

Development Narrative Report FY 2025/2026 (Thru 4/29/2026)

GRANTS

Recent Grant Updates

- **Pending** - \$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.
- **Pending** - \$27,500 STEM Grant request to Xcel Energy submitted on Feb. 18, 2026. Notification is expected in June 2026
- **Awarded** - \$100,000 STEM Grant from the Schott Foundation to support MINNDEPENDENT's STEM Program.
- **Pending** - Waiting for invitation from 3M to apply for STEM grant. We were told to expect the invitation in May 2026.

Meetings and Funding Updates

- **3M** - Feb. 26, 2026 - Our new local contact is Allie Larson, Social Impact Strategy Manager. Allie shared that 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.

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	34	\$66,948.48	4
Trusts	1	\$44,227.08	0
Foundations	5	\$201,875.00	1
Sponsors	55	\$93,350.00	6
			% Giving
Board (20)	17	\$25,220.05	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
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
30. Jennifer Cassidy
31. NCCA Foodservice Solutions
32. Mathiowetz Construction
33. Tim and Kelly Roche
34. Rosa Miller

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- Vimeo - <https://vimeo.com/minndependent>

SPONSORSHIPS

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

Premier Bank	\$3,000.00
Mairs & Power	\$3,000.00
Xcel Energy	\$3,000.00
Cretin-Derham Hall	\$3,000.00
Ulteig	\$3,000.00
Langer Construction	\$1,500.00
Jim Hansen	\$1,500.00
Bethel University	\$1,500.00
Broadhead	\$1,500.00
Eight Moon	\$1,500.00
Nelson Law, PLLC - NEW	\$1,500.00
Linda and Ken Holmen	\$1,500.00
McClungPR	\$1,500.00
Phoenix School Counseling	\$1,500.00
Hellmuth & Johnson	\$1,000.00
Teri and Kevin McCloughan	\$1,000.00
Redpath & Company	\$1,000.00
Chuck and Mary Killian	\$500.00
Josh and Sue Killian	\$500.00
Anna and Jason Lima	\$500.00
MNSAA	\$250.00
LeiningerCPA	\$500.00
Park Street Public	\$500.00
Hill-Murray School	\$500.00
St. Joseph School	\$500.00
Avail Academy	\$500.00
Saint Thomas Academy	\$250.00
Risen Christ Catholic School	\$250.00
FY 25-26 Education Awards Sponsorship	\$36,250.00
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 4-29-2026						
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	
MN STEM Ecosystems Grant	Restricted - STEM	\$25,000.00	\$ -	Declined	\$0.00	Submitted LOI Sept. 15, 2025
	Unrestricted - General Ops	\$25,000.00		Awarded	\$25,000.00	Invitation to apply from Pete Deavan
	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
Richard Schulze Family Foundation	Final Grant Report	NA	NA	Submitted	NA	Due 4/8/2026
	Unrestricted - General Ops	\$3,000.00	\$2,000.00	Awarded	\$2,000.00	
Atbwin Foundation	Unrestricted - General Ops	\$3,000.00	\$2,000.00	Awarded	\$0.00	No feedback provided
People First AI Fund	Restricted - Educator AI Literacy	\$50,000.00	\$0.00	Declined		Due April 2026
Schott Foundation	Restricted - STEM Program	\$100,000.00	\$ 100,000.00	Awarded	\$100,000.00	Grant submitted 2/18/2026
Xcel Energy Foundation	Restricted - STEM Program	\$27,500.00	\$ 25,000.00	Pending		Due June 12, 2026
3M Foundation	Final Grant Report	NA	NA		\$0.00	
	Restricted - STEM Prog/underserved students (SciSci Programming)	\$25,000.00	\$0.00	Awarded	\$25,000.00	Waiting for grant invitation
Otto Bremer Trust	2026 Final Grant Report	NA	NA		NA	Due 10-3-2026
	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		
	Restricted - Programming		\$0.00	In Process		Sponsorship partners at Opus with provide introduction to new program officer at Foundation
Other Funding Provided By Community Partners			\$ 189,000.00	Total Awarded YTD	\$202,000.00	
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	

