

Development Narrative Report FY 25/26 (Thru 2/27/2026)

GRANTS

Recent Grant Updates

- **Awarded** – \$30,000 to support General Operations, with additional \$20,000 Capital Grant from the Hardenbergh Foundation. Capital grant will support technological upgrades and CRM expansion.
- **Awarded** - \$2000 from the Athwin Foundation to support general operations.
- **NEW - Awarded** – \$25,000 grant from Capital Group Associate Involvement Grant Program through invitation from Pete Deavan.
- **Submitted** - \$55,000 grant to the Richard M. Schulze Family Foundation to support membership engagement, leadership development and 50th anniversary celebrations. Notification is expected in late April 2026. Site visit took place on Feb. 17.
- **Submitted** – \$27,500 STEM Grant request to Xcel Energy submitted on Feb. 18, 2026.
- **In Process** – \$100,000 STEM Grant request to Schott Foundation – annual lunch scheduled on due April 8, 2026.
- **Declined** - \$50,000 to support educator AI literacy to the People First AI Fund 2025.

Meetings and Funding Updates

- **Xcel Energy** - Feb. 5, 2026 - Annual impact meeting with Sam Holsen.
- **3M** - Feb. 26, 2026 - Annual impact meeting. Jackie Berry is no longer with 3M. Our new local contact is Allie Larson, Social Impact Strategy Manager. 3M is currently revising its funding strategy, with changes taking effect in 2027-2028. The new focus will prioritize serving underserved, low-income students as well as increasing employee engagement and volunteerism. Their funding to MINNDEPENDENT for this year is expected to remain stable at \$25,000. We can expect to receive a STEM Grant Application in May/June 2026.
- Sending LOI's to a prospect list of small family foundations with planned follow-up.
- 4 prospective supporters referred by Board of Directors

TRUSTS

- Awarded \$44,227.08 from the Helen Harrington Trust to be paid in 4 installments – January, April, July and October.

ANNUAL FUND

Category	# of Donors	Total YTD Amount	# of New Donors
Individuals/Orgs/Corp	29	\$43,536.76	3
Trusts	1	\$44,227.08	0
Foundations	4	\$101,875.00	1
Sponsors	42	\$74,850	5
			% Giving
Board (21)	13	\$21,111.76	62%

FY 25/26 Individual/Organization/Corporation Donors (Does not include sponsors)

1. Tim Benz
2. Best Buy/Anastasia Benz
3. Michael Lamb
4. Heidi Gallus
5. Mike Brennan
6. M. William Lower
7. Roger Maulik
8. The Mark E. and Mary A. Davis Foundation
9. Peter and Leeann Deavan
10. Lea A. Theobald
11. Vikram Ghosh
12. Frels Family Foundation
13. Blake and Kris Nelson
14. Josh and Sara Schultz
15. Tim Berner
16. Dr. Thomas D. Larson
17. John E. McCall
18. Patrick Callan - NEW
19. Dean and Cheri Broadhead
20. Sharon Dubiak - NEW
21. Sowles Company
22. Andy and Anne Biebl/
23. James and Patricia Heydon
24. Jeremy and Shana Duininck
25. Kate Wollan
26. Patrick O and Mary K. Regan
27. Premier Bank
28. Teri and Kevin McCloughan/McCloughan Family Fund - CCF
29. Lisa & Chris Vosbeek

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SPONSORSHIPS

2026 Private and Independent Education Awards (April 26, 2026)

Langer Construction (Print Sponsor)	\$1500
Premier Bank (Honor Teacher Sponsor)	\$3000
Jim Hansen (Education Sponsor)	\$1500
Hellmuth & Johnson (Table Sponsor)	\$1000
Teri and Kevin McClougan (Table Sponsor)	\$1000
Bethel University (Technology Sponsor)	\$1500
Mairs & Power (Leadership Sponsor)	\$3000
Broadhead (Hospitality Sponsor)	\$1500
Eight Moon (Design Sponsor \$1000 & \$500 in-kind design services)	\$1500
Redpath & Company (Table Sponsor)	\$1000
MNSAA (Advertising Sponsor)	\$250
LeiningerCPA (Advertising Sponsor)	\$500
Park Street Public (Advertising Sponsor)	\$500

