (RISE)	<a href="https://www.revivingsisterhood.org/">https://www.revivingsisterhood.org/</a>	\$10,000	Minneapolis
Rice County Historical Society	<a href="http://rchistory.org/">http://rchistory.org/</a>	\$2,000	Faribault
Rice County Neighbors United	<a href="http://www.neighborsunitedofnorthfield.org">www.neighborsunitedofnorthfield.org</a>	\$7,500	Northfield
Rondo Center of Diverse Expression	<a href="http://www.rcrcp.org">www.rcrcp.org</a>	\$10,000	St. Paul
Sauk Centre History Museum	<a href="http://www.saukcentrehistoricalociety.org">www.saukcentrehistoricalociety.org</a>	\$1,000	Sauk Centre
Semilla Center for Healing and the Arts	<a href="http://semillacenter.org">http://semillacenter.org</a>	\$7,500	Minneapolis
Sinclair Lewis Foundation	<a href="http://www.sinclairlewisfoundation.org">www.sinclairlewisfoundation.org</a>	\$2,500	Sauk Centre
Somali American Social Service Association	<a href="https://sassamn.org/">https://sassamn.org/</a>	\$5,000	Rochester
Somali Museum of MN	<a href="http://www.somalimuseum.org">http://www.somalimuseum.org</a>	\$15,000	Minneapolis
Speaking Out Collective	<a href="http://www.speakingoutcollective.com">www.speakingoutcollective.com</a>	\$7,500	Minneapolis
TaikoArts Midwest	<a href="http://www.taikoartsmidwest.org">www.taikoartsmidwest.org</a>	\$2,500	Minneapolis
Teatro del Pueblo	<a href="https://teatrodelpueblo.org/">https://teatrodelpueblo.org/</a>	\$2,500	St. Paul
Telling Queer History	<a href="http://www.tellingqueerhistory.com">www.tellingqueerhistory.com</a>	\$7,500	Minneapolis
Thai Cultural Council	<a href="https://www.thaiculturemn.us/">https://www.thaiculturemn.us/</a>	\$2,500	St. Louis Park
The Museum of Russian Art	<a href="http://www.tmora.org">www.tmora.org</a>	\$5,000	Minneapolis
The Prairie Island Indian Community	<a href="http://prairieisland.org/">http://prairieisland.org/</a>	\$10,000	Welch



The Southeast Asian Diaspora Project (SEAD)	<a href="http://www.theseadproject.org">www.theseadproject.org</a>	\$15,000	Minneapolis
ThinkSelf, Inc.	<a href="https://thinkself.org/">https://thinkself.org/</a>	\$5,000	St. Paul
Unite Cloud	<a href="http://www.unitecloud.org">www.unitecloud.org</a>	\$5,000	St Cloud
Vue National Association	<a href="http://vuenational.org/">http://vuenational.org/</a>	\$2,000	Minneapolis
Washington County Historical Society	<a href="http://www.wchsmn.org">www.wchsmn.org</a>	\$2,500	Stillwater
WDSE.WRPT PBS Public Television	<a href="https://www.wdse.org/">https://www.wdse.org/</a>	\$10,000	Duluth
White Bear Lake Area Historical Society	<a href="https://whitebearhistory.org/">https://whitebearhistory.org/</a>	\$5,000	White Bear Lake
Winona County Historical Society	<a href="http://www.winonahistory.org">www.winonahistory.org</a>	\$7,500	Winona
Zeitgeist Center for Arts & Community	<a href="https://zeitgeistarts.com/">https://zeitgeistarts.com/</a>	\$2,500	Duluth



