

Development Narrative Report FY 2025/2026 (Thru 6/4/2026)

GRANTS

Recent Grant Updates

- **Awarded** - \$55,000 grant from the Richard M. Schulze Family Foundation to support membership engagement, leadership development and 50th anniversary celebrations. Check was received on 6-2-2026.
- **Awarded** – \$25,000 STEM Grant from Xcel Energy. Payment is expected in the next 60 days.
- **Awarded** – \$100,000 STEM Grant from the Schott Foundation to support MINNDEPENDENT's STEM Program.
- **Invitation** – Invited to apply for a 3M General Cash Grant for STEM Programming in Under-Resourced Twin Cities Schools in the amount of \$25,000.

Meetings and Funding Updates

- **Richard M. Schulze Family Foundation** – On June 1, we were notified that the Foundation is changing its grantmaking strategy to an invitation-only model and will focus on awarding fewer grants at larger funding levels. We have reached out to our program officer to better understand these changes and to explore how MINNDEPENDENT can position its work and impact to align with the Foundation's evolving priorities.

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	36	\$70,551.47	5
Trusts	1	\$44,227.08	0
Foundations	7	\$281,875.00	1
Sponsors	55	\$93,350.00	6
			% Giving
Board (20)	17	\$26,323.94	85%

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 - **NEW**
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. Doug and Laura Yaeger
25. Jeremy and Shana Duininck
26. Kate Wollan
27. Patrick O and Mary K. Regan
28. Premier Bank
29. Teri and Kevin McCloughan/McCloughan Family Fund - CCF
30. Lisa & Chris Vosbeek
31. Jennifer Cassidy
32. NCCA Foodservice Solutions
33. Mathiowetz Construction
34. Tim and Kelly Roche - **NEW**
35. Rosa Miller
36. Maria Reamer - **NEW**

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SPONSORSHIPS

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

Premier Bank	\$3,000
Mairs & Power	\$3,000
Xcel Energy	\$3,000
Cretin-Derham Hall	\$3,000
Ulteig	\$3,000
Langer Construction	\$1,500
Jim Hansen	\$1,500
Bethel University	\$1,500
Broadhead	\$1,500
Eight Moon	\$1,500
Nelson Law, PLLC - NEW	\$1,500
Linda and Ken Holmen	\$1,500
McClungPR	\$1,500
Phoenix School Counseling	\$1,500
Hellmuth & Johnson	\$1,000
Teri and Kevin McCloughan	\$1,000
Redpath & Company	\$1,000
Chuck and Mary Killian	\$500
Josh and Sue Killian	\$500
Anna and Jason Lima	\$500
MNSAA	\$250
LeiningerCPA	\$500
Park Street Public	\$500
Hill-Murray School	\$500
St. Joseph School	\$500
Avail Academy	\$500
Saint Thomas Academy	\$250
Risen Christ Catholic School	\$250

**FY 25-26 Education Awards Sponsorship
Sponsorship Goal**

**\$36,250
\$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
Sponsorship Goal**

**\$42,000
\$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

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	
MN 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
Richard M. Schultze Family Foundation	Unrestricted - General Ops	\$55,000.00	\$ 37,000.00	Awarded	\$55,000.00	
	6 Month Grant Report - Due Oct 28, 2026	NA	NA	Submitted	NA	10/9/2025
	Final Grant Report - Due April 16, 2027	NA	NA	Submitted	NA	Due 4/8/2026
Atbwin 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	Awarded	\$100,000.00	Due April 2026
Xcel Energy Foundation	Restricted - STEM Program - June 12, 2026	\$27,500.00	\$ 25,000.00	Awarded		Payment expect in next 60 days
	Final Grant Report - Due April 16, 2027	NA	NA		NA	Impact reported completed 6/1/2026
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
3M Foundation	General Cash Grant for STEM Programming for Undersources TC Schools	\$25,000.00	\$0.00	In Process		Invite received on 6-2-2026. Application due 7-17-2026
	Strategic initiatives that align with ORT objectives- no grant applications accepted. Grants awarded based on stakeholder engagement and research by ORT.					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
Otto Bremer Trust	Restricted - Programming (no grant deadlines published)	TBD	\$0.00	In Process		
GHR Foundation	Restricted - Programming (no grant deadlines published)		\$0.00	In Process		
			\$ 189,000.00	Total Awarded YTD	\$257,000.00	
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 June 2, 2026)									
Grants		FY26 PLAN	FY26 YTD	FY 25 YTD	Donors	FY 26 YTD	FY 25 YTD		
	Unrestricted	\$80,000.00	\$111,875.00	\$64,000.00	\$10,000 +	2	2		
	STEM	\$125,000.00	\$150,000.00	\$175,000.00	\$5,000 - \$9,999	3	1		
	Capital (IT Infrastructure)		\$20,000.00		\$1,000 - \$4,999	14	15		
		\$205,000.00	\$281,875.00	\$239,000.00	\$1-999	17	19		
					TOTAL	36	37		
Honor Fund									
	Honor Fund/Unrestricted	\$80,000.00	\$70,551.47	\$51,020.01	Foundations	FY 26 YTD	FY 25 YTD		
	HH Trust	\$42,750.00	\$44,227.08	\$42,867.92	\$100,000 +	1	1		
		\$122,750.00	\$114,778.55	\$93,887.93	\$50,000 - \$99,999	3	1		
					\$25,000 - \$49,999	2	3		
					\$10,000 - \$24,999				
Sponsorships	Awards	\$35,000.00	\$36,250.00	\$38,250.00	\$1 - \$9,999	1	1		
	SLC	\$42,000.00	\$47,000.00	\$44,500.00	TOTAL	7	6		
	STEM	\$4,000.00	\$4,750.00	\$5,000.00					
	Seminars/Enews	\$6,000.00	\$5,350.00	\$6,000.00	Sponsors	FY 26 YTD	FY 25 YTD		
		\$87,000.00	\$93,350.00	\$93,750.00	\$5,000+	2	4		
					\$2,500-\$4,999	12	7		
TOTAL		\$414,750.00	\$490,003.55	\$426,637.93	\$1,000-\$2,499	20	26		
					\$1-\$999	21	23		
					TOTAL	55	60		
					Board Giving FY26				
					Total Members	Donors	Total FY26		%
					20	17	\$26,323.94		85%
					Board Giving FY25				
					Total Members	Donors	Total FY25		%
					17	17	\$25,112.54		100%
					Board Giving FY24				
					Total Members	Donors	Total FY24		%
					17	17	\$22,194.75		100%
					Board Giving FY23				
					Total Members	Donors	Total FY23		%
					18	13	\$11,734.59		72%
					Board Giving FY22				
					Total Members	Donors	Total FY22		%
					17	15	\$13,309.47		88%