FY 25-26 Education Awards Sponsorship	\$17,750
Sponsorship Goal	\$35,000

2025 School Leadership Conference (Sept. 22-24, 2025)

Langer Construction	\$3000
Thrivent	\$3000
Enquiry Tracker	\$3000
FACTS	\$3000
Canopy IT Solutions	\$3000
Cognia	\$3000
Slow Road Photo	\$3000
Renaissance	\$3000
Tools for Success	\$1800
Opus Group	\$1800
Solid Rock Construction	\$1800
Donald's Uniform	\$1800
Escale Advisors	\$1800
Catapult Learning	\$1800
Sadlier	\$1800
Pope Design Group	\$1800
Revolution Sporting Goods	\$1800
Teaching Channel - NEW	\$1800

FY 25-26 School Leadership Sponsorship	\$42,000
Sponsorship Goal	\$42,000

Preferred Partnership Program

Thrivent	\$500
Langer Construction	\$500
Cognia	\$500
Enquiry Tracker	\$500
Phoenix School Counseling, LLC	\$500
Tools for Success	\$500
Renaissance	\$500
Pope Design Group	\$500
Escale Advisors	\$500
Catapult Learning	\$500

FY 25-26 Preferred Partnership Program Sponsorship	\$5000
Sponsorship Goal	0

2025 STEM Education Conference (Aug 13, 2025)

MN Zoo	\$250
Thrivent	\$500
Science from Scientists	\$500
Code Savvy - NEW	\$500
ATSR - NEW	\$500
High Tech Kids	\$250
MN Agriculture in the Classroom	\$250
Sadlier Publishing	\$500
SmartLab	\$500
The Works Museum - NEW	\$250
Fenworks	\$500
MN HOSA - NEW	\$250
Teaching Channel – trade for a presenter	\$0

FY25-26 STEM Education Conference Sponsorship	\$4750
Sponsorship Goal	\$4000

Other Organization Sponsorships 2025-2026

Thrivent - ENEWS Spotlight Sponsor (July 2025 thru June 2026 – 12 issues)	\$2400
Thrivent – PD Webinar Sponsor (1 webinar)	\$750
Opus Design Group – ENEWS Spotlight Sponsor (July 2025 thru Nov. 2025 and Jan. 2026 thru June 2026 – 11 issues)	\$2200