## Cultural Identity Round 3 Grants

July 2020 – September 2021

Awardee	Award Amount	Location (City)	Project Overview
Center for Community Services, Kangle Singers and Dancers	\$9,000	Eden Prairie	Chinese seniors will participate in rehearsals, five outreach performances, and a concert entitled "We Are a Family", to be held on Saturday February 6, 2021 at the CCS auditorium.
CLUES	\$20,000	St. Paul	CLUES will create "Santuario," a multi-layered public art & creative placemaking project uplifting Latino cultural heritage, traditions, & identity; ultimately creating a cultural sanctuary space for Latino immigrant communities.
Coalition of Asian American Leaders on behalf of the LinkingLeaders Partnership	\$8,000	St. Paul	LinkingLeaders Partnership will integrate solidarity practices by creating and integrating resources, tools, and modules for teaching BIPOC histories in our programs.
Dakota Wicohan	\$30,000	Morton	Dakota Wicohan will develop online and media resources and delivered care packages to stay engaged with our youth, adults and families, focusing specifically on using culturally appropriate means to bolster the mental and spiritual health of our youth, and help them deal with any losses they experienced in their families and community.
Lower Sioux Indian Community	\$50,000	Morton	The Dakota History Symposium at Lower Sioux Agency will provide opportunity for exiled Dakota to reconnect to their shared history, disrupting dominant power dynamics that restrict Dakota truth-telling.
Migizi	\$80,600	Minneapolis	Migizi will transfer 1,000 pieces of reel-to-reel audio to a digital format so that it may be preserved and re-introduced. With KFAI Fresh Air Radio, they will produce 12 new audio stories utilizing the archive as source material.
New Arab American Theater Works	\$12,000	Minneapolis	New Arab American Theater Works will explore the impact of immigration from historic Syria (including modern day Lebanon) to the Americas over the last 100 years that will culminate in a 3 week production and 9 community dialogues.
North American Traditional Indigenous Food Systems (NATIFS)	\$27,600	Minneapolis	NATIFS is launching the Indigenous Food Lab in Minneapolis, including how-to videos and podcast conversations with Native chefs and other relevant Native health experts, to address serious issues of malnutrition, food-related illness, and economic impoverishment on tribal lands.
Saymoukda Vongsay	\$10,000	St. Paul	Curated by Saymoukda Duangphouxay Vongsay, The Manual for Motherland Orphans will contain ruminations from 9 Southeast Asian artists exploring themes like refugee identity formations, healing, trauma, (re)imaginings, cultural preservation, manifesting new identities, and decolonization.



The Minnesota Urban Debate League	\$30,000	Minneapolis	The Minnesota Urban Debate League will expand two of their programs designed to specifically address the needs of immigrant communities in Minnesota: The Spanish Debate League and the East African Debate Initiative.
Turkish American Association of Minnesota	\$8,000	St. Paul	TAAM will prepare resource kits that meet Minnesota academic standards for elementary students which will introduce the traditional arts and crafts of Turkey, as situated within the broader historical and geographical context.
<b>Total Awardees: 11</b>	<b>Total: \$285,200</b>	<b>Total Cities: 4</b>	

## Hmong Cultural Heritage Round 3 Grants

July 2020 – September 2021

Awardee	Award Amount	Location (City)	Project Overview
Center for Hmong Studies	\$20,000	St. Paul	The Center for Hmong Studies will acquire the Jason Schoonover Collection, provide stipends for students to digitize and catalog the collection, and organize a Hmong Textile exhibit to show the collection.
Hmong Cultural Center	\$76,955	St. Paul	The Hmong Cultural Heritage Initiative will support several outreach initiatives of the Hmong Cultural Center Museum and the first Minnesota Qeej Festival scheduled to be held at Landmark Center in late August 2020.
Hmong Museum	\$76,955	St. Paul	Hmong Museum will develop a 400 sq feet traveling exhibit around the importance of Hmong's oral culture. It will be a research phase with collaboration between Hmong Museum and community members.
The DIAL Group	\$28,000	Minneapolis	The DIAL will collaborate with Hmong artist Tou SaiKo Lee to develop “Ntiajteb Koomtes” (“Unified Worldwide” in English) – a Hmong language program based on Hmong traditional music infused with poetry and hip hop.
<b>Total Awardees: 4</b>	<b>Total: \$201,910</b>	<b>Total Cities: 2</b>	



