



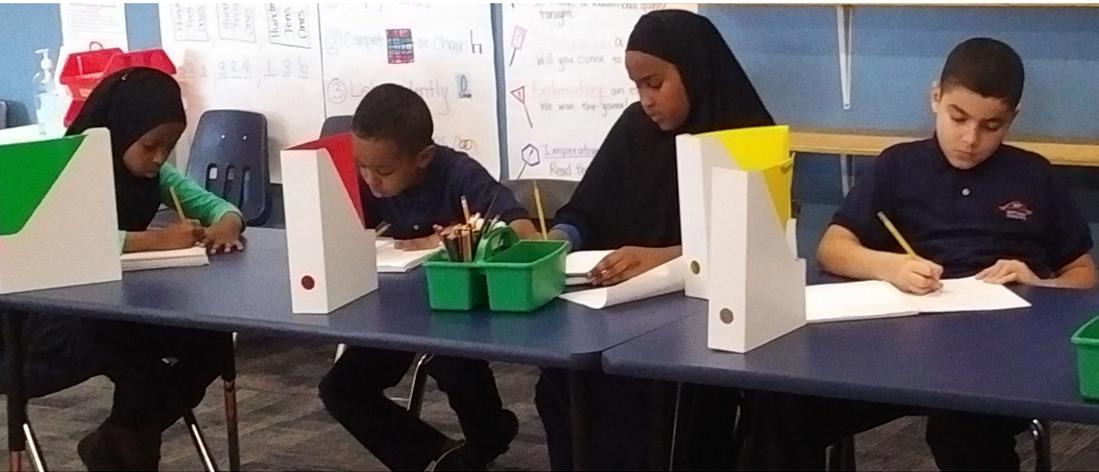
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The Robins, Kaplan, Miller & Ciresi Foundation for Children has awarded more than \$21 million in grants since 1999. More than 80 percent of that total has supported educational programs and organizations, with most of the remainder dedicated to social justice and public health. The Foundation serves as a catalyst for creative, innovative, and systems-changing programs to achieve long-term impact in promoting equitable education and opportunities for Minnesota's children and youth.



A grant from the RKMC Foundation for Children will support Northeast College Prep, a high-performing Minneapolis charter school, as it continues to expand.

See reverse for a complete list of 2017 grant recipients.

Foundation Awards More Than \$1.3 Million in Grants

Bringing year-end cheer to schools and nonprofit organizations throughout the metro area, the Robins, Kaplan, Miller & Ciresi (RKMC) Foundation for Children has awarded \$1.35 million in grants for 2017.

The grants will support a variety of organizations that serve Minnesota children, from schools with a demonstrated ability to educate low-income children and students of color to neighborhood-based education initiatives that provide families with wraparound support.

“Minnesota’s future depends on our work today to close the opportunity gaps that divide our community,” said Michael Ciresi, the Foundation’s Board Chair. “We’re proud to support organizations that are helping children on the path to college, careers, and lives that are full of options.”

Grantmaking priorities of the RKMC Foundation:



Expanding **great schools** and school networks



Increasing **parent demand** for schools that provide excellent educational outcomes for all students



Creating a **sense of urgency** to address the extreme disparities that exist in educational outcomes between students of color and white students in the Twin Cities

2017 Grants

\$20,000 to **Banyan Community** to support its family and parent empowerment work in the Phillips neighborhood of Minneapolis.

\$50,000 to **Children's Theatre Company** to support its Neighborhood Bridges program at six Minneapolis Public Schools. Neighborhood Bridges is an in-school theatre and literacy curriculum that uses arts-based teaching techniques to support the development of language and literacy skills.

\$60,000 to **Cristo Rey Jesuit High School** to support its delivery of a rigorous college preparatory academic program, corporate work study, and research-based teaching and learning strategies that prepare under-resourced students for college.

\$75,000 to **Educators 4 Excellence** to continue developing progressive Minnesota teachers as leaders in education policy, from schools to the state legislature.

\$50,000 to **Friendship Academy of the Arts** to create leadership and collaboration opportunities within its teacher workforce, and to include students in the design of its curriculum and instruction.

\$125,000 to **Hiawatha Academies** for the continued expansion of its high-performing charter school network in South Minneapolis.

\$25,000 to **KIPP (Knowledge is Power Program)** Minnesota to support its expansion to serve grades K-4 within its existing middle school location in North Minneapolis.

\$100,000 to the **Mastery School** (Harvest Network of Schools) to continue expanding as part of its vision of delivering a high-quality K-4 program to 450 students in North Minneapolis by 2021.

\$100,000 to **Minnesota Comeback** for its school facilities work as it drives the growth of high-quality K-12 schools in Minneapolis' highest-needs neighborhoods.

\$50,000 to **Northeast College Prep** for its ongoing expansion and its move to a new location in Northeast Minneapolis.

\$120,000 to the **Northside Achievement Zone** to engage parents as leaders in closing the opportunity gap for children in North Minneapolis. NAZ aligns more than 40 partners to stabilize low-income families by connecting them to housing, career, and health resources.

\$75,000 to the **Page Education Foundation** to provide scholarships to help low-income students of color in Minnesota access higher education and persist toward earning two- or four-year degrees.

\$75,000 to **Prodeo Academy** to provide a rigorous K-3 academic program grounded in trauma-informed behavior management and research-based teaching and learning strategies that close opportunity gaps.

\$50,000 to **Risen Christ Catholic School** to continue to transition into a dual-language immersion model across its K-8 academic program.

\$75,000 to the **Saint Paul Promise Neighborhood** to provide early learning scholarships, parent engagement, out-of-school time, and wraparound supports to low-income children and families in the Frogtown, Rondo, and Summit-University neighborhoods of St. Paul.

\$100,000 to **Summit Academy OIC** for its new Summit Prep/GED program, which combines the acquisition of an industry-recognized workforce credential with the completion of a GED to put under-resourced people on a career pathway.

\$100,000 to **Think Small** to increase the number of Parent Aware-rated early learning programs, to continue to administer and connect families to early learning scholarships, and to continue advocating for increased access to high-quality early learning environments.

\$100,000 to **Way to Grow** to support its high-quality preschools, home visiting, support services, and health and parent engagement programs for low-income families in Minneapolis.

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