FY 25-26 YTD Other Sponsorships	\$5350
Other Sponsorship Goal	\$5500

Grant Pipeline Report - FY 2025-2026 thru 2-27-2026

Source	Purpose	Request	Budget	Status	YTD Awarded	Deadlines & Notes
Hardenbergh Foundation	Unrestricted - General Ops	\$25,000.00	\$ 25,000.00	Awarded	\$30,000.00	
	Capital Grant for IT Infrastructure	\$20,000.00	-	Awarded	\$20,000.00	
MIN STEM Ecosystems Grant	Restricted - STEM	\$25,000.00	\$ -	Declined		\$0.00 Submitted LOI Sept. 15, 2025
Capital Group Associate Involvement Grant Program - NEW	Unrestricted - General Ops	\$25,000.00		Awarded	\$25,000.00	Invitation to apply from Pete Deavan. Funds expected in next 6 weeks
Richard Schulze Family Foundation	Unrestricted - General Ops	\$55,000.00	\$ 37,000.00	Pending		Grant submitted on 1/26/2026
	6 Month Grant Report	NA	NA	Submitted		NA 10/9/2025
	Final Grant Report	NA	NA			NA Due 4/8/2026
Athwin Foundation	Unrestricted - General Ops	\$3,000.00	\$2,000.00	Awarded	\$2,000.00	
People First AI Fund	Restricted - Educator AI Literacy	\$50,000.00	\$0.00	Declined		\$0.00 No feedback provided
Schott Foundation	Restricted - STEM Program	\$100,000.00	\$ 100,000.00	In process		Due April 2026
Xcel Energy Foundation	Restricted - STEM Program	\$27,500.00	\$ 25,000.00	Pending		Grant submitted 2/18/2026
	Final Grant Report	NA	NA			Due May 30, 2026
3M Foundation	Restricted - STEM Prog./underserved students (SciSci Programming)	\$25,000.00	\$0.00	Awarded	\$25,000.00	
	2026 Final Grant Report	NA	NA			NA Due 10-3-2026
Otto Bremer Trust	Strategic initiatives that align with OBT objectives - no grant applications accepted. Grants awarded based on stakeholder engagement and research by OBT.					Tim will schedule follow-up meeting to discuss strategic areas and which ones are the best fit for funding to fit in their new strategic priorities
GHR Foundation	Restricted - Programming (no grant deadlines published)	TBD	\$0.00	In Process		
			\$0.00	In Process		Sponsorship partners at Opus with provide introduction to new program officer at foundation
			\$ 189,000.00	Total Awarded YTD	\$102,000.00	
Other Funding Provided by Community Partners						
We Share Solar (WSS)	WSS supplemental funding for Legacy Schools (\$6500/10 solar suitcases/school/11 schools			Awarded	\$65,000.00	Funding provided by WSS for MINNDEPENDENT member schools
Science from Scientist (SciSci)	SciSci supplemental funding to serve metro schools underserved students (8 schools served by program)			Awarded	\$26,000.00	Funding provided by SciSci for MINNDEPENDENT member schools
				Total Awarded	\$91,000.00	

FY 2025/2026 DEVELOPMENT FUND REPORT (Thru Feb. 27, 2026)

		FY26 PLAN		FY26 YTD	FY 25 YTD	Donors		FY 26 YTD	FY 25 YTD
Grants									
	Unrestricted	\$80,000.00	\$56,875.00	\$27,000.00	\$10,000 +	1		2	
	STEM	\$125,000.00	\$25,000.00	\$50,000.00	\$5,000 - \$9,999	3		0	
	Capital (IT Infrastructure)		\$20,000.00		\$1,000 - \$4,999	11		6	
		\$205,000.00	\$101,875.00	\$77,000.00	\$1-999	15		16	
					TOTAL	30		24	
Honor Fund									
	Honor Fund/Unrestricted	\$80,000.00	\$43,536.76	\$23,793.30	Foundations				
	HH Trust	\$42,750.00	\$44,227.08	\$42,867.92	\$100,000 +				
		\$122,750.00	\$87,763.84	\$66,661.22	\$50,000 - \$99,999	2		1	
					\$25,000 - \$49,999	1		1	
					\$10,000 - \$24,999				
	Awards	\$35,000.00	\$17,750.00	\$17,000.00	\$1 - \$9,999	1		1	
	SLC	\$42,000.00	\$47,000.00	\$44,000.00	TOTAL	4		3	
	STEM	\$4,000.00	\$4,750.00	\$5,000.00					
	Seminars/Enews	\$6,000.00	\$5,350.00	\$5,000.00	Sponsors				
		\$87,000.00	\$74,850.00	\$71,000.00	\$5,000+	2		3	
					\$2,500-\$4,999	8		6	
		\$414,750.00	\$264,488.84	\$214,661.22	\$1,000-\$2,499	18		19	
					\$1-\$999	14		14	
					TOTAL	42		42	
					Board Giving FY26				
					Total Members	Donors		Total FY26	%
						20		\$21,111.76	62%
					Board Giving FY25				
					Total Members	Donors		Total FY25	%
						17		\$25,112.54	100%
					Board Giving FY24				
					Total Members	Donors		Total FY24	%
						17		\$22,194.75	100%
					Board Giving FY23				
					Total Members	Donors		Total FY23	%
						18		\$11,734.59	72%
					Board Giving FY22				
					Total Members	Donors		Total FY22	%
						17		\$13,309.47	88%