## Somali Cultural Heritage Round 3 Grants

July 2020 – September 2021

Awardee	Award Amount	Location (City)	Project Overview
Ka Joog	\$43,380	Minneapolis	Ka Joog and Afro American Development Association (AADA) will partner to create a platform for Somali American youth to learn traditional Somali artistic mediums and present their learning through public presentations that will ignite community conversations.
Somali American Social Service Association (SASSA)	\$20,000	Rochester	SASSA will implement a program to inform and teach their fellow neighbors about the Somali culture. Their platform will be based on speakers, multimedia, TV programming, and print.
Somali Community Resettlement Services (SCRS)	\$40,000	Faribault	The Somali Youth Cultural Empowerment project will ensure youth learn their native Somali language and culture through classes taught by Somali teachers and will participate in the cultural tradition of Danta Dance.
Somali Museum of Minnesota	\$50,000	Minneapolis	The Somali Museum of Minnesota will curate and present two new monthly series of public programs: a gallery-based series that draws from the museum’s collection to offer Somali language, cultural and history instruction targeted to Somali families and school age youth; and artist talks and demonstrations, dance performances, exhibitions, and poetry readings designed for a broader audience.
Unite Cloud	\$20,000	St. Cloud	Through the “Somali Language and Culture” gatherings, Central MN neighbors will learn conversational Somali phrases they can share with their colleagues, customers, clients, patients, and/or friends. These gatherings will also include a time of learning about the Somali culture.
West Bank Athletic Club	\$25,000	Minneapolis	West Bank Athletic Club (WBAC) will expand its popular, ten-year running Somali youth soccer tournament into a comprehensive cultural heritage festival that includes Somali-specific sports, arts, and cultural activities. The 2021 WBAC Summer Festival will include a soccer tournament, live Somali music, interactive workshops, speakers, and a variety of arts and cultural activities led by youth.
<b>Total Awardees: 6</b>	<b>Total: \$198,380</b>	<b>Total Cities: 4</b>	



## Humanities Innovation Lab

February 2020 – August 2020



Awardee	Award Amount	Location (City)	Project Overview
826 MSP <a href="https://www.826msp.org/">https://www.826msp.org/</a>	\$2,000	Minneapolis	During National Poetry Month (April), 826 MSP will publish and share youth poetry and stories on pizza boxes from local pizzerias.
Brooks Turner <a href="http://brooksturner.com/">http://brooksturner.com/</a>	\$2,000	Minneapolis	Brooks will research and scan historical archives to create a history of fascism in MN exhibit in St. Cloud.
Chonburi Lee	\$1,631	Maplewood	A video podcast will be developed, featuring intergenerational Hmong stories and voices, including elders sharing their experiences with war (outside of being in the military).
Cow Tipping Press <a href="http://cowtippingpress.org/">http://cowtippingpress.org/</a>	\$2,000	Minneapolis	Ten animated video illustrations of poetry by neurodiverse authors will be created.
Department of Public Transformation <a href="https://www.publictransformation.org/">https://www.publictransformation.org/</a>	\$1,000	Granite Falls	A kickoff gathering for the WE CAN! event series will be held to solicit design and planning input from emerging female artists, artists of color, and artists from underrepresented communities in Southwest Minnesota.
GREAT Theatre <a href="https://www.greattheatre.org/">https://www.greattheatre.org/</a>	\$2,000	Waite Park	A post-show conversation with a panel of experts and community members who are a part of or work with the LGBTQ+ community in Central Minnesota will follow performances of <i>The Laramie Project</i> . Local resources will also be provided.
Hallie Q. Brown Community Center <a href="http://www.hallieqbrown.org/site/">http://www.hallieqbrown.org/site/</a>	\$2,000	Saint Paul	Youth of St. Paul Public Schools will learn how to digitally archive materials at Hallie Q. Brown Community Center, and create a short digital film featuring photos and audio from the elders of HQB.
Kim Heikkila	\$2,000	Saint Paul	Kim will conduct recorded interviews and share stories with boxers with Parkinson's.
Lower Phalen Creek Project <a href="https://www.lowerphalencreek.org/">https://www.lowerphalencreek.org/</a>	\$2,000	Saint Paul	Intentional outreach to the American Indian and Hmong communities for both storytelling and youth participation in a youth comic book workshop will be conducted.
Park Rapids Independent School District 309 <a href="https://www.parkrapids.k12.mn.us/">https://www.parkrapids.k12.mn.us/</a>	\$1,600	Park Rapids	Author Kao Kalia Yang will speak and work with students through writing prompts and workshops.
Portico Healthnet <a href="https://porticohealthnet.org/">https://porticohealthnet.org/</a>	\$2,000	Saint Paul	Healthcare stories of marginalized communities will be shared through written and visual storytelling.
Shanai Matteson <a href="https://shanai.work/">https://shanai.work/</a>	\$2,000	Minneapolis	Shanai will collaborate with artist Sara Pajunen to create a sound and poetry performance for the Nashwauk Mine, highlighting the stories of women and the mine.
University of Minnesota Foundation <a href="https://www.lib.umn.edu/tretter">https://www.lib.umn.edu/tretter</a>	\$2,000	Minneapolis	Community listening/feedback sessions of the pilot episode of a new podcast, Transcripts (interviews from the Tretter's Transgender Oral History Project), will be held to incorporate community feedback into the final product.