

**Development Narrative Report
FY 25/26 (Thru 9/10/2025)**

GRANTS

Recent Grant Updates

- **Awarded** – \$25,000 grant from 3M to support STEM general operations. Payment will be in the next 30 days.
- **Declined** - \$25,000 grant to the Ciresi Walburn Foundation for Children to support advocacy

Grant Submissions

- **Pending** – \$30,000 grant request to Boston Scientific to support the STEM Program at under-resourced metro schools during the 2025–2026 school year.

Meetings and Funding Updates

- Meeting is scheduled with the Hardenbergh Foundation in September to discuss additional funding for capital project on this year's grant application. Grant application is due Oct. 15, 2025.

Potential Funding Opportunities

- LOI's to a prospect list of small family foundations will be sent out in October and November with email follow-up after letters are sent.

TRUSTS

- No YTD

ANNUAL FUND

Category	# of Donors	Total YTD Amount	# of New Donors
Individuals/Orgs/Corp	8	\$2847.13	0
Trusts	0	0	0
Foundations	1	\$25,000	0
Sponsors	29	54,700	5
			% Giving
Board (20)	4	\$1147.13	20%

FY24/25 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

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SPONSORSHIPS**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 (6 issues, 7/25 – 12/25)	\$1200
Thrivent – PD Webinar Sponsor (1 webinar)	\$750
Opus Design Group – ENEWS Spotlight Sponsor (5 issues, 7/25 -11/25)	\$1000

FY 25-26 YTD Other Sponsorships	\$2950
Other Sponsorship Goal	\$6000

FY 2025/2026 DEVELOPMENT FUND REPORT (Thru Sept. 10, 2025)								
Grants		FY26 PLAN	FY26 YTD	FY 25 YTD	Donors	FY 26 YTD	FY 25 YTD	
	Unrestricted	\$80,000.00			\$10,000 +			
	STEM	\$125,000.00	\$25,000.00	\$50,000.00	\$5,000 - \$9,999			
		\$205,000.00	\$25,000.00	\$50,000.00	\$1,000 - \$4,999	1	1	
					\$1-999	7	5	
Honor Fund					TOTAL	8	6	
	Honor Fund/Unrestricted	\$80,000.00	\$2,847.13	\$1,906.35				
	HH Trust	\$42,750.00	\$0.00		Foundations	FY 26 YTD	FY 25 YTD	
		\$122,750.00	\$2,847.13	\$1,906.35	\$100,000 +			
					\$50,000 - \$99,999		1	
Sponsorships					\$25,000 - \$49,999	1		
	Awards	\$35,000.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$10,000 - \$24,999			
	SLC	\$42,000.00	\$47,000.00	\$44,000.00	\$1 - \$9,999			
	STEM	\$4,000.00	\$4,750.00	\$5,000.00	TOTAL	1	1	
	Seminars/Enews	\$6,000.00	\$2,950.00	\$2,100.00				
		\$87,000.00	\$54,700.00	\$51,100.00	Sponsors	FY 26 YTD	FY 25 YTD	
					\$5,000+	1	3	
TOTAL		\$414,750.00	\$82,547.13	\$103,006.35	\$2,500-\$4,999	7	4	
					\$1,000-\$2,499	10	10	
					\$1-\$999	11	12	
					TOTAL	29	29	
					Board Giving FY26			
					Total Members	Donors	Total FY26	%
					20	4	\$1,147.13	20%
					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%

Grant Pipeline Report - FY 2025-2026 thru 9-8-2025						
Source	Purpose	Request	Budget	Status	YTD Awarded	Deadlines & Notes
Hardenbergh Foundation	Unrestricted - General Ops	\$25,000.00	\$ 25,000.00	In process		10/15/2025
Richard Schulze Family Foundation	Unrestricted - General Ops	\$45,000.00	\$ 37,000.00			TBD - Fall LOI and application dates not listed yet on website
	6 Month Grant Report	NA	NA	In process		10/9/2025
	Final Grant Report	NA	NA			4/8/2026
Athwin Foundation	Unrestricted - General Ops	\$5,000.00	\$2,000.00			Nov-25
Schott Foundation	Restricted - STEM Program	\$100,000.00	\$ 100,000.00			Apr-26
Xcel Energy Foundation	Restricted - STEM Program	\$27,500.00	\$ 25,000.00			
	Final Grant Report	NA	NA			6/12/2026
3M Foundation	Restricted - STEM Prog/underserved students (SciSci Programming)	\$25,000.00	\$0.00	Awarded	\$25,000.00	
	2025 Final Grant Report	NA	NA	In Process		Due 10-3-2025
Boston Scientific	Support STEM K-12 educational program for low income students	\$30,000.00	\$0.00	Pending		
	Stratgetic 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 flit for funding to fit in their new strategic priorities
Otto Bremer Trust		TBD	\$0.00	In Process		
Horton, Inc	Support the surrounding community in a variety of ways. They have a vested interest in STEM. Could also be a sponsorship prospect	TBD	\$0.00	In Process		Met with and sent outline of our mission and programs to Sarah Aesoph. CFO/CIO, sarah.aesoph@hortonww.com. Waiting for her response.
GHR Foundation	Restricted - Programming (no grant deadlines published)		\$0.00	In review		Tim will contact new program officer to see if we fit in funding priorities
			\$ 189,000.00	Total Awarded YTD	\$25,000.00	
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	